Incorporating any amendments approved at subsequent Board meetings

The University of Dublin

Trinity College

Minutes of Special Board Meeting, Monday 22 November 2004

Present

Provost (Dr J Hegarty), Vice-Provost (Dr J B Grimson), Registrar (Dr D J Dickson), Bursar (Dr J W O’Hagan), Dr S P A Allwright, Dr W J Blau, Dr L E Doyle, Dr J A Fitzpatrick, Dr H Gibbons, Mr H Kearns, Mr F Kieran, Ms M Leahy, Mr D Mac Síthigh, Dr A N M Ní Chasaide, Mrs J O’Hara, Mr L Ryder, Dr F Shevlin, Dr D L Weaire.

Apologies

Senior Lecturer (Dr J A Murray), Mr B Connolly, Dr H M C V Hoey, Dr J G Lunney, Dr J C Sexton, Mr R P Sheridan, Ms E K Stokes.

Absent

Dr S Duffy.

In attendance

(ex officio) Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary.

BD/04-05/073 Staff Matter

The Provost, introducing the discussion, advised Board that the Special Board meeting had been convened in accordance with the Board’s decision at the last meeting, whereby it had agreed that a meeting would be convened within four weeks to consider Dr Duffy’s membership of the Board (minute BD/04-05/043 refers). The Board, noting that in accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the Statutes, Dr Duffy had indicated his intention to appeal the Board’s decision to the Visitors, agreed that the discussion would be adjourned pending the outcome of the appeal.

The Secretary advised Board that Dr Duffy had made a formal complaint of bullying against the Senior Dean and the named graduate student. The Board approved the appointment of Professor F M Boland as Pro-Senior Dean to investigate the complaint against the Senior Dean and the appointment of Dr F R Falkiner as Pro-Junior Dean to investigate the complaint against the graduate student.

The Board requested that the Pro-Senior Dean be asked to make appropriate arrangements in relation to Dr Duffy’s access to College and, in particular, to the Department of Medieval History, pending the outcome of the appeal process.

BD/04-05/074 Board Membership

Under Other Business, the Secretary advised Board that, following the last Board meeting, (minute BD/04-05/039 refers), Mr Connolly had raised further concerns over the use of the Board’s written procedure to appoint Dr Fitzpatrick to the Committee to appoint the External Board Member and as a consequence he had queried the validity of the appointment process for the new External Member to the Board. The Board, noting that Mr Connolly had advised the new Board member of his concerns, expressed extreme disquiet at the fact that Mr Connolly had contacted the new Board member on this matter. The Board, for the avoidance of doubt, re-confirmed Dr Fitzpatrick’s nomination to the Committee to select the External Board Member and
agreed that this Committee would meet and report formally to the next Board meeting on the appointment to the Board.

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Date: .................................