

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.