

**The University of Dublin**

**Trinity College**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Site and Facilities Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in the Board Room, House 1.**

*Present* Dr. J.K. McGinley in the Chair, Bursar (Prof. M. O'Mahony), Acting Treasurer (Mr. Ian Mathews), President of the Students' Union (Mr. Cathal Reilly), Chief Operating Officer (Mr. Chris Lyons), Prof. Mary McCarron, Director of Buildings (Mr. Paul Mangan).

*Apologies* Prof. Colm O'Morain, Prof. Roger Stalley, Dean of Students (Mr. G. Whyte).

*In Attendance* Deputy Director of Buildings (Mr. Pat McDonnell).  
Ms. S. Mac Mahon (Executive Officer, Director of Buildings Office).

**SF/07-08/55 - Proposed Purchase of a Property at South Leinster Street**

A memorandum dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 from the Director of Buildings seeking approval for a recommendation to purchase a property on South Leinster Street was circulated to the Committee. This item is on the agenda to be tabled at the Board Meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February for endorsement. The property brochure was also circulated. The Director of Buildings provided a detailed outline of the building, its size, strategic location, potential for redevelopment and a clear indication from the advice of the College property advisors that the building represents value for money in the current market. He pointed out that there is an urgent requirement for space for post graduate arts students, health services management and student counselling that must be addressed. He said that the Estates Strategy Team has reviewed possible rental accommodation for these areas. The Acting Treasurer advised the Committee that the benefits of the College making a purchase at this time was discussed and supported by the Finance Committee and in turn, Executive Officers has voted to recommend this particular purchase to Board.

A detailed discussion ensued and a number of questions were raised by the Bursar and other members and it was agreed that the Director of Buildings will circulate a supplementary paper to contain further particulars including the name(s) of the current owners and the data gathered by our property advisors indicating the means by which they reached the conclusion that this property represents value for money for the College at this time.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**SF/07-08/56 – Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Site and Facilities Committee is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

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