



Legacies Working Group

24th September 2024

Arts Building 2026

Present: Eoin O’Sullivan (Chair), Aidan Marsh (Secretary), Jenny Maguire (SU), Hamza Bana (SU), Francis O’Toole (AHSS), Siobhán Ward (HS), Daniel Bradley (STEM), Rachel Moss (IFUT), Helen Shenton (Librarian), Catherine O’Mahony (Communications), David O’Shea (TDA), Ciaran O’Neill (TCL), Catriona Crowe

Apologies: Aashana Yadav (SU), Kevin Byrne (SIPTU), Cliona O’Farrelly (Fellows), Lynn Scarff (NMI), Sinead McBride, (College Solicitor)

The Chair opened the meeting with introductions.

TLRWF/24-25/001 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 28th March 2024

The minutes of 28th March 2024 were approved.

TLRWF/24-25/002 Note on Leabharlann Refaat Alreer

As part of the settlement regarding the BDS encampment in Fellows Square, the TCD Students’ Union were permitted to make a late submission to the call for suggestions and submitted the name Refaat Alreer. The Students’ Union President gave a summary of the note which had been circulated to the working group.

In response to a query regarding what links the individual has with Trinity it was explained that the suggested name would be an act of de-colonialism through being the antithesis to the colonialism supported by Berkeley.

TLRWF/24-25/003 Note on Eavan Boland

Catriona Crowe summarised a note which had been circulated to the working group, proposing that the working group formally consider putting forward the poet Eavan Boland as the person for whom the Library could be named.

TLRWF/24-25/004 Discussion of Library Name

It was confirmed that following the discussions of the working group in March, it was the intent of the working group to submit three possible names to Board following the examples of “Person”, “Concept”, and “Date”.

During discussions of a “Person” to put forward to Board, the working group recognised that, at present, spaces in College do not reflect the growing diversity of demographics within the university and agreed that there was merit in having an audit conducted on spaces and buildings in College, which could form the basis for a naming policy that would reflect the changing demographics within the university, specifically highlighting representation of people of colour.

It was noted that “The Library” could be suitable as a “Concept” to submit to Board as a possible name, recognising that it had been used since the building was de-named in April of 2023, was working well, and acknowledged the practice of de-naming.

The working group noted that names of spaces can and should be ephemeral and open to be changed, however recognised that the practicalities of the Library mean that this is not easily done as the name is heavily integrated with the library system and so any name must be able to withstand scrutiny.

The following were determined to be the final names submitted to Board for consideration:
No "Date" could be determined as being suitable for submission to Board.

The preferred option of the working group was that Eavan Boland to be the "Person" submitted to Board.

"The Library" was determined as being suitable for the "Concept" to be submitted to Board

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No other business