



**Trinity College Dublin  
The University of Dublin  
Global engagement Committee Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Present:** Dr E Stokes (Vice President for Global Engagement), Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Ms Breda Walls (Director of Student Services), 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 Otto, (Global Director School of English), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), , Mr N Murphy (Head of Accommodation), Prof P Geoghegan (Global Director School of History & Humanities), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students), Dr R Costello (Global Director School of Law), Prof V Wade (Senior Lecturer)

**Apologies:** Prof Anil Kokaram (Global Director School of Engineering), 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 Dmitri Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), 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 Huggard (Global Director School of Computer Science and Statistics), Dr N O'Connor (Global Director School of Natural Sciences), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Dr R Hobbs (Global Director School of Chemistry), Dr S Smith (Senior Tutor), Mr D Coogan (Associate Director, Student Recruitment, Ms D Shirt (Executive Assistant to VP Global), 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 A Byrne (Future Students Strategy Adviser), Ms B Coman (Director of Marketing), Dr Derina Johnson (Global Experience Manager), Dr S Hunter (Associate Director, Partnerships & Global Mobility)



**GEC/24-25/Mar/1 Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were approved.

**GEC/24-25/Mar/2 Matters arising**

In relation to Access to application Data (in reference to action 3.1 from the December meeting): this action was completed.

In relation to School of Mathematics specific queries (in reference to actions 4.1 and 4.3 from the February meeting): this was followed up through direct engagement with the Global Director School of Mathematics.

In relation to marketing supports for Micro Credentials (in reference to action 4.2 from the February meeting): this action was completed.

In relation to Erasmus KA131 Staff Mobility (in reference to action 8.1 from the February meeting): a call will issue on 14<sup>th</sup> March. To avail of this funding, travel must take place before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

**Action:**

- 2.1 Erasmus+ expense rates to be included on the agenda of the IUA VP meeting

**GEC/24-25/Mar/3 Strategic Framework**

VP Global provided an update on the Strategic Framework highlighting a move to global engagement for both staff and student and an emphasis on internationalisation at home. She noted the difference in the framework between internationalisation (student focused) and global engagement (in and within the world). She also highlighted the following ambitions: welcome, educate, partner and lead guided by College policies and Sustainability Strategy.

**GEC/24-25/Mar/4 Governance**

VP Global spoke to the governance of GEC by way of presentation.

She outlined the Trinity Global governance pathways ranging from Council, Planning Group, Finance Committee, USC, GSC, FEC, Risk Committee and Board.

She also outlined the Trinity Global Ecosystem including Trinity Global professional staff, School Directors for Global Engagement, Global



Officers, Global mobility/ Erasmus coordinators, other members of staff engaged in global activities.

Within Trinity Global activities and using Partnerships development as an example, the following governance points were raised for consideration:

- (1) Governance: aligning to the College Task Force to identify whether to work with the institution
- (2) Development: aligning to the individual school/faculty to identify the output of a partnership and the points which should be clarified
- (3) Management: identify the lead in the development of the partnership

### ***Discussion:***

In context of the role of Global Directors, the benefits in developing a clear description of the responsibilities of the role of Global Directors and the way in which they can add value to Trinity Global were noted. It was highlighted that roles should include a core set of responsibilities in combination with specific requirements for each school.

In the context of Global Engagement Committee, it was noted that the guiding and educational element from Trinity Global may be less required by the schools who have built knowledge and capacity. It was highlighted that understanding the way “we do global” and hearing from schools would be beneficial. The range of experience of committee members was emphasised. It was also noted that committees have both a regulatory and a working function. The membership of the committee was also raised with suggested benefits to a smaller group.

In the context of Partnership Developments, the volume of university partnerships was raised. It was discussed that Global Directors could be the conduit of strategic direction for partnerships in collaboration with the Directors of Research.

**GEC/24-25/Mar/5**

### **Updates**

#### **5.1 Partnerships Update**

Associate Director for Partnerships and Global Mobility, Dr S Hunter, noted the Trinity approval by USC of a Dual BA with Sydney University with the School of Social Works and Social Policy.

She also noted the submission by the School of Medicine for approval by EOG of the International Clinical Fellowship Programme.



## 5.2 Erasmus+ Update

International Partnerships Officer, Ms D Santos, provided an update by way of presentation. She spoke to the priorities pertaining to Erasmus+ activities highlighting both KA1 and KA2 actions and highlighted the recent application for the 2025 KA171 project for €2m, involving 8 schools and 7 regions. She provided an update on 2024 applications and projects and noted areas of focus and opportunities for 2025.

### ***Discussion:***

Global Director School of Education and Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences noted their involvement in these projects. The benefits of the role of International Partnerships Officer focused on Erasmus+ projects were highlighted by GEC, with the provision of supports and logistics emphasized.