

# Academic Board

## Aims

- ▶ To build public engagement and understanding of scholarly activities in the sciences, humanities and social sciences
- ▶ To strengthen the contribution and influence of scholarly knowledge and academic research in public discussion and the making of public policy
- ▶ To approach its activities on an all-island basis

## Duties of the Academic Board

- ▶ To advise the Academy, and facilitate its actions and responses, with respect to realising its strategic aims of public engagement and policy involvement
- ▶ To provide guidance and support to the committees and to provide an environment for collaboration across the disciplines
- ▶ To keep Council informed of the activities of the committees through annual reports
- ▶ To promote a funding and policy environment conducive to the development of all its disciplines
- ▶ To liaise with the Policy Oversight Group in coordination of relevant activities

## Specific Responsibilities

### The Academic Board will:

- ▶ Advise on activities proposed by the Academy multidisciplinary Committees, propose and direct themes and interdisciplinary projects, giving due consideration to prioritisation and allocation of resources
- ▶ Liaise with the Policy Oversight Group in an annual Horizon Scanning activity to identify strategic issues the Academy may usefully engage with
- ▶ Present an annual report to Council on the activities of the Academic Board and the multidisciplinary Committees
- ▶ Make proposals for at least two discourses every year (under the theme(s) identified)
- ▶ Encourage project and event proposals that promote interdisciplinary approaches in addressing issues of national importance
- ▶ Liaise with the Policy Oversight Group in the co-ordination of relevant activities
- ▶ Consider activities that promote a funding and policy environment conducive to the development of all its disciplines
- ▶ Organise briefing sessions for key stakeholders, where particular expertise is available
- ▶ Invite representatives of external agencies and bodies to present to the Board, as deemed appropriate

## Membership of the Academic Board

The Board will comprise:

- a) The Secretary
- b) The Secretary for Science
- c) The Secretary for Polite Literature and Antiquities
- d) The Secretary for International Relations
- e) The Chairs of the ten multidisciplinary committees

**In Attendance:**

- f) The Head of Programmes and Administration
- g) The Head of Policy and International Relations
- h) The Head of Public Affairs

## Term of Office

Service on the Board will be linked to the terms of office of the Officers and Committee Chairs.

## Officers of the Academic Board

The Board will be chaired by the Secretary, and the Secretary for Science and the Secretary for Polite Literature and Antiquities will be Vice-Chairs. In the event that a multidisciplinary chair cannot attend he/she may send a Committee member (preferably a Vice-Chair or Secretary) in his/her place.

A staff member will act as secretary.

Minutes will be brought to the Executive Committee for information.

Meetings will have a quorum when there are six voting members present.

## Meetings of the Academic Board

Meetings should be held at least twice per year.

Meetings will normally take place in Academy House, but may be held elsewhere.