

*Incorporating any amendments approved at subsequent Board meetings*

The University of Dublin

Trinity College

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Board and University Council, 5 September 2012

- Present* Provost (Dr P J Prendergast), Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer (Professor L Hogan), Senior Lecturer (Professor P Geoghegan), Registrar (Professor S P A Allwright), Bursar (Professor D Lloyd), Professor S D C Barrett, Professor M Bourroche, Dr O Braiden, Mr F Cowzer, Professor W J Dowling, Professor E Drew, Mr R Dunne, Mr D Ferrick, Mr D Frost, Professor H Gibbons, Mr M J McAndrew, Professor J F McGilp, Ms N Murray, Ms A S Ní Chonaire, Professor M Ó Siochrú, Professor H J Rice, Senior Tutor, Dean of Graduate Studies, Dean of Research, Professor M Junker-Kenny, Professor D Faas, Professor J Walsh, Professor S Smith, Professor J Nunn, Dr S Bloomfield, Ms D Jones, Dr A O’Gara, Professor J Ohlmeyer, Mr S Maguire, Mr A McEwan.
- Apologies* Professor D Brennan, Ms J Byrne, Professor T Connor, Mr J Gallagher, Professor R Gilligan, Professor J P Labrador, Ms S Leydon, Dean of Health Sciences, Professor A McNabola, Professor N Marples, Professor J Nunn, Professor E O’Dell, Professor C O’Farrelly, Professor A Piesse, Professor D O’Neill, Mr E Tebay, Professor G Watson, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Dean of Engineering Mathematics and Science.
- In attendance* Academic Secretary, Librarian, Ms S Mac Bride
- (ex officio)* Secretary to the College, Treasurer.
- (by invitation)* Chief Operating Officer.  
Vice-Provost for Global Relations

Members of Board and Council expressed their sorrow on hearing of the death of Professor John Fitzpatrick on 4 September 2012. Professor Fitzpatrick, a Fellow of the College and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, had been a member of Board and Council at various times in his career. Board and Council extended their sympathies to Professor Fitzpatrick’s family and colleagues.

SECTION A

- BD-CL/12-13/001**      **Statutory Declaration**
- (i) The Provost invited all new members of Board to make the Statutory Declaration as provided for in the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.
  - (ii) The Provost invited all new members of Council make the Statutory Declaration as provided for in the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.

**BD-CL/12-13/002 Joint Honorary Degree**

The Provost advised Board and Council that the College, together with eight other universities on the island of Ireland wished to confer a joint honorary degree of Doctor in Laws *honoris causa* on Mr Charles 'Chuck' Feeney. Board and Council noted that in order to do so, a number of decisions of Council, Board and Senate were necessary.

The Registrar invited Board and Council's attention to a memorandum, dated 29 August 2012, which had been circulated. She advised Board of the statutory procedures that must be followed and of the necessity for the amendments to the Schedules relating to Commencements to enable the joint degree to be conferred. The Registrar and the Provost advised Board and Council of the enormity of Mr Feeney's contribution to the Irish education system, to the peace process and to the island as a whole. Board and Council acknowledged the unique significance of the conferral of the joint honorary degree by nine universities crossing two jurisdictions. In response to a query, the Registrar advised that the honorary degree would be conferred in recognition of Mr Feeney's overall contribution Irish Society.

Noting that the Advisory Committee for Honorary Degrees had previously recommended Mr Feeney as a suitable recipient, Council agreed to:

- (i) approve the institution of a degree of Doctor in Laws to be awarded jointly with the other universities on the island of Ireland;
- (ii) recommend to Board the proposed amendments to Schedule 2 to the Chapter on Senate;
- (iii) recommend to Board the proposed amendments to Schedule 1 to the Chapter on the University; and
- (iv) note the procedures and academic dress proposed for the ceremony in Dublin Castle.

Noting the above decisions, the Board agreed to:

- (i) note and approve the decision of Council to institute the joint degree of Doctor in Laws;
- (ii) nominate Mr Feeney for that degree *honoris causa*, by proposing to Senate a Grace for the conferral upon him of the joint degree of Master in Laws *honoris causa*;
- (iii) propose to Senate the proposed amendments to Schedule 2 to the Chapter on Senate;
- (iv) provide that, if those amendments are approved by Senate, the procedures set out in paragraph 4.1.2 will apply to the ceremony in Dublin Castle;
- (v) propose to Senate the proposed amendment to Schedule 1 to the Chapter on the University;
- (vi) note the academic dress proposed for Mr Feeney for the ceremony in Dublin Castle; and
- (vii) direct that that ceremony shall be regarded as a "Called Meeting" of Senate and thus a Commencements ceremony.

Board and Council thanked the Provost for his role in initiating the conferral of a joint honorary degree on Mr Feeney. The Board also thanked the Registrar and Dr

O'Dell for attending to the necessary statutory procedures and Schedule amendments to enable the College to take part in the conferral ceremony.

**SECTION C**

**BD/12-13/003**

**European Institute of Innovation and Technology: Governing Body**

The Board approved the nomination of the Provost as member of the Governing Body of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology on terms outlined in a memorandum from the Secretary, dated 29 August 2012, which had been circulated.

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Date .....