Staff Representative Bodies

1. **Purpose**
   
   To list the Trade Unions and Staff Associations in the University which have been recognised by the Board of Trinity for staff representative purposes.

2. **Scope**
   
   The areas of representation are shown for each Union/Association. Further information can be obtained from the Staff Office.

**Academic Staff Association (ASA/IFUT)**

The Academic Staff Association is the Trinity Branch of the Irish Federation of University Teachers, a registered Trade Union. The Federation represents academic, professional library, senior technical and supervisor staff in University. The Committee and Officers of the Academic Staff Association are elected annually.

General Secretary: Mr. Mike Jennings

The Federation can be contacted at: 11 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

Tel: 6610910 and 6610909. Email ifut@eircom.net

**Administrative Staff Association**

The Administrative Staff Association represents staff in the University on Administrative and Senior Administrative grades. The day to day work of running the Association is carried on by an Executive Committee elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting, details of which can be obtained from

**Building and Allied Trades’ Union (BATU)**

The Building and Allied Trades’ Union was formed in November 1988. The Union represents certain woodworkers in the University.
The union can be contacted at: 13 Blessington Street, Dublin 7. Tel. 8301911 or email union@batu.ie

**Irish National Painters and Decorators Trade Union (INP&DU)**
The origins of the Irish National Painters and Decorators Trade Union are to be found in a guild of 1670. The modern trade union dates from the beginning of the 19th century. The Union represents painters, decorating and display and exhibition artists.

National Secretary, Mr. Paddy Coughlan,
The union can be contacted at Liberty Hall, Dublin 1. Tel. 8586409 or email construction.div@siptu.ie

**Medical Laboratory Scientists Association (MLSA)**
The Medical Laboratory Scientists Association represents technical staff engaged in medical diagnosis and related work. The Association is affiliated to SIPTU and is also affiliated to the International Association of Medical Laboratory Technologists. The Association represents Technologists based in University and those employed by the University and working in St. James’s Hospital.

The union can be contacted at MLSA Branch, Liberty Hall, Dublin 1. Tel. 8586472 or email mls@siptu.ie

**Secretarial and Executive Officer’s Association**
The Secretarial and Executive Officer’s Association has two functions. It represents secretarial, executive officer and senior executive officer staff. At the end of Trinity Term an election is held for a committee of six to act for the forthcoming year, details of which can be obtained from Human Resources or on their web page at www.tcd.ie/info/staffrepresentation/seoa/

**Services Industrial Professional and Technical Union (SIPTU)**
The Services Industrial Professional and Technical Union (SIPTU) is the largest trade union in Ireland.
The Education Branch of SIPTU deals with a variety of educational institutions in the Dublin area. Trinity employees have a Section Committee within the Education Branch representing staff in the following areas – Secretarial/Administrative, Information Systems Services, Library, Day Nursery, Students’ Union, Library Shop, Conservation Laboratory, Cleaning, Catering, Security, Grounds, Library Guards, Building Operatives, Laboratory Attendants and Attendants.

Branch & Sectoral Organiser is Ms. Louise O’Reilly

The Union can be contacted at Education Branch, Liberty Hall, Dublin 1.

Tel. 8586419 or email educationbr@siptu.ie

**Technical Engineering and Electrical Union**

The Technical Engineering and Electrical Union was established in 1923 when Irish electricians decided to form their own Union. The Union now caters for various categories engaged in electrical work. It represents electricians and electrical supervisors in Trinity.

Union Official is Mr Tommy White.

The Union can be contacted at: 5 Cavendish Row, Dublin 1.

Tel. 8747047 or email info@teeu.ie

**Trinity Research Staff Association (TRSA)**

Trinity Research Staff Association was set up on the 8th June 2005 to promote the interests of researchers on fixed-term contracts. The Association also plan to provide information and support for researchers who come to work in Trinity. Membership of the TRSA is open to all research staff and also to other staff members of Trinity who support the aims of the TRSA.

Details can be found on their web page at [www.tcdlife.ie/trsa/](http://www.tcdlife.ie/trsa/) or by emailing trsa@tcd.ie

**Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT)**

The Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians has its origins in the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers established in 1827. The modern Union was
formed through a series of amalgamations of woodworking and decorating unions throughout the 19th and early 20th century. The Union represents carpenters in the University.

National Secretary: Mr Jim Ferguson.

The union can be contacted at 56 Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Tel. 8731599/8726144 or email info@uccat.ie

Unite the Union, Amicus Section
Unite the Union, Amicus Section (formerly MSF) represents technical staff in Trinity on issues of pay and conditions, promotions, disciplinary matters, safety and many other aspects of employer-employee relationships, representation is through local representatives and professional full-time officers. Within the University, Unite members are represented on a number of committees including the Technical Staff Committee (which deals with technical staff promotions and qualifications), the University Safety Committee, and the Trinity Group of Unions. Within Trinity the union is administered by a committee elected annually in March. Important issues are dealt with by general meetings of members. A regular newsletter is published to keep members up-to-date.

Regional Officer is Ms Noirin Greene.

The union can be contacted at 15, Merrion Square, Dublin 2. Tel. 6611063 or www.amicustheunion.org

ICTU Group of Unions
The Trinity College Dublin Group of Unions was established in 1987 under the auspices of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. All Trade Unions are affiliated to the Group. The Group co-ordinate the work of the various unions within Trinity and carry out joint representation, where appropriate, on matters of common interest to the Unions within Trinity. The Group in no way overrides the rights of the individual unions. The Group meets at least once every month. Details of current serving Officers of the Group, who are elected annually in June, can be obtained from any Union Official, Shop Steward or Human Resources.