



**Trinity College Dublin  
The University of Dublin  
Global engagement Committee Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Present:** Dr R Walsh (Global Director School of Law) – acting Chair, Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Dr A Jorgensen, (Global Director School of English), Ms Breda Walls (Director of Student Services), Dr C Barbour (Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies), Prof C O’Farrelly (Global Director School Biochemistry & Immunology), Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology), Dr F Boylan (Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr F O’Toole (Global Director School of Social Sciences and Philosophy), Dr I Polyzois (Global Director School of Dental Sciences), Mr N Murphy (Head of Accommodation), Dr N O’Connor (Global Director School of Natural Sciences), Dr R Hobbs (Global Director School of Chemistry), Dr S Flynn (Global Director School of Social Works and Social Policy), Prof V Wade (Senior Lecturer)

**Apologies:** Dr E Stokes (Vice President for Global Engagement), Prof Anil Kokaram (Global Director School of Engineering), Dr B C Browne (Global Director School of Religion), Dr B Broderick (Associate Dean of Research), Prof C Bergin (Global Director School of Medicine), Dr Dmitri Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), Ms J Whelan (Global Director School of Nursing and Midwifery), Dr K McTiernan (Global Director School of Linguistic, Speech & Communications), Ms J Maguire (Students Union President), Mr J Jeromela (PG Representative), Dr K Maguire (Global Director School of Physics), Prof M Smith (Dean of Graduate Studies), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), Dr M Huggard (Global Director School of Computer Science and Statistics), Prof P Geoghegan (Global Director School of History & Humanities), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students), Dr S Smith (Senior Tutor)

**In Attendance:** Ms A Févry (Secretary to the committee)

**Ex Officio:** Ms A Byrne (Future Students Strategy Adviser), Ms B Coman (Director of Marketing), Mr D Coogan (Associate Director, Student Recruitment, Ms D Shirt (Executive Assistant to VP Global), Dr J Johnston (Policy and Research Advisor), Ms L Staunton (Associate Director, Trinity Global Experience), Dr S Hunter (Associate Director, Partnerships & Global Mobility)



**GEC/24-25/Dec/1**

**Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the Global Engagement meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved.

**GEC/24-25/Dec/2**

**Matters Arising**

Representation at BT Young Scientists Exhibition.

It was confirmed that Trinity will have a stand at the BY Young Scientists Exhibition on 9-11<sup>th</sup> January.

Global Engagement: Roles of future directors and governance

Committee members were reminded to send expressions of interest for the Global Engagement governance taskforce to the secretary of this committee.

**GEC/24-25/Dec/3**

**Student Recruitment Update**

Associate Director – Recruitment, Mr D Coogan, provided an update by way of presentation. He noted a continuing growth in UG applications with a high volume of applications from the USA and highlighted growth for Non-EU PGT and EU PGT. Mr Coogan noted the reduction in applications from China, which is experienced within the sector and had been forecasted due to the active recruitment efforts from Japan and other countries within Asia.

Discussion:

The drop-off percentage from acceptance to registration was discussed. It was suggested that the Institution could consider raising the deposit paid by students to reduce the volume of drop-offs.

Action:

- 3.1 Access to application data by schools through Power BI to be coordinated.

**GEC/24-25/Dec/4**

**Admissions Pilot**

Future Students Strategy Advisor, Ms A Byrne, provided an update on the Admissions Pilot by way of presentation. She noted the expansion of a pilot ran in 23-24 and now including 9 schools and 21 programmes and of a focus on applicants from China and India.

She highlighted the purpose of the pilot in reducing the administrative burden from schools and Academic Registry.



Discussion:

A query on the possible impact of the pilot to current Service Level Agreements for the review of applications was raised.

English language as a requirement and the need to differentiate between written and aural proficiency was raised in the context of the evaluation of applications.

Action:

- 4.1 Future Students Strategy Advisor, Ms A Byrne, and Director of Student Services, Ms B Walls, will discuss Service Level Agreements

**GEC/24-25/Dec/5**

**Grade Conversion Project**

Policy and Research Advisor, Dr J Johnston, provided an update on the Grade Conversion Project by way of presentation. He noted the purpose in identifying the management of resources, sharing of knowledge and best practice and the development of policies.

It was noted through discussion that the findings from this project will inform next steps from an academic perspective and consider the centralisation of this activity in the future.

**GEC/24-25/Dec/6**

**Embassy and Diplomatic Engagement**

Executive Assistant to VP Global, Ms D Shirt, provided an update on Trinity Global's embassy and diplomatic engagement by way of presentation. She noted the gaps in these activities following the retirement of the Director of Global Engagement and the recognition of the importance of these activities within Trinity Global and the Institution.

Discussion:

A query around the objectives of these activities was raised. Examples of recent diplomatic engagements with Mexico (School of Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies, and School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) and Italy (School of Law) and their benefits were discussed. It was highlighted that a proactive and centralised approach could benefit the university both in an academic and research context.

Action:

- 6.1 Global Directors to engage with Ms Shirt to capture their diplomatic engagement with a view to inform the diplomatic strategy within Global Engagement activities.



**GEC/24-25/Dec/7**

**AOB**

Trinity Taskforce on Academic and Institutional International Links

Associate Director – Trinity Global Experience, Ms L Staunton, noted the participation of Trinity Global in the Trinity Taskforce on Academic and Institutional International Links. She highlighted the email issued from the Senior Dean on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, seeking submissions from the College community on the matters to be considered by this task group.

Stayback Visa

Associate Director – Trinity Global Experience, Ms L Staunton, provided guidance in relation to a Stayback visa query raised. It was highlighted that the Global Experience team responds to visa queries through the Trinity Global Immigration Officer, Mr Z Wang and through the Global Room ([tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie](mailto:tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie))

The meeting concluded at 12pm.

The next meeting will be taking place in person on 4<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am.