



## Learning and Teaching Plan 2017 – 18.

### Strategic Direction and Context

The Learning and Teaching aims of the College are to continue to provide excellent teaching and support for students across all courses, to encourage innovation, and to share best practice across the College to enhance student learning.

#### Progress on previous year's objectives.

The College focused on the following areas last year: Sharing Best Practice; Assessment and feedback; Recognising, Supporting and Rewarding Teaching; Technology Enhanced Learning and teaching; Internationalisation; and Widening Access. We also progressed some operational issues. The Learning and Teaching Committee recognised that many of these issues could not be fully completed in one year and that a three year cycle was probably more realistic. Thus, many issues are ongoing into the next academic year.

#### PROGRESS IN 2016 – 17

##### Share best practice

To support Learning and Teaching fora. **Ongoing**

##### Assessment and feedback

To improve the student experience with a focus on Assessment and Feedback. **NSS scores improved but ongoing**

To explore options for improving question banking, blueprinting etc. with E-system (Speedwell) - **Achieved – Awaiting outcome of Business Case from IPSC.**

To modernise systems of assessment in Life Sciences – **Ongoing – a great deal achieved**

To implement feedback calendars - **Achieved**

##### Recognising, rewarding and supporting teaching

To implement the Action List to support Scholarship – **partially achieved**

To deliver a Scholarship Away Day in September 2016 -**achieved**

To expand the scheme to mentor/support colleagues in the College seeking promotion on the T+S route - **achieved**

To lobby to improve P+DR form for colleagues on the T+S route – **not achieved**

To develop methods to capture assessment activity on the workload model - **ongoing**

##### Technology Enhanced Learning and Teaching

To support the Associate Dean for Digital Education to introduce further new online courses in session 2016 – 17 - **achieved**

##### Work-related learning

To expand the number of summer studentships to encourage students to consider a career in research and/or academia - **Chancellor's fund application submitted for 5 more places – awaiting outcome**

To introduce a portfolio in Life Sciences - **ongoing**

To coordinate Employability across the College - **ongoing**

To introduce Professional skills options in Level 3 Life Sciences - **ongoing**

### **Internationalisation**

To establish a baseline level of student international experience - **not achieved**

To ensure that more than 20% of students in the College attain an international experience by 2020 by increasing collaborations in teaching e.g. with Sweden, China, etc. – **not achieved**

### **Operational Issues**

To work with the Head of School of Life Sciences and Institute leads to ensure that research-led teaching is fully supported. - **ongoing**

To develop clear guidelines for expectations for undergraduate and postgraduate project and dissertation supervision. – **achieved**

To implement new arrangements for Boards of Studies in full. - **achieved**

To improve communication across the College particularly about policy and scholarship - **ongoing**

### **Widening Access**

To explore how we can further support widening participation initiatives - **ongoing**

## **PLANS FOR 2017 - 18**

### **Assessment and feedback**

To improve the student experience with a focus on Assessment and Feedback.

To implement a new comprehensive e-assessment system

To continue to modernise systems of assessment in Life Sciences

To ensure implementation of feedback calendars is normalised

### **Recognising, rewarding and supporting teaching**

To increase promotion of Teaching Excellence Awards

To continue to deliver a Scholarship Away Day as an annual event

To expand the scheme to mentor/support colleagues in the College seeking promotion on the T+S route - achieved

To lobby to improve P+DR form for colleagues on the T+S route

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