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POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT AND MICRO-CREDENTIALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on MS Teams
at 2pm on Tuesday 22 September 2026

Present	Professor Wladislaw Rivkin, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies (*Chair*) Professor Xiaoning Liang, Trinity Business School Professor Gavin Doherty, School of Computer Science and Statistics
Apologies	Professor Breiffni Fitzgerald, School of Engineering Mr Declan Coogan, Associate Director, Recruitment (Trinity Global) Dr Pauline Rooney, Head of the Centre for Academic Practice
In attendance	Ms. Orla Bannon, Director of Careers Dr Ríonnagh Sheridan, Secretary to the Postgraduate Taught and Micro-Credential Sub-Committee (Academic Affairs, TT&L), Professor Redmond O'Conell, School of Psychology for item PGT-MC/26-27/00X, Professor Paul Liston, Professor Samuel Cromie, School of Psychology, for item PGT-MC/26-27/00X

The Associate Dean welcomed members and attendees to the first meeting of the Postgraduate Taught and Micro-Credential Sub-Committee.

Minutes

PGT-MC/26-27/001 Terms of Reference

The Committee noted the Terms of Reference as approved by Graduate Studies Committee. The Associate Dean clarified that he would present proposals at GSC on behalf of Sub-Committee. While the Sub-Committee welcomed the potential to present a significantly streamlined proposal at GSC, members discussed the significant policy shift this represents, and the need for any College-wide impacts to be clearly presented to the members of GSC. The Sub-Committee also noted that deputies may be required for DTLP where a proposal is put forward from a voting member's School.

Action: PGT-MC/26-27/001: The Associate Dean will meet with the Dean of Graduate Studies to clarify the appointment of deputy voting members, and the format and any attendees to programme proposals items at GSC.

PGT-MC/26-27/002 M.Sc. in NeuroAI: Bridging Brains and Machines

The Associate Dean of Graduate Studies welcomed Professor Redmond O'Connell to present on the proposal for a full-time, one-year taught masters programme leading to the M.Sc. in NeuroAI: Bridging Brains and Machines. The presentation highlighted how the programme will

respond to the rapid growth of NeuroAI as a distinct academic discipline, and address a gap in the market, with no existing programme in Ireland bringing together neuroscience, neuroimaging, AI, programming and computational modelling.

It was noted that Trinity has considerable existing expertise and infrastructure in this area, including through the Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience and researchers across several Schools. The programme would combine theoretical and practical training in neuroscience, neuroimaging, computational modelling and research methods.

Decision: PGT-MC/26-27/002i: Subsequent to Action PGT-MC/26-27/ii below, the PGT-MC Sub-Committee suggested clarifications related to the programme title, student number projections, the PG.Dip. Exit Award, funding of research projects, computing support, and Recognition of Prior Learning. These changes can be reviewed in the Sub-Committee meeting on 22 October 2026.

Action: PGT-MC/26-27/002ii: Orla Bannon will share market research commissioned to support the effective promotion of AI-related Micro-Credentials with Professor O'Connell.

Action: PGT-MC/26-27/002iii: Due to time constraints in the meeting, the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies will seek the responses of voting members via email.

PGT-MC/26-27/003 M.Sc. in Human Factors and Ergonomics

The Associate Dean of Graduate Studies welcomed Professor Paul Liston and Professor Samuel Cromie to present on the proposal for a part-time, two-year online taught masters programme leading to the MSc in Human Factors and Ergonomics. The programme aims to address a recognised shortage of qualified professionals in the field and is targeted at working professionals and graduates across sectors including healthcare, aviation, energy, technology, manufacturing and public services. It was noted that existing programmes in the Irish market offer only sector-specific or limited Human Factors provision.

The programme is designed to meet Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors (CIEHF) accreditation requirements, providing a pathway towards professional and chartered status.

Decision: PGT-MC/26-27/003i: Due to time constraints in the meeting, the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies will seek the responses of voting members via email.

Action: PGT-MC/26-27/003ii: Feedback from the Sub-Committee, including strengthening the statement on the use of Generative AI, revising student numbers, and including the word 'Online' in the name of the programme, will be sent to Professor Paul Liston and Professor Samuel Cromie. This feedback should be incorporated in the proposal documentation before it proceeds to GSC.