



**Trinity College Dublin
The University of Dublin
Global engagement Committee Meeting
6th November 2024**

Present:

Dr E Stokes (Vice President for Global Engagement), Dr A Bray (Global Director School of Education), Dr A Jorgensen, (Global Director School of English), Ms Breda Walls (Director of Student Services), Dr B Broderick (Associate Dean of Research), 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), Ms J Whelan (Global Director School of Nursing and Midwifery), Dr K McTiernan (Global Director School of Linguistic, Speech & Communications), Dr M Sihra (Global Director School of Creative Arts), Dr M Huggard (Global Director School of Computer Science and Statistics), Dr N O'Connor (Global Director School of Natural Sciences), Prof P Geoghegan (Global Director School of History & Humanities), Dr R Walsh (Global Director School of Law), Dr R Porter (Dean of Students),

Apologies:

Prof Anil Kokaram (Global Director School of Engineering), Dr B C Browne (Global Director School of Religion), Dr C Barbour (Global Director School of Languages, Literature & Cultural Studies), Prof C O'Farrelly (Global Director School Biochemistry & Immunology), Prof C Bergin (Global Director School of Medicine), Dr Dmitri Zaitsev (Global Director School of Mathematics), Dr I Polyzois (Global Director School of Dental Sciences), Ms J Maguire (Students Union President), Dr K Maguire (Global Director School of Physics), Prof M Smith (Dean of Graduate Studies), Mr N Murphy (Head of Accommodation), Prof R Jayasekera (Global Director School of Business), Dr R Hobbs (Global Director School of Chemistry), Dr S Smith (Senior Tutor), Dr S Flynn (Global Director School of Social Works and Social Policy), Prof V Wade (Senior Lecturer)

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), Ms M Garvey (Business Planning & Data Manager), Dr S Hunter (Associate Director, Partnerships & Global Mobility)

GEC/24-25/Nov/1

Minutes & Matters arising

The minutes of the Global Engagement meeting held on 24th September 2024 were approved.

GEC/24-25/Nov/2

Minutes & Matters arising

The following matters arising were discussed:

a. Representation at BT Young Scientists Exhibition

Action:

- 2.1 Associate Director Recruitment (Mr D Coogan), Director of Marketing (Ms B Coman) and Dr E Nixon (Global Director School of Psychology) will meet to discuss engagement opportunities at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition.

b. Admissions Pilot Project

Future Students Strategy Adviser (Ms A Byrne) noted that 400 applications were received for eligible programmes since the applications portal opened. She also noted that the feedback received to date from the schools engaged in the pilot is positive.

Action:

- 2.2 Future Students Strategy Adviser (Ms A Byrne) and Director of Student Services (Ms B Walls) will discuss initial challenges with the application link.

c. Grade Conversion Project

Research and Policy Advisor (Dr J Johnston) noted that information around current processes is currently being gathered with a view to develop policies that will support these processes in the future.

Actions:

- 2.3 Research and Policy Advisor (Dr J Johnston) will coordinate meetings with schools who are not familiar with this project.
- 2.4 Dr F O'Toole (Global Director School of Social Sciences and Philosophy) and Dr R Walsh (Global Director School of Law) will work with Research and Policy Advisor (Dr J Johnston) on this project to provide Academic knowledge and expertise.

GEC/24.25/Nov/3

Institution Framework

VP Global (Dr E Stokes) updated on the Institutional strategic framework by way of presentation. She spoke to GRS3 and its alignment to the institution strategic plan to 2025.

Considering the landscape, Trinity's core values and commitments, Dr Stokes noted the inclusion of a strategic framework for internationalisation and

global engagement within the institution as an enabler for the next university strategic plan.

She highlighted the gathering of data from consultation with schools, external consultancy research on TNE and student recruitment as well as internal evaluations to inform the draft primary objectives of this framework.

The committee agreed to the framework approach for Global Engagement beyond GRS3 and 2025.

The following changes to the primary objectives were suggested:

- inclusion of sustainability as a primary objective,
- addition of the word inclusive as part of the “welcoming, supportive and diverse community” objective
- the consideration and importance of security-driven controls on information

GEC/24-25/Nov/4

Global Engagement: Roles of future directors and governance

VP Global (Dr E Stokes) spoke to the Global Engagement Committee, its terms of reference (ToR), governance and the role of Global Director.

She noted the requirement to review the governance of global engagement activities in college as well as the development of core activities for the role of Global Director.

Expressions of interest were sought from committee members to volunteer in a task group who would work on this review. Director of Student Services (Ms B Walls) expressed her interest.

Further volunteers will be required to put together this task group for work to commence in Semester 2.

Action:

- 4.1 Committee members to contact the GEC Secretary (Ms A Fevry) to note their interest in taking part in this task group.

GEC/24-25/Nov/5

Partnerships Update

Associate Director Partnerships (Dr S Hunter) provided an update on international partnerships by way of presentation.

She noted the transition in planning for 25-30 from “Partnerships Approval” to “Partnerships Proposal” where criteria and objectives will be assessed allowing a more strategic focus to partnerships development.

Dr F Boylan (Global Director School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) joined the meeting at this point.

Dr S Hunter highlighted the retrospective review of partnerships developed under GRS3 and the planned consultation with participating schools.

Clarification was provided in relation to partnership renewal and confirmation that current partnerships could be renewed was provided.

In relation to partnership links with research, it was noted that the Research office can provide data.

Director of Student Services (Ms B Walls) left the meeting at this point.

GEC/24-25/Nov/6

AOB

The challenge around accommodation for students coming on short term mobility was raised.

VP Global (Dr E Stokes) clarified the process around the allocation of student accommodation.

Associate Director Trinity Global Experience (Ms L Staunton) highlighted two roles within Trinity Global with a focus on accommodation where queries could be escalated: Engagement Officer (Ms R O'Malley), and the Student Experience Manager taking up post in December (Dr D Johnson).

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th December at 11am in the Trinity Boardroom.