



Trinity Legacies Review Working Group

15 December 2023

TLRWF/23-24/008

Minutes of 7 September 2023

The minutes of 7th September 2023 were approved.

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Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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Website Updates

The Legacies Website is live, and has been placed on the College Front Page. There are currently three submission forms, these being the Library Name Submission Form, the General Legacies Submission Form, and the Human Remains Submission Form. The website also contains all documentation relating to the Legacies Review Working Group.

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Naming the Library

1. *Presentation from the Historical Society*

The Auditor of the Historical Society spoke to the Working Group about efforts that the Historical Society is taking to engage with, and promote engagement with, the subject of the de- and re-naming of the Library and other legacy matters. Most recently this included a debate with the subject "This House Believes Trinity Can Change Its Past", brought in the first semester.

The Historical Society is interested in running another debate in the second semester, which will have several speakers proposing and presenting a supporting argument for different names, with guest speakers invited to speak for certain names. A panel discussion is also being considered.

The Working Group agreed to put the closing date for submissions regarding Library Naming back by two weeks to allow additional time after the events. Several names from the public submissions were discussed by as possible suggestions for speakers.

2. *Submissions Received*

Aidan Marsh gave a presentation on the approximately 550 names received so far through the Submissions process.

Queries were raised regarding the breakdown of individuals who had made submissions. It was asked if it would be possible to determine how many submissions were from @tcd.ie email addresses, and if it would be possible to have a breakdown of submissions by gender of submitter.

Action: Aidan Marsh to seek the requested figures and return them to the Working Group.

Following the presentation there was discussion regarding the necessity of establishing a solid process, utilising the existing values of College, for the selection of possible new names for the Library. It was further noted that the Working Group may be required to undertake similar tasks in future and having an established process would aid this.

There was brief discussion of what might be considered as suitable criteria for a building's name; however it was recognised that the Working Group would need further time to consider the

matter. It was noted that it was significant that any criteria be in line with existing College Policies, particularly Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity. It was also recognised that any names suggested should be considered in the context of the international diversity of the College community.

It was recommended that all members of the Working Group identify what they would consider to be a significant criterion and submit it to the Working Group Secretary.