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Global engagement Committee Meeting
27th May 2024**

Present:

Dr E Stokes (Vice President for Global Engagement), Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Prof A Phelan (Global Director School of Nursing & Midwifery), Ms B Walls (Director of Student Services), Dr B Broderick (Associate Dean of Research), Dr C Barbour (Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies), Prof D Shepherd (Senior Lecturer), Prof D Sullivan (Global Director School of Dental Science), Dr F Boylan (Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr F O'Toole (Global Director School of Social Sciences and Philosophy), Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology), Prof I Rozas (Global Director School of Chemistry), Dr J Byrne (Global Director School of Social Works & Social Policy), Mr L Molnárfi (Student Union President), Prof M Smith (Dean of Graduate Studies), Dr M Otto (Global Director School of English), Dr M Huggard (Global Director School of Computer Science and Statistics), Mr N Murphy (Head of Accommodation), Dr N Ni Chiarain (Global Director School of Linguistic Speech & Communication), Prof P Geoghegan (Global Director School of History & Humanities), Dr R Walsh (Global Director School of Law), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Prof T Hodgkinson (Global Director School of Natural Sciences)

Apologies:

Prof A Mc Nabola (Global Director School of Engineering), Dr B C Browne (Global Director School of Religion), Prof C O'Farrelly (Global Director School of Biochemistry & Immunology), Prof C Bergin (Global Director School of Medicine), Dr D Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), Dr K Maguire (Global Director School of Physics), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students), Mr S Williams (Director of Global Engagement & Enterprise)

In Attendance:

Ms A Févry (Secretary to the committee), Ms F McNamara (Executive Director, ASD)

Ex Officio:

Mr D Coogan (Associate Director, Student Recruitment), Ms D Shirt (Executive Assistant to VP Global), Mr J Johnston (Policy & Research Advisor), Ms L Staunton (Associate Director, Trinity Global Experience), Ms M Garvey (Business Planning & Data Manager), Ms N Burke (Associate Director, Partnerships & Global Mobility)

Executive Director - ASD, Ms F McNamara, joined the meeting at this point.

GEC/23-24/May.1

Consultation on Strategic Plan 2025-2030

The Dean of Graduate Studies and the Executive Director, ASD consulted with the committee members on the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. They noted the closing date of 7th June for the staff consultative survey and highlighted the upcoming launch of a student consultative survey.

Discussion:

Considering strategic actions that would transform the way we operate during the next five years, the following points were raised:

- Equality and inclusion in the context of Student Mobility
- The combination of sustainability and Student Mobility
- Accessibility of education

Executive Director - ASD, Ms F McNamara, left the meeting at this point.

GEC/23-24/May.2

Matters Arising

The minutes of the Global Engagement meeting held on 06th March 2024 were approved.

Associate Director, Trinity Global Experience, Ms Staunton, noted action GEC/23-24/Mar.4.1 related to Pathway to Belonging and Go in' as complete.

GEC/23-24/May.3

GRS3 + 1

VP Global highlighted the extension of GRS3 by one year aligning to the timelines of the university strategic plan. She noted the focus on the documentation of a draft Global Engagement business plan by December. It was advised that small working groups would be created over the summer to support this work and expression of interest would issue. It was also noted that one of the working group would focus on the revision of Terms of Reference both for the committee and the Global Director role.

Global Director School of Nursing & Midwifery, Prof A Phelan, joined the meeting at this point. Director of Student Services, Ms B Walls, left the meeting at this point.

GEC/23-24/May.4

Annual Report

VP Global asked for feedback on the Global Engagement annual report previously circulated.

Discussion:

The expansion of the Footprint map to include Research collaborations was discussed. It was noted that we will be implementing one to two census dates per year, which will inform the future updating of the interactive map.

Pending slight changes to the wording of a new partnership with the School of Law, the report was approved by the committee.

The matter of highlighting one particular conflict in the Executive Summary was raised by a member of the committee. The VP for Global Engagement responded by noting that she had also reflected on this and, having reviewed her two previous such summaries in which she highlighted specific events, she had decided on this text. The matter was considered by the committee and it was agreed by consensus that the wording would remain as proposed.

Dean of Graduate Studies left the meeting at this point.

GEC/23-24/May.5

AOB

VP Global and Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies, Dr C Barbour, provided an update on the recent global engagement trip to Mexico focusing on strategic recruitment in Latin America and university partnerships in Mexico. They noted Trinity's participation in the Language Fair, the visit to five universities and engagement with an additional two.

VP Global acknowledged and thanked the committee for the work delivered to date. She noted the retirement of Director of Global Engagement & Enterprise, Mr S Williams, the end of term as Global Directors for Dr Boylan (School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr A Phelan (School of Nursing & Midwifery), and Prof D Sullivan (School of Dental Sciences), and the end of term of Senior Lecturer, Prof D Shepherd and thanked them for their contribution.

VP for Global Engagement also informed the committee of the award to Trinity Global of an Athena Swan Bronze Award – the first professional unit in Ireland to achieve this award. She acknowledged the commitment of the entire Trinity Global team and the self-assessment team. She thanked Audrey Fevry and Michelle Garvey in particular for their leadership of this project.

The meeting concluded at 12.50pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12th June at 2pm on Zoom.