

Attached are three submissions to the Legacies Committee:

1. Initial Petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/provost-linda-doyle-rename-the-berkeley-library-at-trinity-college-dublin>

2. Voter Mandate

This mandate was carried by council - <https://universitytimes.ie/2022/02/tcdsu-votes-to-lobby-for-renaming-the-berkeley-library/>

Motion specifically:

Council notes:

That the findings of much research conclude that the philosopher and bishop, George Berkeley had a problematic and controversial relationship with enslavement during his time in the United States. Between the years 1728 and 1731, Berkeley purchased a number of enslaved people to work on his plantation in Rhode Island and gave sermons, and thus moral countenance, to defending the general practice of enslavement.

Council further notes:

That the number of buildings/rooms named after women or people of colour is particularly low.

Council praises:

Trinity College Dublin's acknowledgment of its historical links to colonialism and the benefits accruing to College of said links. This can be seen in the Colonial Legacies Project, a research project aiming to unveil the ways in which Trinity and its alumni contributed to colonialist practices throughout history.

Council regrets:

That the Colonial Legacies Project is a research project and is not responsible for acting on its findings. Consequently, despite being aware of the problematic elements associated with Berkeley, Trinity College Dublin is yet to act on the issue of Berkeley's continued glorification and amplification as a worthy symbol of a 21st century University.

Council believes:

That Berkeley is an inappropriate namesake for the library due to his pro-enslavement beliefs and actions, and that the library ought to be renamed.

Council therefore mandates:

The TCDSU President to lobby the College for the renaming of the library in the interests of creating an inclusive and respectful learning environment and that great importance be given to potential female or people of colour replacement candidates for the new name of the library which will present a more inclusive vision of College going forth.

Council further mandates:

That the TCDSU support the current petition seeking to rename the Berkeley Library established by Louie Lyons.

Proposed by Louie Lyone, Class Rep Seconded by Leah Keogh, President.

This committee must therefore find the position of the students of Trinity College, as mandated at TCDSU Council - to be that of removing Berkeley's name from the library which currently

3. Personal letter from myself as TCDSU President - attached