The University of Dublin

Trinity College

A meeting of the University Council was held on Wednesday 17 January 2007 at 11.15 am in the Board Room.

Present Provost, Vice-Provost, Senior Lecturer, Registrar, Senior Tutor, Dean of

Graduate Studies, Dean of Arts and Humanities, Dr G Biehler, Mr D L Parris, Dr M Stuart, Dr H Gibbons, Dean of Health Sciences, Dr V A Campbell, Dr J P Gormley, Dean of Science, Dr M E G Lyons, Dr M J F Brown, Dr B M Lucey, Ms F M Haffey, Dr A O'Gara, Ms H Allen, Mr R Kearns, Mr P Laird, Professor N M

Claffey.

Apologies Dean of Engineering and Systems Sciences, Dean of Social and Human

Sciences, Dr M L Brennan, Ms N McGarrigle, Mr C Reilly, Mr W Tobin.

In attendance Librarian, Secretary, Acting Academic Secretary.

Observers Dr M H Adams, Dr P Coleman.

Student observers Mr D Macken, Mr R Healy.

The Provost welcomed Mr R Healy, Faculty of Health Sciences student observer, replacing Mr D Wallace on Council.

SECTION A

CL/06-07/070 Minutes

- (i) The minutes of the Council meeting of 29 November 2006 were approved.
- (ii) The minutes of the Council meeting of 6 December 2006 were approved subject to noting that Mr Laird was present, and in Actum CL/06-07/053 the use of a 'quality assurance model' was considered to be outdated and it was suggested that 'quality improvement model' should be introduced.

CL/06-07/071 Matters Arising

CL/06-07/045 (of 29 November 2006) and *CL/06-07/048* (of 6 December 2006): The Senior Lecturer informed Council that Board at its meeting of 12 December 2006 approved the introduction of a three-cluster academic governance model and approved the use of the terms Faculty and Dean. An implementation plan will be brought forward to Council and Board in due course.

In response to questions on this subject, the Senior Lecturer commented that it is expected that there will be a Vice-Dean in each of the Faculties, and that the administrative detail allowing for the merger of Engineering and Science will be worked out as part of the development of issues in respect of representation and governance. It was commented that the designated Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences should have two Vice-Deans as this Faculty represents the three former Faculties of Arts (Letters), Arts (Humanities), and Business, Economic and Social

Studies. It was noted that there may be some changes to the make up of Council, but it is expected that these will be marginal.

CL/06-07/072 Provost's Report

- (i) **PRTLI** The Provost informed Council that the Higher Education Authority (HEA) has issued a call for proposals in respect of the fourth cycle of the Programme for Research in Third-level Institutions (PRTLI). He noted that compared to the first PRTLI, there are significant differences in the eligibility and administrative criteria. Forty institutions are eligible to compete for a fund of €190 million, of which approximately €82 million is designated for capital projects and the balance for recurrent projects.
- (ii) **HEA Allocation Model** The Provost informed Council of the new HEA allocation model and noted that the model is based primarily on student numbers and that as yet, there is no moderating factor that would ensure a base student price. The allocation model in its current form is not stable and could have an adverse affect on the amount of the annual core grant received by College. The Senior Lecturer is currently in discussions with his counterparts in other Irish universities in order to resolve these and other issues relating to the model.
- (iii) **Discontinuation of the Bachelor in Acting Studies** The Provost drew Council's attention to the discontinuation of the Bachelor in Acting Studies (BAS) programme and invited the Senior Lecturer to update Council on this matter. The Senior Lecturer noted that the decision to discontinue the BAS was based primarily on pedagogical factors. Following a review of practice-based education, the School has decided to introduce an M.Phil. course in Acting Studies and, in time, other M.Phil. courses in directing and applied theatre.

In response to questions on the discontinuation of the BAS, the Senior Lecturer stressed that the decision was strategically motivated and that the School has made the decision to use its resources to respond to a demand for drama courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Council discussed ARAM weightings for the course and it was noted that there should be some moderating factor in the calculation of space costs to recognise that, for example, in the case of Drama, space is a critical element in the delivery of programmes. The Senior Lecturer informed Council that the ARAM Taskforce is considering issues in respect of the quality, location and use of space. It was recognised that Schools should have the authority to act strategically, but it was felt that there should be common procedures for managing internal and external communications, especially if the decision of a School concerns the business of College. Council agreed that a common policy on managing communications and public relations should be developed to which Schools and College areas should adhere.

CL/06-07/073

Chairs The Council appointed two external assessors each for the Chair in Construction Innovation and for the Thomas N Mitchell Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience. The Council also noted that it would meet the following day to elect to the Chair of Molecular and Cellular Immunology.

CL/06-07/074

Graduate Studies A course proposal to establish a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in English Language Teaching/Postgraduate Diploma (exit only) was circulated together with a memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 17 January 2007. The Dean of Graduate Studies introduced this item and drew Council's attention to the comprehensive revision of M.Phil. programmes offered by the Centre for Language and

Communication Studies (CLCS). The CLCS aims to rationalise and harmonise course provision by:

- adopting a modular structure, revising modules to align them closely with the School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences' strategic research aims,
- allowing students greater freedom of choice among course modules,
- introducing a new track leading to an M.Phil. in English Language Teaching, and
- designing courses that can be offered in the first year of integrated PhD programmes in linguistics, applied linguistics and speech science.

The M.Phil. in English Language Teaching is a one-year full-time course and will provide for a maximum of 20 full-time students (15 non-EU). The course is designed for university teachers of English in non-English speaking countries, and aims, among other things, to bring their pedagogical knowledge and skills up to date.

Applicants to the course are required to present at least 2.1 honors degree from an Irish university or an equivalent result from a university in another country, and should have fluent command of the English language. All applicants are expected to show proficiency in at least one other language other than their first language.

The Dean noted that a positive external review of the course was received and recommendations by the reviewer were incorporated into the proposal. The course has been approved by the Library Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee and will be considered by the Resource Management Committee at a future meeting.

Council discussed the proposal to establish an M.Phil. in English Language Teaching and commended the proposal as an exemplary model of mainstreaming existing M.Phil. courses, maximising the deployment of resources, and responding positively to the strategic intention of the School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences. In response to questions, the Dean of Graduate Studies confirmed that the ECTS and the number of hours assigned to a module are in accordance with the application of ECTS and module workloads.

There was some discussion about the admissions criteria vis-à-vis language requirements, and Council noted the importance of establishing equivalences of qualifications for eligibility purposes among a potentially very diverse group of applicants. It was further noted that the proposed fee levels may be too low, as it was held that there is a favourable market demand for the course.

Council approved the establishment of the course leading to the award of Master in Philosophy in English Language Teaching/Postgraduate Diploma (exit only).

CL/06-07/075 Nominations for Appointment The Council approved the nominations for appointment as circulated (see Appendices 1 and 2 to this Actum).

CL/06-07/076 Any other business

(i) Senior Promotions Committee A memorandum dated 16 January 2007 from the Secretary to the College was tabled. Council approved the nomination of Professor Linda Hogan (Irish School of Ecumenics) Professor Peter Humphries (Genetics) as its representatives on the Senior Promotions Committee for three years from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009 (replacing Professor Jane Ohlmeyer and Professor John Boland). The Council noted that Professor Ciaran Brady (History) had been nominated by IFUT to serve for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

- (Professor Brady had been nominated to serve from 2005-2006 for three years but had been replaced by Professor Paul Fannin during that year).
- (ii) Nomination of Part-time Senior Lecturer in Health Services Management Council noted and approved the nomination of Mr Ian Carter to the post of Part-time Senior Lecturer in Health Services Management effective from 1 February 2007.
- (iii) Modularisation and Academic Year Structure Council noted the resignation of Professor P Coxon from the Working Group on Modularisation and Academic Year Structure. In response to a query, the Senior Lecturer noted that Professor Coxon resigned from the Working Group on which he represented Council because of his dissatisfaction with the consultative process employed in the restructuring debate.

Council approved the nominations of Mr Laird (Graduate Students' Union) and Dr G Biehler to represent Council on the Working Group on Modularisation and Academic Year Structure.

SECTION B

CL/06-07/077

Personnel and Appointments Committee The Council noted and approved the recommendations as set out in the minutes of the Personnel and Appointments Committee from its meeting of 19 December 2006, which had been circulated.

CL/06-07/078

Research Committee The Council noted and approved the recommendations as set out in the minutes of the Research Committee from its meeting of 14 December 2006, which had been circulated.

SECTION C

CL/06-07/079

Higher Degrees—Reports of Examiners The Council noted and approved the circulated reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees, approved by the subcommittee of Board and Council on 28 November 2006 and noted by Board on 12 December 2006.

(i) Professional Higher Degrees by Research Alone

MD Emer Elizabeth Lang.

(ii) Higher Degrees by Research Alone

PhD

Patroklos Argyroudis; Greg Byrne; Elaine Marie Doorly; Catherine Mary Brigid Duggan; Agueda Gras-Velazquez; Sara Jane Keating; Kevin Gerard Jennings; John Anthony McCullen; Rachel McDonnell; Catherine Rosin McLaughlin; Matthew Vincent Mercy; Cal Muckley; Eabhnat Ní Fhloinn; Marcus O'Connell; Ailbhe Grainne O'Neill; Adrian Brendan Kenneth Parkinson; Angela Elizabeth Quinlan; Vincent Patrick Wade; Aron Joseph Walsh; Padraic Stephen Whyte.

MSc Andrew Beatty; Robert Bridge; Terence Martin Connolly.

MLitt Emily Lefebvre.

MDentCh Eleanor McGovern.

CL/06-07/080

Student Case – 01819364 The Council noted and approved the request of the Senior Lecturer for a student to repeat the Junior Sophister year in full in the academic year 2006-2007, constituting a third attempt.

CL/06-07/081

School of Social Sciences and Philosophy – Directors of Teaching and Learning The Council noted and approved the following appointments:

- (i) Undergraduate: Professor A H Matthews: from the beginning of Hilary term 2007 to the end of Michaelmas term 2008;
- (ii) Postgraduate: Professor R Holton (1 January to 31 December 2007 replacing Professor K R Benoit during his leave of absence).

CL/06-07/082

Personal Chairs – Titles The Council noted and approved the following titles for Personal Chairs:

- (i) Professor R Anwyl Professor of Neurophysiology;
- (ii) Professor D C Coleman Professor of Oral and Applied Microbiology;
- (iii) Professor M A Lynch Professor of Cellular Neuroscience.

CL/06-07/083

Nominating Committees The Council approved the membership of the following committees:

(i) Chemistry – Lecturer in Medicinal and Organic Chemistry (permanent)

Dean of Science

Professor M Senge

Professor D H Grayson

Dr I Rozas

Professor A M E O'Moore

Professor C McGuigan (Cardiff)

(ii) Nursing and Midwifery – Senior Lecturers/Associate Professors (3) (permanent) (Ref PAC 2005-06/279 (i) (b) of 21 June 2006)

Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences

Senior Lecturer

Professor C M Begley

Ms F Timmins

Professor B Parfitt (Glasgow Caledonian)

Professor B Hunter (Swansea)

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Appendix 1 to Actum CL/06-07/075

Nominations for Appointment

Department	Post	Name and Qualifications	Start date	Termination date (if contract)
Biochemistry & Immunology	Research Fellow	CARROLL, Audrey Margaret, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-01-2007	31-12-2009
Biochemistry & Immunology	Research Fellow	ARTEMENKO, Natalija, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Lomonosov, Moscow State University)	15-01-2007	14-06-2008
Biochemistry & Immunology	Research Fellow	KINSELLA, Gemma, B.Sc., Ph.D., Dip in Quality Improvement (Dubl.)	03-01-2007	02-01-2009
Biochemistry & Immunology	Research Fellow	JAMES, Tim, B.A., Ph.D. (Cantab.)	29-01-2007	28-01-2009
Computer Science & Statistics	Research Fellow	DAGGER, Declan, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-12-2006	30-11-2008
Computer Science & Statistics	Research Fellow	O'CALLAGHAN, David, B.A. (Dubl.)	01-11-2006	30-09-2007
Computer Science & Statistics	Research Fellow	RYAN, John Paul, B.A.I. (Dubl.)	01-11-2006	30-09-2007
Computer Science & Statistics	Research Fellow	REITSMA, Paul, B.Sc. (Br.Col.), M.Sc. (Brown), Ph.D. (Carnegie Mellon)	01-12-2006	30-11-2008
Computer Science & Statistics	Research Fellow	KENNY, Stuart, B.A., B.A.I., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-11-2006	30-04-2008
CRANN/ Physics	Research Fellow	MAGUIRE, Paula, B.Sc. (N.U.I.), Ph.D. (D.I.T.)	01-01-2007	30-06-2007
CRANN/ Physics	Research Fellow	RODE, Karsten, B.A. (Dubl.)	01-01-2007	31-12-2007
Engineering	Lecturer	ROBINSON, Anthony James, B.Eng., M.Eng., Ph.D. (McMaster)	01-01-2007	Permanent
Engineering	Lecturer	SIMMS, Ciaran, B.A., B.A.I., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-01-2007	Permanent
Engineering	Research Fellow	PAKRASHI, Vikram, B.E. (Jad.)	02-10-2006	31-12-2007
English	TCD Writer Fellow	HAVERTY, Anne, B.A., H.Dip.Ed. (Dubl.), M.A. (Sorbonne, Paris)	01-12-2006	30-06-2007
French	Part-time Lecturer	LYONS, Zachary, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-10-2006	30-09-2007
Genetics	Research Fellow	FINLAY, Emma, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-01-2007	30-09-2009
Haematology	Part-time Lecturer	O'DONNELL, James, B.A., M.B., Ph.D. (Lond.), MRCPI, MRCPATH	01-12-2006	Permanent

High Performance Computing/ Chemistry	Research Fellow	MARTIN, Paul, B.Sc. (Brighton), M.Sc. (Leeds)	02-01-2007	01-01-2009
High Performance Computing/ Chemistry	Research Fellow	WHITEFORD, Nava, B.Sc. (S'ton.)	04-12-2006	03-06-2008
Histories & Humanities	Research Associate	O'MALLEY, Kate, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-12-2006	30-09-2008
History	Research Associate	WALSH, John, B.A., M.Litt., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-12-2006	30-09-2008
History	Research Fellow	Ó CORRAÍN, Daithí, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-12-2006	31-08-2007
History	Research Associate	MAGUIRE, Martin, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-10-2006	30-09-2008
History	Research Fellow	MULDOWNEY, Mary Clare, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-12-2006	30-11-2007
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	MARRIUZZO, Franco, B.A., M.A. (Venice)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	O' DRISCOLL, Aidan, B.A., M.A. (Dubl.), M.Econ. (N.U.I.), Ph.D. (Ulster.)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	MAC MAOLÁIN, Caoimhín, B.C.L., LL.M. (N.U.I), Ph.D. (D.C.U.)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	MC GOLDRICK, Peter, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.), M.Sc. (Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven) Dip in Computer Science (N.U.I.)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	WALSH, Keith, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.), M.A. (N.U.I.)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	HAUSMANN, Guido, B.A., Dr.Phil. (Cologne)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	PLUMPER, Thomas, Ph.D., Dip. in Political Science (F.U.Berlin), Habil (Konstanz)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S	Research Associate	BINCHY, William, B.A., B.C.L., LL.M. (N.U.I.), M.A. (Dubl.)	01-12-2006	30-11-2009
I.I.I.S.	Research Fellow	GOKKIR, Necmettin, B.A. (Marmara), M.A. (Istanbul), Ph.D. (Manc.)	01-02-2007	30-09-2007
I.I.I.S.	Research Fellow	DOWLING, Michael, B.A. (Portsmouth), M.Sc. (Stir.)	01-12-2006	31-05-2007
Irish & Celtic Studies	Part-time Lecturer	Ó RAGHALLAIGH, Eoghan, B.A. (Dubl.), M.A. (N.U.I.)	01-10-2006	30-06-2007
Linguistic, Speech & Communica- tion Studies	Part-time Lecturer	GEE, Heather, B.A., M.A. (Witw.)	20-01-2007	20-09-2007
Medicine	Clinical Tutor	MULROY, Martin, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., RCP, SI (R.C.S.I.), DCH, DOWH (R.C.P.I.), MICGP (I.C.G.P.), MRCP (R.C.P. Edin)	01-10-2006	30-09-2009
Medicine	Lecturer	MILLER, Caragh, M.A. (N.U.I.), B.Sc. (Cran.)	01-01-2007	31-12-2009
Medicine	Lecturer	LEECH, Michelle, B.Sc. (Dubl.)	01-01-2007	31-12-2009

Medicine	Lecturer	HALLISSEY, Louise, B.Sc. (W.England)	01-01-2007	31-12-2009
Medicine	Senior Research Fellow	BOKDE, Arun Lawrence Warren, B.Sc. (Minn.), M.Sc. (Virginia), Ph.D. (Texas)	01-04-2007	30-03-2008
Medicine	Senior Research Fellow	EWERS, Michael, Ph.D. (Temple University, Philadelphia)	01-05-2007	30-04-2008
Pharmacy & Pharmaceu- tical Sciences	Research Fellow	CARR, Miriam, B.Sc. (N.U.I.)	02-01-2007	12-03-2007
Physics	Research Fellow	WANG, Jun, Ph.D. (Chinese HK)	14-12-2006	13-12-2008
Physics	Research Fellow	KOAYASHI, Takeyuki, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Keio University Japan)	31-12-2006	30-12-2007
Physiology	Part-time Lecturer	BURNS, Nicole, M.Sc. (Dubl.), B.A. (Occidental College)	01-10-2006	30-06-2007
Psychology	Clinical Tutor	KELLY, Grainne, B.A., M.A., (N.U.I.), D.Clin Psych (Dubl.)	07-12-2006	30-09-2008
Public Health & Primary Care	Research Nurse	GREALISH, Helen, SRN, B.A., M.Sc. (N.U.I.)	01-01-2007	31-10-2007
Public Health & Primary Care	Research Fellow	TELJEUR, Conor, B.E. (N.U.I.), M.Sc. (Dubl.)	01-01-2007	31-12-2009
Social Sciences & Philosophy	Research Fellow	WALSH, Jim, B.A., M.A., H.Dip (N.U.I.)	12-02-2007	10-08-2007
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Social Work & Social Policy	Part-time Lecturer	MC CARTHY, Paul, B.S.S. (Dubl.)	01-10-2006	30-09-2007
Social Work & Social	Part-time	MC CARTHY, Paul, B.S.S. (Dubl.) O'CONNELL, Redmond, B.A. (Dubl.)	01-10-2006 08-01-2007	30-09-2007 06-07-2007

Appendix 2 to Actum CL/06-07/075

Research Fellows converted to Contracts of Indefinite Duration in compliance with the Protection of Employees (Fixed-Term Work) Act, 2003

Department	Post	Name and Qualifications	Start date	Termination date (if contract)
Biochemistry & Immunology	Research Fellow	NIC A BHAIRD, Noirin, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-12-2006	Indefinite Duration
Genetics & Microbiology	Research Fellow	MILLINGTON-WARD, Sophia, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Leiden.), Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-10-2006	Indefinite Duration
Physics	Research Fellow	KEELY, Chris, B.Sc. (N.U.I.), Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-11-2006	Indefinite Duration
Physics	Research Fellow	ARORA, Sunil Kumar, Ph.D. (I.I.T. Delhi)	01-09-2006	Indefinite Duration
Psychology	Research Fellow	CROMIE, Samuel David, B.A., Ph.D. (Dubl.)	01-11-2006	Indefinite Duration