

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 195S OF
THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF DUNDALK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 2024

Meeting No 195S

195S.2.1 In attendance:

Dr. Diana Bogusevski	Dr. Conor Brady	Mr. Frank Brady
Dr. Ronan Bree	Dr. Breda Brennan	Dr. Anita Byrne
Ms. Maeve Caraher	Mr. Dermot Clarke	Ms. Karen Commins
Dr. Coleman Dennehy	Dr. Sheila Flanagan	Dr. Gerry Gallagher
Dr. Colette Henry	Mr. Shane Hill	Ms. Briege King
Dr. Gillian Lambe	Ms. Holly Lambe Sally	Dr. Fiona Lawless
Dr. Paul Mac Artain	Dr. Moira Maguire	Dr. Annaleigh Margey
Dr. Eamonn Martin	Prof. Fergal Mc Caffrey	Ms. Irene Mc Causland
Dr. Tim Mc Cormac	Mr. Pat Mc Cormick	Dr. Martin Mc Hugh
Dr. Kevin Mc Kenna	Dr. Patricia Moriarty	Ms. Linda Murphy
Dr. Kieran Nolan	Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan	Mr. Gerry O'Brien
Ms. Teresa O'Rourke	Ms. Michelle O'Shea	Mr. Conor Reidy
Ms. Eimear Rice	Dr. Brendan Ryder	Dr. Maxwell Yeboah Owusu-Twum

195S.1.2 Apologies:

Dr. Adele Commins	Mr. Peter Gosling	Dr. Ruth Mc Keever
Ms. Deirdre O'Malley	Dr. Kevin Burns	

195S.1.3 Absent:

Ms. Amy Flood	Dr. Joe Gildea	Ms. Sinead Dunne
Ms. Helen Howley	Dr. Siobhan Jordan	Ms. Catherine McCloskey
Dr. Jade Pollock	Ms. Denise Quigley	Dr. Kayla Rush

195S.1.4 Dundalk Institute of Technology Regional Graduate Academy (RGA) update

Dr. Tim Mc Cormac gave a presentation to the members of Academic Council on the history and progress to date of the set-up of the Regional Graduate Academy (RGA).

- Prior to September 2014 all research awards linked to HETAC and QQI
- Since September 2014 up to Oct 31st 2023 level 9 and 10 research admissions attaining a DCU award
- DkIT has ability to award level 9 research awards

- Brokerage of new inter-institutional partnership required for protection of Level 10 awards
- NUI Maynooth and Dundalk Institute of Technology are close to establishment of a Regional Graduate Academy for level 10 provision. The RGA was proposed initially by MUI Maynooth.

It was noted that Dundalk Institute of Technology are informed by NUI Maynooth's approval process for level 10 admissions. The proposed set of regulations were approved at NUI Maynooth's Academic Council on the 4th November, 2024. Six disciplines were approved with opportunities for further disciplines to be included through a new application process in 9 – 12 months. Other discipline areas who are interested are encouraged to start the submission process shortly.

Dr. Tim Mc Cormac explained the governance of the Regional Graduate Academy including the Joint Academic Board (JAB). New Disciplines approved for level 10 – proposed by schools, reviewed by GSO and JAB and recommendation to NUI Maynooth's Academic Council.

Approval of PhDs in Dundalk Institute of Technology will be viewed as new programmes with the development of 30 credit worth of modules which will be developed by the schools. Students will need at least a 2.1 Honours to gain entry to the register.

Dr. Patricia Moriarty offered her congratulations to the development team and acknowledged the timely work involved to-date to enable Dundalk Institute of Technology to offer level 10.

Professor Fergal Mc Caffrey acknowledged the work involved in getting Dundalk Institute of Technology to this stage. He noted the importance of the Joint Academic Board (JAB) and the mechanism it offers to include further disciplines in the future.

195S.2.1 Maynooth University/Dundalk Institute of Technology Postgraduate Research Degree Regulations

Motion 195S.01

That the Academic Council adopts the "Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Research Degrees via the Maynooth University - Dundalk Institute of Technology Regional Graduate Academy (RGA)", effective immediately.

Proposed by: Dr. Tim Mc Cormac

Seconded by: Dr. Sheila Flanagan

Votes: 33

In Favour: 33

Against: 0

Abstention: 0