

GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday, 30 March 2023

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

A204, Glasnevin Campus

Present: Ms Lisa Buckley, Ms Isabelle Caulfield, Prof. Edel Conway, Prof. Timo Gans, Dr Pascal Landais, Dr David Mc Carthy (Secretary), Prof. Sharon O'Brien and Prof. Joseph Stokes (Chair).

Apologies: Dr Maura Coulter, Ms Karen Keating, Dr Gillian Lake, Dr Tim McCormac, Dr Niamh O'Sullivan, Dr Sally Smith and Dr Lisa Van der Werff.

SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2023

The minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2023 were **approved**.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Matters arising from the meeting of 16 February 2023 were **noted** as follows:

	<i>Item no. from 16 February 2023</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Details of decision/actions</i>	<i>Status</i>
3.1	3.3 (Original Ref. Item 13.3, 20 October 2022)	PGR4, School of Biotechnology	Decision deferred. It was noted that there is a potential conflict of interest between one of the Supervisors and the External Examiner. An alternative External Examiner nomination is required or an explanation for how a conflict of interest will be avoided. The updated PGR4 must be considered by GRSB.	Ongoing Awaiting nomination of an alternative External Examiner and submission of revised PGR4 Form.
3.2	3.5 (Original Ref. Item 8.2, 19 January 2023)	PGR4, School of Biotechnology	Decision Deferred. It was noted that an updated PGR4 Form was submitted to Registry with a change to the Independent Chairperson. It was further noted that there is an outstanding reciprocal arrangement query regarding the nominated External Examiner. The rationale for this nomination should be provided by the Head of School or a revised PGR4 Form submitted with an alternative External Examiner nomination. This matter will be considered under Chairs Action.	Closed Approved by Chairs Action on 10 February 2023
3.3	6	Update to PGR4 Form (Conducting a viva voce online or using videoconferencing facilities)	All updated documentation and processes relating to this item, e.g. PGR4 Form, PGR6 Form, Drupal Form, etc., will be submitted to GRSB for noting at its next meeting.	Closed Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 30 March 2023, Item 5

3.4	7	Updates to Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis 2023/24	<p>10.2.3 – Decision Deferred. It was noted that there is confusion regarding what is meant by “member of staff” and “part-time and short-term contract”. This academic regulation will be revised and considered at the next meeting of GRSB.</p> <p>4.8 – Decision Deferred. It was noted that this academic regulation, as it is currently presented, prevents transfer/advanced entry to Professional Doctorate programmes. This academic regulation will be revised and considered at the next meeting of GRSB.</p>	<p>Closed</p> <p>Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 30 March 2023, Item 6</p>
3.5	8.2	PGR4, School of Biotechnology	<p>Decision Deferred. It was noted that an updated PGR4 Form was submitted to Registry with a change to the Independent Chairperson. It was further noted that there is an outstanding reciprocal arrangement query regarding the nominated External Examiner. The rationale for this nomination should be provided by the Head of School or a revised PGR4 Form submitted with an alternative External Examiner nomination. This matter will be considered under Chairs Action.</p>	<p>Closed</p> <p>Approved by Chairs Action on 23 February 2023</p>

SECTION B: POLICY AND STRATEGY ISSUES

4. Graduate researcher development

The Chair informed members of the workshops and training sessions available to postgraduate research students over the coming months and requested that the Associate Deans for Research promote these via their respective Faculty Research Committees. The Chair called particular attention to 'PGR2 Annual Progress', which is available to both students and academic staff, and will focus on how research students and their supervisors can get the most out of the formal review meeting.

The Chair also informed members that certain postgraduate research student writing sessions were popular and often has a waiting list. The Chair highlighted the ongoing issue of students registering for the workshop but not attending, which prevents other eligible students from attending.

Members of GRSB noted, as a means of discouraging non-attendance, was it possible to charge a nominal refundable fee at the point of registration or to inform supervisors of instances when their candidate(s) has registered for an event but has not attended. The Chair informed members that the Graduate Studies Office is currently exploring the available options to incentivise attendance and to discourage non-attendance, and that these will be presented to GRSB for consideration at a later date.

5. Conducting a viva voce online or using videoconferencing facilities

The Chair informed members that Registry has created a Drupal Form for the Independent Chairperson to submit a request to GRSB for a viva voce to be conducted fully online and has updated the PGR6 Form to capture data on the format of the viva voce examination. The Chair is in the process of updating the guidance document to include the necessary information on the different formats of examination and a flowchart for the respective approval processes.

Decision Deferred – It was noted that all documentation relating to this item will be submitted to GRSB for noting at its next meeting, with the intention of introducing the updated forms and guidance documents in September 2023.

6. Updates to *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis 2023-24*

6.1 Revised changes to Academic Regulations (2023/24)

The addition of the following new academic regulations was considered by GRSB:

- a) **4.8** – Advanced entry is permitted into the University, but subject to specific entry requirements being met by the prospective student and subject to the approval of the application by Graduate Research Studies Board. Credits earned and learning outcomes achieved as part of a graduate taught programme cannot be used to gain advanced entry to a graduate research programme, with exception to those seeking advance entry to Professional Doctorate programmes. A student who is admitted via advanced entry to a programme is governed by the Academic Regulations in place at the time of their admission, including research integrity requirements as per 2.3.

Approved

- b) **6.9** – Where a student does not register or has no current registration, or a student who has withdrawn from the University, they may apply to the Graduate Research Studies Board for re-admission to the programme, subject to the existence of appropriate supervision experience within the University. Re-admissions should normally be granted in keeping with DCU Marks and Standards, and only in exceptional circumstances. A student who is re-admitted to a programme is governed by the Academic Regulations in place at the time of their re-admission.

Approved subject to the following changes being made:

- i. ~~“Where a student who does not register or has no current registration, or a student who has withdrawn from the University, they may apply to the Graduate Research Studies Board for re-admission to the programme, subject to the existence of appropriate supervision experience within the University. Re-admissions should normally be granted in keeping with DCU Marks and Standards, and only in exceptional circumstances. A student who is re-admitted to a programme is governed by the Academic Regulations in place at the time of their re-admission”.~~
“Where a student who does not register or has no current registration, or a student who has withdrawn from the University, they may apply to the Graduate Research Studies Board for re-admission to the programme, subject to the existence availability of appropriate supervision experience supervisory expertise within the University. Re-admissions should normally be granted in keeping with DCU Marks and Standards, and only in exceptional circumstances. A student who is re-admitted to a programme is governed by the Academic Regulations in place at the time of their re-admission”.

The following amendments to *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* were **approved** for the 2023/24 academic year:

- a) **5.1** – Deletion of the strikethrough text and addition of the underlined text:

“Students register on either a full-time or a part-time ~~basis~~ offering type. Any change to this will only be reflected in the next academic year”.

- b) **9.1.1 & 9.1.6** – Deletion of the strikethrough text and addition of the underlined text:

“A variety of media may be used to support/inform research work – e.g., ~~CDs~~ digital/electronic format, websites, photographs and emerging technologies”.

- c) **9.1.2** – Deletion of the strikethrough text and addition of the underlined text:

“This Declaration of Authorship should ~~be bound with the other submitted materials~~ preface each co-authored chapter of the thesis at the examination stage”.

- d) **9.2.1** – Deletion of the strikethrough text and addition of the underlined text:

“The student must provide one electronic PDF copy of the thesis for examination. The student may be required to provide the Registry with one soft-bound printed copy of the thesis for each examiner. The binding is deemed to be temporary, pending completion of the examination process. ~~The student must also provide one electronic PDF copy of the thesis for examination.~~ This should be submitted to Registry in a single PDF file entitled ~~with student number and date of submission, which should be saved on a memory key.~~ The PDF should have the wording “pre-examination copy” and the submission date included as a watermark, or as a footer, ~~on each page of the document~~ 'pre-examination copy', along with the student number and date of submission e.g. pre-examination copy 12345678 010123. The PDF should also include a footer on each page of the document, with the words 'pre-examination copy' and the submission date. A supervisor or students should ~~in no~~ not in any instance, send the thesis directly to an examiner, either in soft-bound printed or electronic format”.

- e) **10.2.3** – Deletion of the strikethrough text and addition of the underlined text:

“If the candidate is a current member of staff of the University or was a member of staff of the University within a period of five years prior to the notification of intention to submit, then two External Examiners are appointed to add an additional layer of independent assurance to the process. Where the candidate ~~holds, or~~ within a period of five years prior to the notification of intention to submit has held a part-time or short-term contract with the University, the Head of School (or Executive Dean of Faculty where the Head of School is the supervisor) will be requested to determine whether or not the student falls into the category of candidate for whom two External Examiners are required”.

- f) **10.3.5** – Deletion of the strikethrough text and addition of the underlined text:

“Candidates ~~are~~ may be required to submit soft-bound copies of the thesis to the Registry as outlined in 9.2.1 above”.

6.2 Changes to Section 13: Appeals

The following changes to Section 13: Appeals in the *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* for the 2023/24 academic year were considered by GRSB:

- a) The following changes to the order of the subsections were **approved**:

- i. Move ‘Appeals Submission’ from 13.1 to 13.2.
- ii. Move ‘The GRSB Appeals Standing Committee’ from 13.2 to 13.3.
- iii. Move ‘Grounds for Appeal’ from Section 13.3 to Section 13.1.

- b) **13** – The following change to ‘Appeals’ was **approved**:

- i. 13 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

~~“Appeals can be submitted in respect of negative recommendations regarding progression, decisions not to confirm or transfer a student to the PhD register, and the outcome of an examination. Transfer/confirmation recommendations are approved at GRSB and the opportunity to appeal follows notification of the decision of the GRSB. Examination recommendations are approved at the relevant FABRD meeting and the~~

~~opportunity to appeal follows notification of the decision of the relevant FABRD Boards or the notification of the negative recommendation to the candidate. In respect of a negative progression recommendation, the date of decision is taken as the date when the completed review form is submitted to Registry. A student has the right to appeal the decision not to confirm/transfer them to the PhD register, the decision not to allow progression or the outcome of an examination”.~~

c) **13.1** – The following changes to ‘Appeals Submission’ were **approved**:

- i. Change title from ‘Appeals Submission’ to ‘Submission of an Appeal’.
- ii. Replace 13.1 with the following text: “A student has the opportunity to appeal a decision of the supervisory panel or the outcome of an examination as follows:

- 1. Decision not to transfer/confirm on the PhD Register - When the student is notified by Registry that the PGR3 Form was approved by the Graduate Research Studies Board.
- 2. Decision not to allow progression - When the PGR2 Form is submitted to Registry.
- 3. Outcomes of an examination – When the student is notified of the outcome of the examination.

- iii. 13.1.2 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

~~“Appeals must be submitted by the next deadline for consideration by a meeting of the Standing Committee, following notification of approval of the relevant decision to the Secretary of the Graduate Research Studies Board using the appropriate form and with supporting written documentation, Research Appeals Form by the deadlines as published in on the University’s Academic Calendar, and late appeals are not considered. All relevant supporting documentation must be included in the submission”.~~

d) **13.2** – The following changes to ‘The GRSB Appeals Standing Committee’ were **approved**:

- i. 13.2.1 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“GRSB The Graduate Research Studies Board will establish a convene the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee to consider appeals once an appeal is submitted as per Academic Regulation 13.2.2. The term of the Standing Committee is 3 years, but replacement members can be appointed by the GRSB, should that be required within this timeframe”.

- ii. 13.2.2 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“The GRSB Appeals Standing Committee is normally chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies in their capacity as the Chair of GRSB the Graduate Research Studies Board. The Secretary of GRSB the Graduate Research Studies Board acts as is the Secretary to the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee, and attends in a non-voting capacity”.

- iii. 13.2.3 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“Membership of the The GRSB Appeals Standing Committee is no fewer than will comprise of a minimum of 4, but can be up to and a maximum of 8 members, and includes a mix of genders and Faculties and a student representative. Membership of the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee will normally primarily be drawn from the membership of GRSB and will include a student representative and a mix of representation from across the University’s faculties through the Associate Deans for Research. Up to A maximum of 3 members of the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee may be drawn from outside the membership of GRSB, e.g. from a pool Emeritus professors; and other colleagues very experienced with relevant experience in research student the supervision and examination of postgraduate research students”.

- iv. 13.2.4 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“No member of the Standing Committee can consider a case where he/she has a conflict of interest or prior significant involvement. The Dean of Graduate Studies can appoint a temporary member if the total membership falls below 4, or gender or Faculty mix is not achieved because of such circumstances. Where the Dean of Graduate Studies has a conflict of interest or prior involvement in a particular case, the Standing Committee is chaired by an independent Associate Dean for Research. The GRSB Appeals Standing Committee will determine whether or not there is a justified case for appealing a decision of the supervisory panel or the outcome of an examination. If there is a justified case for an appeal, the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee will adjudicate on the appeal”.

- v. 13.2.5 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“The GRSB Appeals Standing Committee will make a decision to either uphold an appeal or to reject an appeal. The decision of the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee is subject to approval by the Graduate Research Studies Board, and are then. Once approved by the Graduate Research Studies Board, the decision of the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee is final and binding, and are. The decision of the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee is submitted for noting to Academic Council for noting.

- vi. Inclusion of the following text under 13.3.5:

“The GRSB Appeals Standing Committee shall confine its consideration of an appeal to matters related to procedural fairness, due process and the grounds for appeal indicated by the student, taking into account relevant documentation provided by the student, and relevant information available in the student’s record and provided by the Head of School and other academic staff as appropriate”.

e) **13.3** – The following changes to ‘Grounds for Appeal’ were **approved**:

- i. 13.1.1 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“A student must make explicit the grounds upon which ~~he/she is~~ they are appealing ~~against a~~ the decision of a the supervisory panel or ~~examiners~~ the outcome of an examination”.

- ii. Change the order of 13.3.2 to 13.3.3

- iii. 13.3.2 - Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“An appeal ~~may not be based on~~ cannot be made on the basis of a disagreement with the academic judgement of the ~~examiners~~ supervisory panel or examiners. Academic judgement refers to a judgement that is made about a matter where the opinion of an academic expert is essential”.

- iv. 13.3.3 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

“An appeal is will only be considered ~~only on the basis of one of~~ on the following grounds:”

~~“documented circumstances affecting the student’s performance which the examiners/supervisory panel were not aware of which the student was unable or, for valid reasons, unwilling to divulge before a decision was reached and which would have made a real and substantial difference to the decision being appealed~~ There is evidence of extenuating circumstances that was not available to the supervisory panel or the examiners for justifiable reason and, therefore, was not considered when a decision was made relating to confirmation/transfer to the PhD register, progression or the outcome of an examination.”

“There is a case that sufficient weight was not given to documented extenuating circumstances notified prior to the decision being reached”.

~~“evidence of There was a material administrative error or a material irregularity in how the examination/review was assessed~~ assessment procedures which has made a real and substantial difference to the decision of the supervisory panel’s or examiner’s decision the outcome of an examination.”

- v. 13.3.4 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

~~“An Appeals may not be submitted cannot be made on the basis of an allegation of inadequacy in the supervision provided to the student; complaints of that nature, not resolved (as per regulation 7.16) during the period of study and before the submission of the thesis/confirmation/transfer report or annual review will not be taken as grounds for appeal~~ Complaints of this nature must be resolved according to the policies and procedures outlined in Academic Regulation 7.16”.

The following proposed changes to ‘Grounds for Appeal’ were considered by GRSB:

- i. 13.3.3 – Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text:

~~“an alleged There was a failure to adhere to the regulations of the University~~ *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* or an argument as to there is an insufficiency of in the regulations which had a bearing on the case contained in *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis*.

Approved

- ii. 13.3.3 – Separating the single grounds for appeal relating to academic regulations into two separate grounds for appeal, i.e. failure to adhere to regulations and insufficiency in the regulations.

Not Approved

f) **13.4** – The following changes to ‘Outcome of an Appeal’ were **approved**:

i. Deletion of the following text:

“Successful appeals will not result in a new academic decision, as the Standing Committee does not re-examine student work. However, candidates in respect of whom an appeal is upheld may be awarded further opportunities to have work considered, or some other remedy applied as appropriate”.

ii. Inclusion of the following subsections:

13.4.1 – “The student will be notified of the outcome of their appeal once the decision of the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee is approved by the Graduate Research Studies Board”.

13.4.2 – “Successful appeals will not result in a new academic decision as the GRSB Appeals Standing Committee does not re-examine a student’s work. In the case of an appeal being upheld, the student will be given the opportunity to resubmit their work or will have an alternative remedy applied as appropriate”.

g) **13.5** – The following changes to ‘Graduate Training Elements Appeals’ were **approved**:

i. Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text to create 13.5.1:

“A student may has the right to appeal ~~against~~ a decision of the Graduate Training Elements (GTE) Award Board. Such an appeal will only be considered on the following grounds ~~only~~.”

ii. Deletion of the strikethrough text and inclusion of the underlined text to create 13.5.2:

“An Appeals arising from ~~of~~ a decision of the GTE Awards Board should be submitted to the Examination Appeals Board in accordance made according to the University’s Examination Appeals Procedure.”

SECTION C: INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ISSUES**7. Applications for transfer to the PhD Register or confirmation on the PhD Register (PGR3)**

7.1 GRSB2023/A3/7.1, DCU Business School

Approved

7.2 GRSB2023/A3/7.2, School of Chemical Sciences

Approved

7.3 GRSB2023/A3/7.3, School of Chemical Sciences

Approved

7.4 GRSB2023/A3/7.4, School of Chemical Sciences

Approved

7.5 GRSB2023/A3/7.5, School of Chemical Sciences

Approved

7.6 GRSB2023/A3/7.6, School of Chemical Sciences

Approved

7.7 GRSB2023/A3/7.7, School of Computing

Approved

7.8 GRSB2023/A3/7.8, School of Computing

Approved

7.9 GRSB2023/A3/7.9, School of Computing

Approved

7.10 GRSB2023/A3/7.10, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

Approved

8. Appointment of internal and external examiners (PGR4)

- 8.1 GRSB2023/A3/8.1, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved
- 8.2 GRSB2023/A3/8.2, MA, School of Arts Education and Movement
Decision Deferred - It was noted that the expertise of the External Examiner must be confirmed, either by including a list of recent, relevant publications or justification being provided by the Principal Supervisor.
- 8.3 GRSB2023/A3/8.3, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved
- 8.4 GRSB2023/A3/8.4, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.5 GRSB2023/A3/8.5, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.6 GRSB2023/A3/8.6, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 8.7 GRSB2023/A3/8.7, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 8.8 GRSB2023/A3/8.8, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 8.9 GRSB2023/A3/8.9, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved - It was noted that the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary professional training for chairing a viva voce examination.
- 8.10 GRSB2023/A3/8.10, PhD, School of Communications
Approved
- 8.11 GRSB2023/A3/8.11, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 8.12 GRSB2023/A3/8.12, PhD, School of Computing
Approved

- 8.13 GRSB2023/A3/8.13, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 8.14 GRSB2023/A3/8.14, PhD, School of Computing
Approved - It was noted that the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary professional training for chairing a viva voce examination.
- 8.15 GRSB2023/A3/8.15, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 8.16 GRSB2023/A3/8.16, PhD, School of Computing
Decision Deferred - It was noted that details regarding the External Examiner's affiliation with a Higher Education Institution should be provided, in particular, the dates of the affiliation and supervision of research students.
- 8.17 GRSB2023/A3/8.17, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 8.18 GRSB2023/A3/8.18, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 8.19 GRSB2023/A3/8.19, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved
- 8.20 GRSB2023/A3/8.20, PhD, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge
Approved
- 8.21 GRSB2023/A3/8.21, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved - It was noted that the Internal Examiner should undertake the necessary examiner training provided by the Graduate Studies Office.
- 8.22 GRSB2023/A3/8.22, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved
- 8.23 GRSB2023/A3/8.23, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved
- 8.24 GRSB2023/A3/8.24, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved

- 8.25 GRSB2023/A3/8.25, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Approved
- 8.26 GRSB2023/A3/8.26, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Approved
- 8.27 GRSB2023/A3/8.27, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Decision Deferred - It was noted that clarification is required regarding the External Examiner's experience in supervising research students to completion. The PGR4 for his previous appointment as an External Examiner (GRSB2020/A3/10.24) indicates that the nominated external examiner does have this experience, whereas the current PGR4 indicates that he does not have this experience.
- 8.28 GRSB2023/A3/8.28, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved - It was noted that the Internal Examiner and the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary professional training.
- 8.29 GRSB2023/A3/8.29, LLM, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 8.30 GRSB2023/A3/8.30, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 8.31 GRSB2023/A3/8.31, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 8.32 GRSB2023/A3/8.32, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 8.33 GRSB2023/A3/8.33, MSc, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Approved
- 8.34 GRSB2023/A3/8.34, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
Approved
- 8.35 GRSB2023/A3/8.35, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
Approved
- 8.36 GRSB2023/A3/8.36, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
Approved

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- 8.37 GRSB2023/A3/8.37, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 27 February 2023.
- 8.38 GRSB2023/A3/8.38, PhD, School of Computing
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 21 February 2023.
- 8.39 GRSB2023/A3/8.39, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved
- 8.40 GRSB2023/A3/8.40, PhD, School of Inclusive and Special Education
Not Approved – It was noted that the External Examiner does not meet the requirements as per Academic Regulation 10.2.9, "experience in supervising research students to completion at the level of the award being sought".
- 9. Notice of intention to reside/carry out research abroad (PGR13)**
- 9.1 GRSB2023/A3/9.1, DCU Business School
Approved

10. Any other business

- 10.1 Prof. Sharon O'Brien raised the issue of AI generated text being used by prospective students as part of their application to a postgraduate research programmes. The Chair acknowledged the associated risk and suggested the importance of the interview process with applicants to ensure the academic integrity of the research proposal.
- 10.2 The Chair informed members that DCU achieved a 41% participation rate in the PGR StudentSurvey.ie 2023, compared to the 20% national participation rate. This achievement is due to the concerted effort by the Graduate Studies Office to promote the survey amongst postgraduate research students.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date of next meeting

Thursday, 27 April 2023

10.00 a.m.

A204, Glasnevin Campus