

# Annual Report 2007

## Quality Promotion Committee

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# Quality Reviews

- In 2006/07 no quality reviews were conducted, in order to allow the decisions of the restructuring process to be delivered.
- This was reported to both the HEA and IUQB



# Follow-Up Reviews

- Follow-up reviews of implementation of actions arising from quality reviews in 2003/04 and 2005/06
- Part B of the Annual Report details all actions arising from development and implementation of Quality Improvement Plans

# Key Issues



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- Integration of student support services
- Allocation of resources
  - Financial
  - Physical - space
  - Human
- Maintenance and repair of buildings
- Replacement of outdated equipment
- PhD Qualification for academic staff
- Part-time students and access to education

# Key Issues

- Research contract staff
- Management and delivery of interdisciplinary programmes
- Academic Workload:
  - Recognition of input of academic staff for contributions made to evening and interdisciplinary programmes
  - Equality of workload within and across disciplines

# QI – Teaching & Learning

- Support for Projects
  - Teaching Awards
  - Research into Teaching Awards
  - Teaching Fora
- Establishment of National Academy for Integration of Research & Teaching & Learning – 6 million euro project with 3 million euro funding received from HEA under SIF 2006



# QI - Research

- Support for projects
  - E.g. research fora
- Support for training of PhD supervisors



# Quality Improvement Fund

- As in previous years HEA allocated UCC €100,000 for quality improvement initiatives
- In 2007 this was given to fund 22 proposals following an open call for submissions

# Bologna Process

- European Higher Education Area
- Primary focus is on QA as cornerstone of Process
  - Mobility
  - Recognition of qualifications
  - Lifelong learning
  - Access to education by all
- Focus is shifting to include QI as part of QA

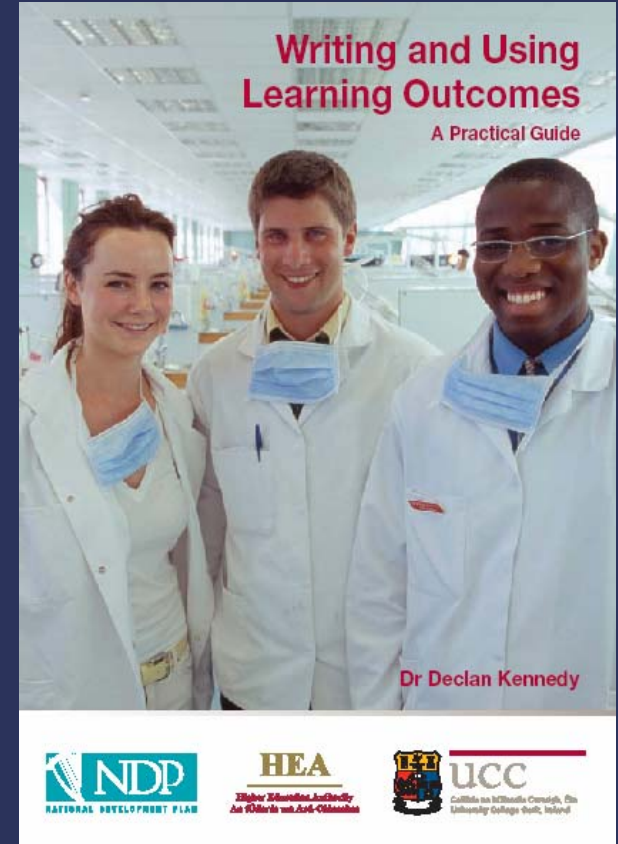


# Learning Outcomes

- Publication of *Writing and Using Learning Outcomes: A Practical Guide*

Dr. Declan Kennedy

- > 6,500 copies distributed worldwide
- Translated into Irish, German and Hungarian



# Funding

- UCC Core Budget
- Plus ~€2.2 million to date from
  - HEA Quality Assurance Programme\*
  - HEA Training of Trainers\*

\* Funded under the National Development Plan  
2000-2006

# Plans for 2008

- 8 Quality Reviews
  - Chaplaincy, Classics, Dental School, Development Office, Drama & Theatre Studies, Economics, German, Student Health
- Review of quality and level of research activity of all units and departments
- Continued development of links with UMG and strategic planning

# Recommendations to University

- A number of specific recommendations have been made to the University.
- The QPC is seeking the support of the GB for the University in its endeavours to find solutions for the issues raised.

# Recommendations to GB

- That the GB approve this report and its publication
- That the GB send the report to University Executive, University Management Group, Academic Council and all academic bodies for information and comment

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- That the GB support and endorse the recommendations made to the University, and continue to offer all support possible to the University Executive in delivering solutions to the issues raised, where possible.



# Web site

- <http://www.ucc.ie/quality>