



UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE DEAN OF RESEARCH

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Dear Colleagues,

As Chair, I am very pleased to welcome you all as members of the newly reconstituted College Research Committee. I believe us to be the largest committee in Trinity's structures and note that we carry a hugely significant brief at a time of unprecedented national uncertainty.

To that end, and to ensure that we progress some pressing matters of business at our first meeting next week, I'm taking the somewhat unusual step of writing to you to contextualise our first agenda via annotation below.

It is my hope that with this advance contextual information and appropriate pre-meeting preparation we can move through our business with common purpose at an appropriate pace to effect meaningful decision where required.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Best regards

Dr David G. Lloyd

Dean of Research

The University of Dublin
Trinity College

There will be a meeting of the Research Committee on Wednesday 1st Dec 2010 at 14.00 in the Large Conference Room, O'Reilly Building

A G E N D A

Section A

- A.1 Minutes
Meeting of 5th October 2010 (encl)
- A.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes
- A.3 Research Funding Projections
Memo from Dean of Research (encl)
Funding Projections (encl)
Postgraduate Fee Shortfall (encl)
This is intended to bring the scale of challenge facing College to the committee's attention & to highlight key future pressure points in the system, so as to best inform policy decisions enacted by this group
- A.4 National Research Prioritisation Exercise
Background information (encl)
This item outlines the external actions underway (and reinforced in today's 4 year fiscal adjustment document published by government) and is intended to highlight the evolution of the national funding landscape
Initial Memorandum to Forfas (encl)
Initial input from College to Forfas in response to an 'urgent' request for information received last week - linked to agenda item A5
School Mapping (encl)
- A.5 Implementation of Research Elements of College Strategic Plan
Proposal from Dean of Research (encl)
This item outlines a proposal which the committee is invited to consider in light of matters A3 and A4.
Comments Received to Date (encl)
These comments were received last summer on foot of initial circulation of the implementation document to the 'Champions' named therein and the support units which would be affected through its adoption as written. Please note that the comments refer to the first draft of the implementation document, which differs slightly (but not materially) to the document circulated to the committee today - the major differences presented in the current draft relate to the business development unit section and the innovation policy - the current document more accurately reflects those matters now formally agreed between TCD and UCD in this area under the Innovation Alliance.

A.6 Any Other Urgent Business

Section B

B.1 Science Gallery Activities and Opportunities Presentation by Michael John Gorman (Science Gallery)

Section C

C.1 Items for Discussion at Future Meetings (i) implementation of open access publication policy (ii) review of Good Research Practice policy (as per BD/09-10/51) Oct 2010 (iii) annual review of Research Committee and its terms of reference (iv) commitments against Research Committee Budget

C.2 Any Other Business

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*Dr J Callaghan
Secretary to Committee*

Membership 2010-11 (from December 2010)

Dean of Research (Chair)

Director (or Associate Director) of Trinity Research & Innovation

Dean of Graduate Studies

Director of Research, School of Business

Director of Research, School of Drama, Film & Music

Director of Research, School of Education

Director of Research, School of English

Director of Research, School of Histories and Humanities

Director of Research, School of Languages, Literatures & Cultural Studies

Director of Research, School of Law

Director of Research, School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences

Director of Research, School of Psychology

Director of Research, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Director of Research, School of Social Work and Social Policy

Director of Research, School of Religions, Theology and Ecumenics

Director of Research, School of Biochemistry and Immunology

Director of Research, School of Chemistry

Director of Research, School of Computer Science and Statistics

Director of Research, School of Engineering

Director of Research, School of Genetics and Microbiology

Director of Research, School of Mathematics

Director of Research, School of Natural Sciences

Director of Research, School of Physics

Director of Research, School of Dental Science

Director of Research, School of Medicine

Director of Research, School of Nursing and Midwifery

Director of Research, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Director of Research, CRANN

Director of Research, Trinity Long Room Hub

Director of Research, TCIN

Director of Research, IIS

President, Graduate Students' Union

Chair, Trinity Research Staff Association

In attendance:

Dr Patrick Geoghegan, Associate Dean of Research

Ms Doris Alexander

Ms Deirdre Savage

Dr Camilla Kelly (Minute Secretary to the Committee)