

Research Committee

Minutes of 3rd October 2003

Present: Michael Gibney (Dean of Research), David Dickson, Sheila Greene, Dylan Scammell, Clive Williams, Doris Alexander

In Attendance: Maria Treanor

Apologies: John Saeed, Deirdre Savage, Margaret O'Mahony, Jim Sexton, Dermot Kelleher

Not Present: Michael Coey, John Dillon,

1. Matters Arising

EURYI Call for Proposals European Young Investigator Awards

This call for proposals should be circulated, and Deans, Heads of Departments, etc. should be asked to put forward some names from the College.

2. Research Centres in Health Sciences and the Role of the Haughton Institute

As the representative from the Faculty of Health Sciences was not present, this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Research Committee Budget and implications for the various funding schemes

As the representative from the Treasurer's Office was not present, this item will be discussed at the next meeting. An expenditure group will be set up after the strategic plan is in place.

4. Overview of activities for 2003-2004

4.1 Research Centres

A meeting of the Research Centres' Forum will take place on 7th October 2003. Governance, benchmarking and integration will be discussed.

4.2 Good Research Practice (Whistle-blowing & Investigation of Allegations of Malpractice)

M Gibney will invite the Senior Dean to attend the next meeting of the Research Committee. D Alexander will find

out about good research practice in other Irish universities which are applying to the same sponsors as TCD.

4.3 Research Implementation Plan

It was proposed that a call be made for an expression of interest from groups which wish to be benchmarked. A lot of research will have to be consolidated within faculties. For example, Computer Science is a theme and also a department. They will have to show how other groups fit in with what they are doing. Every academic in College will have a chance to have his / her department or research field identified as an area or theme within a strand.

The Strategic Plan is already impacting on groups in College, and they are starting to think strategically in terms of getting together to do research.

4.4 Research Information Database

One of the people working on the Research Information Database has left College and not been replaced on the project, so the process has slowed down.

4.5 Research & Innovations Annual Report

The financial information for the Research and Innovation Services Annual Report will not be available until December 2003. Staff in the department are currently working on providing information for the report in four main areas: research; entrepreneurship; technical transfer; and networking and communications.

5. Profile of the Research Committee

The importance of considering a revolving membership of the Research Committee was agreed.

The next meeting will take place in the Board Room, No. 1 College, at 2 p.m. on Friday 7th November 2003.

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Date: _____