



**Trinity College Dublin
The University of Dublin
Global engagement Committee Meeting
24th September 2024**

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), Ms Breda Walls (Director of Student Services), Dr C Barbour (Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies), Prof C O'Farrelly (Global Director School Biochemistry & Immunology), Dr Dmitri Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology), Dr F O'Toole (Global Director School of Social Sciences and Philosophy), Ms J Maguire (Students Union President), Dr K Maguire (Global Director School of Physics), 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 Walsh (Global Director School of Law), Dr R Hobbs (Global Director School of Chemistry), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students), Dr S Flynn (Global Director School of Social Works and Social Policy)

Apologies:

Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Dr B C Browne (Global Director School of Religion), Dr B Broderick (Associate Dean of Research), Prof C Bergin (Global Director School of Medicine), Dr F Boylan (Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr I Polyzois (Global Director School of Dental Sciences), Ms J Whelan (Global Director School of Nursing and Midwifery), Prof M Smith (Dean of Graduate Studies), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), Prof P Geoghegan (Global Director School of History & Humanities), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Dr S Smith (Senior Tutor), Prof V Wade (Senior Lecturer)

In Attendance:

Ms A Févry (Secretary to the committee)

Ex Officio:

Ms A Byrne (Future Students Strategy Adviser), Ms B Coman (Director of Marketing), Mr D Coogan (Associate Director, Student Recruitment), Ms D Shirt (Executive Assistant to VP Global), Ms L Staunton (Associate Director, Trinity Global Experience), Dr S Hunter (Associate Director, Partnerships & Global Mobility)

GEC/24-25/Sep/1

Welcome and Matters arising

Vice President for Global Engagement (VPGE) welcomed returning and new Global Engagement Committee members to the new Academic Year 24/25.

The minutes of the Global Engagement meeting held on 12th June 2024 were approved.

GEC/24.25/Sep.2

Update: June – September 2024

The Trinity Global team provided an update on activities conducted between June and September 2024 by way of presentation.

Ms L Staunton, Associate Director – Trinity Global Experience, spoke to activities delivered under Sanctuary initiatives.

VPGE acknowledged the work conducted by the Trinity Global Experience team with support from the Department of Justice to safely welcome students from Gaza to Trinity. It was noted that financial support through donors via TDA is increasing. VPGE also highlighted that a portion of the profits of the “Trinity in 50” book go towards University of Sanctuary activities.

Ms L Staunton, Associate Director – Trinity Global Experience, Mr D Coogan, Associate Director – Recruitment, Dr S Hunter, Associate Director – Partnerships and Global Mobility and Ms B Coman, Director of Marketing, provided an update on the team structure.

It was noted that along with the Global Engagement business plan a Marketing Strategy beyond the current GRS3 marketing strategy will be developed informed by the university strategic plan. Committee members were invited to contact the Director of Marketing for any specific marketing requirements.

Ms J Maguire (Students Union President) left the meeting at this point.

Dr N O’Connor (Global Director School of Natural Sciences) joined the meeting at this point.

Dr S Hunter, Associate Director – Partnerships and Global Mobility, provided an update on mobility, Erasmus and partnerships activities.

Clarification was provided on the different Erasmus grants. Global Directors were invited to attend one of the Erasmus information sessions delivered by Ms D Santos, International Partnerships Officer.

Committee members were also reminded of the Global Footprint information available on the website (<https://www.tcd.ie/global/footprint/>).

VPGE provided an update on the Shared Island Project.

It was highlighted that this project will focus on 17 key action points in the Academic Year 24/25 to engage with Secondary Schools within the island of Ireland. It was noted that we will seek participation from colleagues across the university to engage with secondary schools across the island of Ireland.

Action:

VPGE and Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology) to discuss engagement opportunities at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition.

Mr D Coogan, Associate Director – Recruitment, provided an update on student registrations Academic Year 24/25

Mr A Byrne, Future Students Strategy Advisor, provided an update on the admission pilot project for Academic Year 24/25

It was noted that this pilot extends from the 23/24 pilot by including applications from India and China across 6 participating schools and 13 programmes.

GEC/24-25/Sep.3

Planning for GRS4

VPGE highlighted the themes of Global Citizens, Connection, Climate Impact and Societal Impact for consideration under the development of GRS4.

It was noted that consultation meetings with schools were being scheduled to discuss (i) student recruitment, (ii) transnational education, and (iii) lived experience.

Prof Anil Kokaram (Global Director School of Engineering) left the meeting at this point.

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AOB

The topic of Grade Conversion and the inconsistencies which may exist within and/or across schools in its practice was raised. VPGE noted the work currently conducted on best practices for this item by a Trinity Global Research Assistant with a view to present a paper to this committee in Semester 2.

The meeting concluded at 1pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6th November at 11am and will take place online.