



Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

Incorporating any amendments approved at subsequent Board meetings.

Board Meeting 23 August 2023

This meeting was held online through Zoom.

Present: Provost (Dr L Doyle), Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer (Professor O Sheils), Bursar/Director of Strategic Innovation (Professor E Denny), Registrar (Professor N Cox), Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Professor D Shepherd), Professor K Ahmad, Professor S Alyn Stacey, Professor I Arnedillo Sánchez, Ms C Arnold, Ms A Bennett, Professor L Brennan, Professor S Browne, Mr K Byrne, Professor N Campbell, Mr P Farrell, Mr D Grouse, Professor D Jones, Professor C Leahy, Ms R Mathews McKay, Professor R McManus, Mr L Molnárfi, Professor A Nolan, Professor F Sheerin, Professor J Walsh.

Apologies: Professor R Kenny, Mr M Murtagh-White, Professor L Roe.

In attendance: Secretary to the College/ Director of Governance - Designate (Ms V Butler).

(ex officio) Secretary to the College (Mr J Coman), Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer (Mr P Reynolds).

(by invitation) Chief Operating Officer (Ms O Cunningham), Vice-President for Global Engagement (Professor E Stokes).

The Provost, on behalf of the Board, welcomed the new student members to the Board and the Secretary to the College clarified that Ms Arnold as the Education Officer of the Students' Union would only be present for this one meeting due to the upcoming change to the composition of the Board.

SECTION A

BD/22-23/315 Statements of Interest

There were no statements of interest declared for this meeting.

BD/22-23/316 New Members Declaration

At the invitation of the Provost the new student Board members made the New Members Declaration and introduced themselves to the Board.

BD/22-23/317 External Board Members

The Provost introduced the item and commended the work of the Nominations Committee members and the Secretary's Office who had conducted a significant amount of work on this process over the summer months.

The Secretary to the College, with reference to his memorandum dated 18 August 2023, which had been circulated in advance, provided the Board with a summary of the process which had been followed to identify potential external members of the Board noting that a proposal in respect of the Chairperson of the Board would be brought to the first meeting of the new Board on 20 September 2023.

Mr Farrell, as Chair of the Nominations Committee, provided the Board with an overview of the 3 days of coffee conversations with potential external Board members which had been held in the

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middle of August 2023, noting that at all times due regard was given to the Board approved Skills and Experience Matrix and the desire for diversity across the composition of the Board. Professor Brennan, Ms Mathews-McKay and Professor Walsh, as members of the Nominations Committee, also provided an overview of the conversations in which they had participated and their overall experience of the process.

The Secretary to the College provided the Board with a clarification in respect of one of the external nominees noting that it was proposed that their Board membership would commence on 1 October 2023 as they were currently completing a Master's programme in the University. Responding to comments from a Board member, the Secretary to the College also noted that should there be any delay to the completion of their studies their Board membership would also be delayed.

The Provost opened the item for discussion and comment. Many Board members voiced their support for the nominated individuals noting the range of skills, experience, significant achievements and contributions to society to date.

In response to a query from a Board member, it was clarified that it was not a requirement for the individuals to attend the coffee conversations in-person although that had been the strong preference of the Nominations Committee and the small number of individuals who were not able to do so had been facilitated through an online meeting.

Following comments from some Board members in respect of the importance of diversity and broad reflection of Irish society as a whole, it was noted that further consideration could be given to this in future calls for nominations and the opportunity to appoint other external people as members of the Principal and other Committees was noted.

The Provost thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the item, noting the confidential nature of the item and that, as per the Statutes, she is the spokesperson for the Board.

Action/Decision

317.01 The Board considered and approved the memorandum from the Secretary to the College dated 18 August 2023 and the nominations of the 6 external members of the Board as contained within.

The dissent of Mr Byrne, Professor Campbell, Mr Grouse and Mr Molnárfi was noted.

BD/22-23/318 Any Other Urgent Business

The following items were raised under any other urgent business:

(i) Membership of Principal and Compliance Committees

The Registrar, noting that as per previous years he was consulting with the Provost and the Chairs of the Committees, advised the Board that he will be bringing the proposed membership of the Principal and other Committees to the first meeting of the new Board in September.

(ii) Outgoing Board Members

The Provost, on behalf of the Board extended her thanks to those out-going members of the Board for whom this would be their last Board meeting. She expressed her gratitude to them for their contributions to the work of the Board including making themselves available for this additional meeting noting the great work that had been conducted in finalising the composition of the incoming Board, aligning it with the Universities Act, 1997 as amended by the Higher Education Authority Act, 2022, the Supplemental Charter of 2022 and the Statutes.

An out-going Board member commended the Provost for her excellent chairing of the Board and expressed his thanks to Mr Coman for his service to the Board and the University as Secretary to the College and wished Ms Butler the best in taking up the role of Secretary to the College/Director of Governance in the coming months after Mr Coman's retirement.

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