

*Incorporating any amendments approved at subsequent Council meetings*

The University of Dublin

Trinity College

A meeting of the University Council was held on Wednesday 16 February 2011 at 11.15 am in the Board Room.

<i>Present</i>	Provost, Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, Registrar, Senior Lecturer, Senior Tutor, Dean of Graduate Studies, Dean of Research, Acting-Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (Professor H Biehler), Dr E O'Dell, Dr M Ó Siochrú, Professor J Wickham, Professor G Watson, Dr D O'Donovan, Dr J P Labrador, Dr A McNabola, Dean of Health Sciences, Dr D Brennan, Professor M McCarron, Professor M Radomski, Dr H Mannan, Mr S Gannon, Dr A O'Gara, Professor G Whyte, Ms Cameron-Coen, Ms E Hennessy.
<i>Apologies</i>	Dr Z Rodgers, Dean of Engineering, Mathematics and Science, Ms J Fox, Ms M Collins, Mr R Bartlett, Ms C Keating, Ms L Quigley, Secretary to the Scholars (Mr B Roantree).
<i>In attendance</i>	Deputy Librarian, Secretary to the College, Academic Secretary, Chief Operating Officer, Head of Central Academic Administration Services.

SECTION A

CL/10-11/087 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings of:

- (i) 14 December, 2010 were approved and signed;
- (ii) 15 December 2010 were approved and signed;
- (iii) 21 January 2011 were approved and signed, subject to the recording of the name of Dr D O'Donovan as being in attendance.

CL/10-11/088 Matters Arising

- (i) **Council Interview for Chair appointments** Responding to concerns expressed about poor attendance of Council members at such meetings, the Provost encouraged members to make greater efforts to attend.
- (ii) **International Foundation Programme** Referring to Actum CL/10-11/072, the College Secretary advised that the concerns expressed at the previous meeting of Council had been brought to the attention of the College Solicitors. The contract has been thoroughly reviewed in legal terms and subsequently strengthened. It was noted that no changes had been made to the academic content of the contract.

- (iii) **Open Day 2010** The Senior Lecturer reported that Open Day successfully took place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011. Very positive feedback had been received, with indications that those attending were a more targeted group with a serious focus. It was noted that this was encouraging in the light of Council's earlier decision to hold Open Day on a Friday and Saturday in December 2011. The support of the College community in making Open Day a success was acknowledged.

**CL/10-11/089 Provost's Report**

The Provost reported that he, in conjunction with the other Irish universities, was preparing a position to respond to the new directives in respect of a new employment control framework for the public sector. Some Council members expressed concern at the government's increasing efforts to micro-manage the universities, stressing the need for universities to engage with the public in raising awareness of the role that universities play in a democracy.

**CL/10-11/090 Graduate Studies - Course Proposals**

(i) **M Phil. in Children's Literature**

A course proposal dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 leading to the award of a Master in Philosophy from the School of English was circulated. The Dean of Graduate Studies spoke to this proposal noting that it represented the first full-time course of this type in Ireland, had been approved by the Graduate Studies Committee and Library Committee, and had also received a positive external review assessment. It would be delivered full-time over a one-year period. The course would benefit from the Pollard Collection of Children's Books which would now be catalogued following the allocation of monies from the Alumni Fund. It was expected that the course would attract at least 16 students in its first year based, on the experience of the M.Phil. in Popular Literature and the appetite for children's literature at Sophister and M.Phil. dissertation level.

Arising from discussion, Council noted that the Registrar and Dean of Graduate Studies are shortly due to consider the commonly applied course regulation that restricts students exiting with a postgraduate diploma from proceeding to the master's award within the same course. A mechanism needed to be identified that enabled lifelong learning while simultaneously ensuring that progression to the masters was not based on the double counting of course work.

Council noted and approved the course proposal leading to an award of M.Phil. with a postgraduate diploma exit option.

(ii) **M.Sc. in Advanced Radiotherapy Practice**

A course proposal dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 leading to the award of a Master in Science from the School of Medicine was circulated. The Dean of Graduate Studies spoke to the document noting that it was proposed to introduce a second strand entitled 'Radiation Therapy Treatment Planning' to the existing M.Sc. in Advanced Radiotherapy Practice. The proposal had been approved by the Graduate Studies, Library and Finance Committees, and had also received

a positive external review assessment in which it had been noted that the structure might be one to consider for European-wide training in this area. The proposal was aimed at radiation therapists who have been identified by the National Cancer Control Programme as the health professionals who will have responsibility for planning cancer patients' radiotherapy treatments under the National Cancer Strategy. The strand has been developed to address the need for advanced professional training in radiotherapy treatment planning and assist the National Cancer Control Programme. It would be delivered part-time over a two-year period.

Council noted and approved the course proposal leading to an award of M.Sc. with a postgraduate diploma exit option.

**CL/10-11/091 Award Title: Specialist Diploma in Stage Management and Technical Theatre**  
A course proposal dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in Stage Management and Technical Theatre from the School of Drama, Film and Music was circulated. The Senior Lecturer spoke to the document noting that the proposed undergraduate programme is of two years duration, admits students with a level seven award and/or a good level of prior related experience, amounts to 120 ECT credits and leads to an award positioned at level eight on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). The proposal had been approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and received a positive external review assessment.

The Senior Lecturer drew Council's attention to the covering memorandum in which it had been proposed to introduce a new award title of 'Specialist Diploma' in order to distinguish from the Higher Diploma award where students are considered to be postgraduate students. As discussions regarding nomenclature of the award were ongoing with the NFQ, the title of the award is subject to change.

In considering the course proposal, Council noted that the course would be a constituent course of The Lir, National Academy of Dramatic Art (NADA). It was targeted at students wishing to develop a career as stage manager or technical specialist in professional theatre, and professionals in the area who wish to obtain a professional award. In the second year of the programme students will be required to complete a six week placement in a professional theatre.

Council approved the course proposal for launch in 2012/13, noting the nomenclature of the new award title had yet to be finalised.

**CL/10-11/092 Quality Assurance - Implementation Plan - School of Nursing and Midwifery**  
Council noted and approved the implementation plan for the School of Nursing and Midwifery dated December 2010, which was circulated with papers for the meeting. It was noted that the current plan not to pay nursing internships would have an adverse impact on College's financial assistance package for students in financial need. The transfer of funding for nursing programmes from the HSE (Health Service Executive) to the Higher Education Authority needs close monitoring.

- CL/10-11/093 Discontinuation of the Moderatorship in Philosophy and Political Science**  
A proposal from the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy to discontinue the Moderatorship in Philosophy and Political Science had been circulated. The School wishes to achieve rationalisation of course offerings, and students admitted onto the newly launched Moderatorship programme in Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology (PPES) could take a joint honors in Philosophy and Political Science. The proposal had been approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

In response to a query, the Head of the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy confirmed that students on the PPES programme are required to take economics in the first year only. A query was raised as to whether the Senate must approve the discontinuation of this programme. It was confirmed that the BA (Mod) is the award associated with the Philosophy & Political Science degree and the award is not being discontinued.

Council noted and approved the discontinuation of the Moderatorship in Philosophy and Political Science, noting that the last cohort to be admitted will be in the 2011/12 academic year.

- CL/10-11/094 Minutes of the Academic Appeals Committees for Graduate Students**  
The Registrar informed Council that the College's appeals structure had recently been strengthened through the establishment of two new academic appeals committees for Postgraduate Taught and Research students respectively; this had been achieved with the support of the Senior Tutor and her office. Council members were asked to inform colleagues of the existence of these committees and the new procedures now in place.

Council noted and approved the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2010, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011, and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 as circulated.

- CL/10-11/095 Any other urgent business**  
There was no other business.

## SECTION B

- CL/10-11/096 Graduate Studies Committee**  
Draft minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 as circulated were noted and approved by Council. Referring to Actum GS/10-11/028, the Dean of Graduate Studies noted that discussion on the Academic Year Structure did not represent a formal College position but was part of a wider consultation process.

- CL/10-11/097 Undergraduate Studies Committee**  
Draft minutes of the meeting of 1 February, 2011 were noted and approved by Council. Referring to Actum UGS/10-11/023, the Senior Lecturer also noted that discussion was part of the wider consultation process on the Academic Year Structure.

**CL/10-11/098 Research Committee**

Draft minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 circulated were noted and approved by Council. The Dean of Research drew Council's attention to the amended criteria for the formation of Centres, and subsequent oversight. Responding to a query in respect of the Research Prioritisation Exercise, the Dean of Research reported that College's submission to Forfás was based on entries in the Research Support System for every member of staff, and included every single output for the last five years and monies received.

**SECTION C****CL/10-11/099 Higher Degrees—Reports of Examiners**

The Council noted and approved the reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees, approved by the sub-committee of Board and Council on 15 December 2010 and 19 January 2011 and noted by Board on 2 February 2011.

**(i) 15 December 2010****(a) Professional Higher Degrees by Research Alone**

**MD** Cecelia Aoibhinn Lynch.

**(b) Higher Degrees by Research Alone**

**PhD** Fiona Byrne; Liam Cleary; Marie Therese Cooney; Anthony Christopher Harrington; Rachel Kavanagh; Buddhie Sanjeevanie Lankage; Baby Kamal Maloor; Jennifer McCann; Marian Bernadette O Flynn; Kaan Oguz; Sarah O'Toole; Darius Sagheri.

**MSc** Carmel Roche.

**MLitt** Karla Patricia Medina-McNamara; William Molesworth.

**(ii) 19 January 2011- Higher Degrees by Research Alone**

**PhD** Stephen Buckley; Fiona Burke; Jason Byrne; Kevin Anthony Carey; Jane Suzanne Carroll; Denise Charles; Ronan Daly; Emma Jane Dooley; Ciaran Fowley; Colin Rien Griffiths; Elizabeth Hennessy; Guniz Iskender; Elaine Kenny; Manuela Lunz; Colin John Martin; Paul McKay; Siobhan Ni Cuiineagain; Niamh O'Boyle; Mark O'Connell; Ruchika Sharma; Carolyn Linda Tobin.

**MSc** Marion Donnier-Marechal; Brian Tuffy.

**CL/10-11/100 Graduate Studies Business**

The Council noted a memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies, circulated, dated 8 February 2011 and approved:

- (i) amendment to the MSc in Applied Social Research (course code 252) to introduce a two-year part-time option, from September 2011;
- (ii) change of course title from 'MSc in Comparative European Politics' (course code 568/569) to 'MSc in Political Science', from September 2011.

**CL/10-11/101 Strategic Plan - Engagement with Society Advisory Group to Council**  
The Council noted Minutes of meeting of 21 June 2010.

**CL/10-11/102 Changes to admission requirements for non-EU applicants**  
The Council noted and approved a memorandum from the Senior Lecturer, circulated, dated 6 January 2011.

**CL/10-11/103 TSM Course Director**  
The Council noted and approved the nomination of Professor M McGowan as TSM Course Director, with effect from 1 January 2011, for three years.

**CL/10-11/104 School Directors**  
The Council noted and approved the following nominations:

- (i) **Chemistry** - Interim Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate)  
Professor D Grayson, 1 January to 31 July 2011;
- (ii) **Drama, Film and Music** - Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate)  
Dr E Rigaki, January 2011 to January 2012.

**CL/10-11/105 Headship - Music**  
The Council noted the nomination of Dr S Trezise as Head of Music from 1 January 2011.

**CL/10-11/106 Management Committee for the Two-subject Moderatorship Committee (Calendar B147)**  
The Council noted and approved a memorandum from the TSM Course Administrator, circulated, dated 4 February 2011.

**CL/10-11/107 Senior Promotions Committee - Ad Hoc Appeals Committee**  
The Council noted and approved the nomination of Professor C Normand (Edward Kennedy Professor of Health Policy and Management) as the representative of the University Council on the above committee.

**CL/10-11/108 Consolidated List of Teaching Assistants and Assistant Examiners including Demonstrators for 2010/11**  
The Council noted and approved a memorandum from the Senior Lecturer, circulated, dated 9 February 2011.

**CL/10-11/109 External Examiners on Continuing BEd and HDip (Primary) Programmes in the Associated Colleges of Education**

The Council noted and approved a memorandum from the Senior Lecturer, circulated, dated 8 February 2011.

**CL/10-11/110 AIB Chair of Children’s Research**

The Council noted and approved a memorandum from the Pro-Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, circulated, dated 3 February 2011. The membership of the search committee was approved, the Council noting that because of the involvement of two Schools and the nature of the research programme which involves a strong collaboration with the Officer of the Minister for children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA) a representative of that Office was nominated in place of a Professor from a cognate discipline in the Faculty.

- Provost
- Pro-Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer
- Pro-Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Head of School of Psychology
- Head of School of Social Work and Social Policy
- Representative from the office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
- Extern assessors (2)

**CL/10-11/111 Provost’s Teaching Award Scheme 2011**

The Council noted a memorandum from Dr B Foley, circulated, dated 13 December and approved amendments to the Provost’s Teaching Award Scheme 2011, together with the membership of the panel as set out below:

- Director of CAPSL *chair*
- Assistant Academic Secretary
- Vice-President, GSU
- Education Officer, SU
- Professor A Hyland *external examiner*
- Six members of the academic staff:*
  - Professor J Kelly, School of Chemistry
  - Dr S Clarke, School of Computer Science and Statistics
  - Dr C Morris, School of Histories and Humanities
  - Professor C Brady, School of Histories and Humanities
  - Professor C Begley, School of Nursing and Midwifery
  - Ms A Craig, Radiation Therapy/School of Medicine

**SECTION D**

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Signed .....

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