**Report of the Standing Committee of Convocation**

**Wednesday 21 June 2023 (originally prepared for November 2022)**

The Standing Committee of Convocation held five ordinary meetings in from 1st August 2021- 31st July 2022. The table below shows attendance of elected and co-opted members at these meetings.

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|  | **Appointed** | **Current term** | **First name** | **Surname** | **SCC attendance (apology)** |
| Chair | 2021 | 2025 | Eoin | McMullan | 5 (0) |
| Deputy Chair | 2021 | 2025 | Jonathan | Hill | 5 (0) |
| Elected member | 2021 | 2025 | Fergal | McFerran | 5 (0) |
| Elected member | 2021 | 2025 | Tanya  | Anderson | 4 (1) |
| Elected member | 2018 | \* | Stephen | McCrystall | 5 (0)  |
| Elected member | 2018 | 2022 | Victoria | Denoon | 3 (2) |
| Elected member | 2018 | \* | Mark | Wallace | 2 (3) |
| Elected member | 2017 | \* | Erin | Early | 1 (4) |
| Elected member | 2017 | \* | Feargus  | McCauley | 5 (0) |
| Elected member | 2006 | \* | Murray | Power | 4 (1) |
| Co-opted member | 2021 | 2022 | Carolyn  | Forster | 4 (1) |

\*Current terms determined in accordance with Transitional Arrangements specified in paras 55 - 59 of Standing Orders

As this report was originally prepared for November 2022, we also note that The Standing Committee of Convocation held 3 ordinary meetings between 1st August 2022 – 1st May 2023. The table below shows attendance of elected and co-opted members at these meetings.

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| Deputy Chair | 2021 | 2025 | Jonathan | Hill |  1 (2)  |
| Elected member | 2021 | 2025 | Fergal | McFerran |  3 (0) |
| Elected member | 2021 | 2025 | Tanya  | Anderson |  3 (0) |
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| Elected member | 2017 | \* | Feargus  | McCauley |  3 (0) |
| Elected member | 2006 | \* | Murray | Power |  1 (2) |
| Co-opted member | 2021 | 2022 | Carolyn  | Forster |  0 (3) |

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The broad themes this year have been

* Implementing the amendments to standing orders after last year’s Annual Meeting when approved by Senate.
* Implementing a subcommittee structure to takes these changes forward.
* Development a strategy for Convocation with Strategy 2030 and its implications for Convocation in mind.

I would like to recognise and thank the committee for their continual work and support during what continues to be a challenging time.

We are also thankful for the support of QUB and DARO staff during the period.

In particular we have been able to return to face-to-face meetings (with digital attendees as appropriate) and have implemented our subcommittee structure.

These include

* Membership Sub Committee
* Annual Meeting Sub Committee
* Governance and Standing Orders Sub Committee

In particular, we have continued to deepen and develop our relationship with the University of Western Australia and Ulster University.

We have held a number of digital meetings with our counter parts in Western Australia and have found this to be a hugely beneficial learning experience for both sides.

We have also had a visit to Ulster University new campus to meet their convocation, exchange ideas and agree a mechanism for formalising our connection.

We have often been going through parallel processes with regard to Convocation and that has been extremely useful for us both these last few months.

In particular it has fed into the Strategy review and Strategy plan.

We have also sought to deepen our relationship with Queens Student’s Union hosting an event as part of their transition time in June 2022.

We have begun to implement our expansion of the Standing Committee membership and making our Annual Meeting more accessible through the use of digital platforms.