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From: Dean of Graduate Studies To: Postgraduate Students Subject: Postgraduate Renewal Consultation Date: 16/12/2021

Dear Postgraduate Students,

As some of you may know, the College's Strategic Plan 2020-25 identified renewal of graduate education as a key strategic focus over the coming years. A Postgraduate Renewal Programme has been established, chaired by the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer. As the Dean of Graduate Studies, I am the Programme Sponsor.

In June 2021, University Council gave its approval for the Postgraduate Renewal Programme to move to the consultation and design implementation stages.

Some of you have already supported us in planning for the Consultation Stage, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support which has been invaluable.

The Consultation Stage itself will involve wide-scale engagement with members of the College community and other external stakeholders. We will be inviting you to take part in surveys, focus groups, and/or interviews, to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to contribute to shaping the direction and outcomes of the programme for renewal. Data collected from this stage will inform the design of the implementation plan. Outcomes from the consultation and its implications for the implementation stage will be presented to Council before the end of the academic year. We anticipate being in regular communication with all the stakeholders as we design our vision for postgraduate education in Trinity into the future.

In January 2022, all members of the College community who are involved in the delivery and support of postgraduate education at Trinity, and all postgraduate students will be invited to participate in an on-line survey to identify your needs and priorities.

I urge you to participate in the survey and share with us your experience and ideas to develop a shared roadmap for renewal of postgraduate education at Trinity.

I look forward to engaging with you in the New Year and wish you health, happiness, and a muchneeded break over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Professor Martine Smith

Dean of Graduate Studies

Postgraduate Renewal Programme, Project Sponsor