



**Trinity College Dublin
The University of Dublin
Global engagement Committee Meeting
4th February 2025**

Present: Dr E Stokes (Vice President for Global Engagement), Dr A Jorgensen, (Global Director School of English), Prof Anil Kokaram (Global Director School of Engineering), Dr Dmitri Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology), Dr F Boylan (Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr F O'Toole (Global Director School of Social Sciences and Philosophy), Dr J Byrne (Global Director School of Social Works and Social Policy), Mr J Jeromela (PG Representative), Dr K Maguire (Global Director School of Physics), Dr M Huggard (Global Director School of Computer Science and Statistics), Mr N Murphy (Head of Accommodation), Dr N O'Connor (Global Director School of Natural Sciences), Prof P Geoghegan (Global Director School of History & Humanities), Dr R Hobbs (Global Director School of Chemistry), Dr R Costello (Global Director School of Law), Prof V Wade (Senior Lecturer)

Apologies: Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Ms Breda Walls (Director of Student Services), Dr B C Browne (Global Director School of Religion), Dr B Broderick (Associate Dean of Research), Dr C Barbour (Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies), Prof C O'Farrelly (Global Director School Biochemistry & Immunology), Prof C Bergin (Global Director School of Medicine), Dr I Polyzois (Global Director School of Dental Sciences), Ms J Whelan (Global Director School of Nursing and Midwifery), Ms J Maguire (Students Union President), Dr K McTiernan (Global Director School of Linguistic, Speech & Communications), Prof M Smith (Dean of Graduate Studies), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students), Dr S Smith (Senior Tutor), Ms A Byrne (Future Students Strategy Adviser), Mr D Coogan (Associate Director, Student Recruitment, Dr J Johnston (Policy and Research Advisor), Ms L Staunton (Associate Director, Trinity Global Experience).

In Attendance: Ms A Févry (Secretary to the committee)

Ex Officio: Ms B Coman (Director of Marketing), Ms D Shirt (Executive Assistant to VP Global), Dr Derina Johnson (Global Experience Manager), Dr S Hunter (Associate Director, Partnerships & Global Mobility)



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Previous Minutes

PG Representative raised concerns in relation to the discussion point 3.1 of the meeting held on 11th December 2024. VP Global noted that any progression on this item beyond discussion would require engagement at both UG and PG committees.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

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Matters Arising

Stand at BT Young Scientists Exhibition.

VP Global highlighted the attendance of Trinity at the BT Young Scientists Exhibition and the participation of the Walton Club at the event, in addition to the presence of academics in a judging capacity. She noted the transition from student recruitment activities to student engagement, demonstrated by the attendance to Irish and Northern Irish guidance counsellor events and sought feedback from the committee on other events for consideration.

Governance

VP Global noted the reporting of Trinity Global to Planning Group, Finance Committee, and EOG as well as participation in Student Life Committee, Faculty Executive Committees, UG and PG Committees. She highlighted the engagement with the University Secretary in relation to the future governance of Trinity Global and GEC.

Action:

2.1 An update on this discussion will be provided at the next meeting.

Access to Power BI reporting and SLAs

Action:

2.2 An update on this item will be provided at the next meeting.

Diplomatic Engagement

The committee was informed of the recent and upcoming diplomatic visits with the Swiss Ambassador, the Polish Head of Mission, a group from Bavaria and an event with the Norwegian Embassy coordinated with the School of Natural Sciences.

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Strategic Framework

VP Global noted the work conducted in preparation of the Trinity Global implementation plan beyond GRS3 and the consideration of Trinity's approach



to the institution “Globalness”. She highlighted the introduction of an Institutional framework with further information to be shared in the coming week.

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Trinity Global 2025-2030

VP Global noted the commissioning of consultancy reports on “Future Markets” for students through Education Insight, and on “TNE” through Indecon.

She noted the requirement to triangulate the insight received between the two reports with TNE highlighted as an important factor to Student Recruitment and the interest in 2+2 for some of our prospective students. She also highlighted the switch in countries who would previously have been a “send abroad destination” to a “welcoming destination”.

The engagement with all schools on student numbers and with specific schools on partnerships was also discussed.

VP Global highlighted a continued focus on three main markets along with a focus on TNE opportunities in the first year of the implementation plan to support growth, innovation and reduce the reliance on markets in subsequent years.

Discussion:

The Columbia partnerships and Micro Credentials were discussed in more details.

Actions:

- 4.1 Senior Lecturer and Global Director Mathematics to discuss the Columbia partnerships and supports for the school.
- 4.2 Senior Lecturer, VP Global and Director of Marketing to review the marketing and supports for Micro Credentials.
- 4.3 Associate Director Partnerships/Global Mobility and Global Director Mathematics to discuss partnerships plan for the school of Mathematics

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Updates

Student Numbers

VP Global provided an update on student numbers by way of presentation. She noted the levelling of PGT application numbers post-covid supporting an easier management of the application process. An increase in US applications

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was noted. It was highlighted that students from the US were contacted following the Federal Loans announcement.

Admissions Pilot

VP Global provided an update on the Admissions Pilot by way of presentation. She noted some system limitation within SITS, for example the notification of incomplete applications to students without further information. In response to a query on the extension of the pilot, VP Global noted the need to streamline the process, technical expertise and domain expertise.

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Global Engagement Hub

VP Global provided an update by way of presentation. She highlighted the completion of a partnerships review, the consideration of independent reports for the future of Global Engagement and the importance of Diplomatic and Cultural engagement. VP Global confirmed the engagement of Trinity Global with Trinity Research as part of these considerations.

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AOB

Erasmus KA131 Staff Mobility

The topic of staff mobility and the delay in a call for applications was raised. VP Global and Associate Director Partnerships and Global Mobility noted the review of the process due to discrepancies between the rate of payment mandated by the legislation and the rate held in our systems. They highlighted the engagement of FSD on this issue.

Actions:

- 8.1 Associate Director Partnerships and Global Mobility will seek clarity on timelines for resolution.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

The next meeting will be taking place in person on 11th March at 11am.