9.30 Welcome by the Vice Provost, Professor Chris Morash

9.45 Introduction to seminar – Dr John Walsh, School of Education

10am Discussion Panel: **A broken system of higher education funding?**
Thomas Byrne TD, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Education
Senator Lynn Ruane, Seanad Eireann
Senator Ivana Bacik, Seanad Eireann
Mr Kieran McNulty, TCDSU President

11.10 Coffee

11.30 Keynote: **Higher Education Funding and the Cassells Report in an international context**
Prof. Bruce Chapman, Australian National University

12.20 Response to Prof Chapman: Mr Ruairi Quinn, former Minister for Education

12.45 Break for Lunch

13.30 Discussion Panel: **Policy Options for the Future**
Dr Aedin Doris (NUI Maynooth)
Ms Annie Hoey (USI President)
Mr Shane Collins (President, Graduate Students' Union, TCD)

14.15 Open Forum

15.00 Close