



**Trinity College Dublin
The University of Dublin
Global engagement Committee Meeting
29th April 2025**

- Present:** Dr E Stokes (Vice President for Global Engagement), Dr B C Browne (Global Director School of Religion), Dr C Barbour (Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies), Prof C O'Farrelly (Global Director School Biochemistry & Immunology), Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology), 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), 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), 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), Dr R Costello (Global Director School of Law), Dr R Hobbs (Global Director School of Chemistry), Prof V Wade (Senior Lecturer)
- Apologies:** Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Prof Anil Kokaram (Global Director School of Engineering), Ms Breda Walls (Director of Student Services), Dr B Broderick (Associate Dean of Research), Prof C Bergin (Global Director School of Medicine), Dr D Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), Dr F Boylan (Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr I Polyzois (Global Director School of Dental Sciences), Prof M Smith (Dean of Graduate Studies), Dr M Otto, (Global Director School of English), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), Prof P Geoghegan (Global Director School of History & Humanities), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Dr S Smith (Senior Tutor), Ms L Staunton (Associate Director, Trinity Global Experience).
- In Attendance:** Ms D Shirt (Executive Assistant to VP Global / Acting 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), Mr D Coogan (Associate Director, Student Recruitment, Dr J Johnston (Policy and Research Advisor), Ms N Burke (Associate Director, Partnerships & Global Mobility)



GEC/24-25/Apr/1

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2025 were approved.

GEC/24-25/Apr/2

Matters arising

In relation to action 2.1 from the March meeting, the Erasmus+ expense rates were not included on the IUA VP meeting. VP Global advised members to continue to follow Revenue advice until a derogation is sought and given.

VP Global reported that invites were issued for Power BI however there was not good uptake. The licences for Power BI are charged per person so should not be issued to those who don't need to use it and that Trinity Global can help with data gathering.

GEC/24-25/Apr/3

Sanctuary Community Fund

VP Global gave an update and explained the governance structure of the Sanctuary Community Fund. She highlighted the call to the Trinity community inviting applications for the funding of projects under this fund.

A number of project applications were received, a scoring mechanism was implemented, and a selection committee was formed consisting of VP Global, Audrey Févry and Hugo Mascena from Trinity Global, and Laura Hill from AR.

Some successful projects for funding from this call out include:

- English conversation classes for refugees and asylum seekers.
- Irish language classes project for refugees and international protection.
- CPD programme for radiation therapists in Ukraine.
- Irish culture and heritage programme facilitated by AHSS.

The projects successful in this round of funding can highlight how a small amount of funding can make a difference and will be used to showcase the next call out, anticipated in the Michaelmas term.



GEC/24-25/Apr/4

University of Sanctuary

VP Global updated that Trinity had welcomed 10 UG/PG students and 2 researchers safely evacuated from Gaza on Good Friday.

The huge collaborative effort was recognised. Close support was in place and pre-sessional programming has been organised.

GEC/24-25/Apr/5

Trinity Global proposed activities 2025-2030

VP Global presented slides in two parts and invited discussion after each part.

- Internationalisation
- Global Engagement

Discussion:

Internationalisation

Summer schools were discussed and Associate Director Student Recruitment, Mr D Coogan, gave an overview of the strategic rationale, opportunities and markets this model can present. The needs of individual Schools can be addressed. Data is included in the supporting documents.

Insight was provided into the successful model that has been running in the School of Nursing and Midwifery for the last ten years and that is expected to be developed further.

Internship programs created utilising a relationship with a partner institution that attract PG students and research were discussed. Trinity Global can support, as an umbrella, on the administration side alongside PhD researchers, with Schools concentrating on the content.

It was noted that other international models can be considered including EPFL research models.

These mechanisms support the institutional University for Life strategy though need further definition for alignment.

Global Engagement

The discussion centred around the attributes of a strategic global partner, the description of global engagement and examples of intentional global engagement in an institution.

Measures in addition to research are required to identify successful outcomes. Tools such as SciVal have limitations especially in the AHSS space. It was acknowledged that there is a lot of information across the



institution and data capture models need to be worked on with thresholds for nodes and events to provide markers.

Categorisation of partnerships was discussed with a set of markers and data capture across College to give focus. Resources can be applied accordingly. The strategic partnerships are the priority though meaningful partnerships can evolve with effort.

Research should be carried out with a roadmap for College and a framework developed.

GEC/24-25/Apr/6

Updates

The Trinity Global Annual Report 2024-25 in draft will be circulated to the committee and feedback is invited.

Action

6.1 All to feedback on the Annual Report when circulated.

GEC/24-25/Apr/7

AOB

Motion of Support for Student Protests in Serbia

All public universities are blockaded in Serbia resulting in extensions to results being applied. Student Union Representatives have been asked to raise awareness of this issue to ask for support and assurance that prospective students are not penalised.

It was noted that Trinity does not have Erasmus agreements or partnerships with Serbia currently, so this does not apply at this time.