

# Research Committee

## Minutes of 1st November 2002

**Present:** Michael Gibney (Dean of Research), Deirdre Savage, David Dickson, John Dillon, John Saeed, Elizabeth Drew, Michael Coey, Dermot Kelleher, Hilary Tovey, Jim Sexton

1. **Apologies:**  
Margaret O'Mahony, Doris Alexander, Maria Treanor, Clive Williams, Sheila Greene
2. **Minutes of the meeting of October 4th.**  
Item 1 of the minutes was amended to indicate that the research referred to was for the science and technology areas.
3. **TCHPC Co-ordination Committee**  
Correspondence from Professor John Corish indicating that the Research Committee would take over the function of the TCHPC Co-ordination Committee was noted.
4. **Review of the TCHPC**  
Regarding the forthcoming review of the High Performance Computing Centre, proposed terms of reference and processes for a review from Professor Corish were noted. Following some discussion, modifications were proposed which Professor Jim Sexton will take to the HPC Development Committee. At the next meeting of the Research Committee, he will submit revised terms of reference and list names from which the review panel will be chosen.
5. **Berkeley Fellowships**  
Professor Sexton will present some proposals for Berkeley Fellowship outreach at the next meeting.
6. **Review of Centres**  
A lengthy discussion on a review of *Centres* took place leading to the following decisions:
  - A Task Force on Centres (TFC) be established to include the following:

Philip Lane  
John Dillon

Globalisation Institute  
Platonic Studies

Mark Lawlor	DMMC
Margaret O'Mahony	Transport Research
Audrey Crosby	High Performance Computing
Gráinne Collins	Employment Research Centre
Deirdre Savage	Treasurer's Office
Joe Carroll	Faculty of Science

- Following a preliminary brainstorming meeting of this group, a forum comprising representatives of all research centres and the Deans of all faculties will be held to have a full discussion of all issues.
- The TFC will then formulate a work programme to cover the following issues:
  - Centres sub-committee of the Research Committee
  - Centres establishment process
  - Classes of centres
  - Reviewing centres
  - Finance
  - Governance
- The TFC may set up small groups and second various individuals to assist in their work.
- A regular update will be provided to the Research Committee to whom a final draft report will be submitted prior to its submission to Board and to Council.

#### 7. **Research collaboration with China**

It was agreed that Dermot Kelleher, Mike Coey, Jane Grimson and John Fitzpatrick be asked to formulate some expressions of interest for a visit to China to ascertain possible research collaboration.

#### 8. **Any Other Business**

The chair raised several items under *Any other business*.

- The Committee reaffirmed that, as with external funding agencies, requests to receive maintenance grants from members of staff who failed to make a correct submission were rejected. However, illness was considered to be a justifiable exception.
- It was agreed that in light of the need to revisit the Research Committee's budget, a small group (Mike Gibney, David Dickson, Deirdre Savage) prepare a Green Paper on this topic with a positive frame of mind.
- The Chair led a discussion on a possible research and

innovation magazine with a soft well for Trinity, which received broad support. Financial assistance from the Trinity Foundation was deemed worthwhile pursuing.

The Committee recorded its gratitude to Elizabeth Drew, President of the GSU, who was attending her last meeting in that capacity and wished her well in resuming her PhD studies.

The next meeting will take place in the Board Room, No. 1 College Green, at 2 pm on Friday 6th December.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_