

### **3.0 Context**

The quality assurance policies and procedures of CCT have evolved over the lifetime of the College and developed because of monitoring, review, feedback and consultation. The policies are underpinned by the principles of fairness and transparency and a commitment to equity and standards and provide an appropriate framework for the College to achieve its mission.

CCT is first and foremost, a teaching institution committed to excellence and quality in the design, development, and delivery of its academic programmes, its service provision in relation to those programmes, and research, scholarship, innovation and development activities in support of those programmes.

The College is committed to the ongoing review of effectiveness of the quality assurance system. The QE Committee on behalf of the Academic Council, monitors the effectiveness of policy implementation and incorporates findings into a College Quality Improvement Plan. All documented quality assurance policies are evaluated for their effectiveness and fitness for purpose on a cyclical basis with each section of the QA system being reviewed at least once in a five-year period. Under the direction of the QE Committee, each Departmental Head is responsible for the annual review of policies and procedures within their area of responsibility and proposing any updates.

The Academic Council has ultimate responsibility for the approval and oversight of the CCT quality assurance system and is supported in that by the Quality Enhancement Committee. The Dean of Academic Affairs has executive responsibility for the day-to-day management and oversight of Quality Assurance within the College. Departmental Heads have responsibilities delegated to them and the Programme Board is responsible for matters relating to academic programmes. Each staff member is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policies and procedures documented within the CCT QA system.

As an employer and an education and training provider, the College is required to satisfy a range of obligations under legislation. Satisfaction of these requirements is, in the main, documented throughout the Quality Assurance Manual under the relevant headings.