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Global engagement Committee Meeting
4th December 2025**

Present: Dr E Stokes (Vice President for Global Engagement), Dr C Ehrhard (Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr C Barbour (Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies), Dr C Cunningham (Global Director School Biochemistry & Immunology), Dr Daniela Tropea (School of Medicine), Dr D Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology), Dr E Vybralouva, (Global Director School of English), Dr F O'Toole (Global Director School of Social Sciences and Philosophy), K Maguire (Global Director School of Physics), Dr M Huggard (Global Director School of Computer Science and Statistics), Dr R Hobbs (Global Director School of Chemistry), Dr R Costello (Global Director School of Law), Dr N NiChiarain (Global Director, School of Linguistics); Dr N O'Connor (Global Director, School of Natural Sciences), Prof S Ryan (Dean of Research), Dr S McCaughren (Global Director School of Social Works and Social Policy)

Apologies: Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Ms Breda Walls (Director of Student Services), Dr I Polyzois (Global Director School of Dental Sciences), Prof M Smith (Dean of Graduate Studies), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), Mr N Murphy (Head of Accommodation), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Dr S Smith (Senior Tutor), Dr B C Browne (Global Director School of Religion), Ms J Whelan (Global Director School of Nursing and Midwifery), Dr Tim Persoons (Global Director, School of Engineering), Prof V Wade (Senior Lecturer)

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

Ex Officio: Ms A Byrne (Future Students Strategy Adviser), Dr J Johnston (Policy & Research Advisor), Ms N Burke (Associate Director Partnerships and Global Mobility)

GEC/25-26/Nov/1 Previous Minutes

The minutes from the GEC meeting held on 28th October 2025 were approved.

GEC/25-26/Nov/2 Matters Arising

Global Framework and Trinity Global Business Plan



VP Global updated on the approval at Planning Group of the Global Framework, noting that the Trinity Global business plan is on the agenda for Finance Committee scheduled for 18th December 2025.

VP Global informed the committee of the decision at Planning Group not to backfill six unfilled roles due to wider financial context. Consequently, it was highlighted that Trinity Global will need to adjust some of its activities and may no longer support some activities previously covered.

A further update on this item will be provided at the next meeting.

Admissions Pilot

VP Global highlighted the completion of the Admissions rollover and thanked all involved for their work on this activity.

VP Global noted that an update will be provided at the next meeting on the support Trinity Global will be able to offer schools relative to Admissions.

Undergraduate Open Day

VP Global noted that the Undergraduate Open Day took place on Saturday 29th November with highest level of attendance recorded. VP Global thanked all involved for their support in the preparation and on the day with special thanks to the Senior Lecturer, the Director of Marketing and the Trinity Global Event Manager.

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Report of the Taskforce on Academic and Institutional International Links

The report of the Taskforce on Academic and Institutional International Links was discussed. Global Engagement Committee agrees in principle that an oversight group is needed to interrogate the university's relationships with countries of concerns. However, the committee also feels that a number of key issues need to be addressed if the working group is established.

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Student Numbers

VP Global provided an update on student numbers. She noted an increase on prior year for Non-EU Undergraduate and EU Postgraduate applications. The decrease of Non-EU Postgraduate applications is explained by the higher calibre of applications being presented to Trinity for this cohort. This is supported by detailed reviews of prospective



students by the Trinity Global teams based in-country who hold local expertise.

The following growing markets were highlighted:

- Turkey, UAE, South Africa and Oman for Non-EU Undergraduates
- Turkey, Taiwan, Pakistan, Vietnam, Bangladesh and UAE for Non-EU Postgraduates
- UK, France, Spain and Italy for EU Postgraduates.

VP Global highlighted that it was very early in the cycle and further update would be provided at the next meeting.

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Any other business

VP Global informed the committee that she entered her final term and will be completing her role as VP Global at the end of this academic year.

The meeting concluded at 3.15pm.