

Library Strategy Committee

Introduction

The role of the Library Strategy Committee is to ensure that the academic needs of the University are met and that the Library develops and maintains appropriate services, collections and facilities for staff, students and other users in accordance with the University's strategic plan. The Committee reports to Academic Council which receives the minutes of the Committee.

Terms of Reference

- Ensure that Library services, collections and facilities are embedded in the University's academic mission and overall strategy.
- Advise on Library strategy, planning, policy and resourcing, playing a consultative role in new initiatives
- Engage actively with stakeholders and constituencies on an ongoing basis
- Establish working or advisory groups for specific purposes as required.

The Committee takes a strategic role, shaping the development of the Library in accordance with the University's strategy and the Library's strategic plan. It is intended that membership is a stimulating and fulfilling experience, with the opportunity to contribute positively and to achieve. Members work closely with the Library, deepening their understanding through briefings and previewing, questioning and advising on new developments to deliver positive outcomes for all. They influence strongly at and beyond meetings, advocating for the Library and championing its role on campus and externally. An outward-looking approach enables the Library to promote the University in the wider world.

Frequency of Meetings

Three per year

Membership (3-year term)

		Date of Membership
Deputy President and Registrar (Chair)	Prof. Peter McHugh	01 May 2024*
University Librarian (Secretary)	Mr. John Cox	26 May 2015*
Dean of Graduate Studies	Prof. Donal Leech	14 May 2020*
Director of Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching	Dr. Iain Mac Labhrainn	26 May 2015*
Students Union President	Mr. Pádraic Toomey	4 Nov 2020*
Students Union Education Officer	Ms Emma Sweeney	4 Nov 2020*
Students Union Taught Postgraduate Representative	Mr Martin Smyth	4 Nov 2020*
Students Union Research Postgraduate Representative	Mr Sebastiaan Bierema	4 Nov 2020*
External member	Eithne Verling (Galway City Museum)	27 January 2020
College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies	Prof. Patrick Lonergan	17 October 2019**
College of Business, Public Policy and Law	Prof. Alan Ahearne	7 November 2018**
College of Engineering and Informatics	Dr. William Ronan	7 November 2018**
College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences	Dr Rosemary Geoghegan	7 November 2018**
College of Science	Dr John Murray	28 January 2019**
Member of HSS Research institute	Dr. Ríona Ní Fhrighil (School of Languages, Literatures & Cultures)	15 May 2017**
Member of STM Research institute	Dr. Linda Biesty (School of Nursing & Midwifery)	15 May 2017**
Contract Researcher representative	Dr. Galina Brychkova	7 November 2018
Chair of Archives Strategy Committee	Prof. Daniel Carey, Moore Institute	22 September 2015*
Director of Marketing and Communications	Ms. Lorna Farren	15 May 2017*
Library: Head of Marketing and Engagement	Ms. Evelyn Bohan	26 May 2015*
Library: Head of Digital Publishing and Innovation	Mr. Peter Corrigan	26 May 2015*
Library: Head of Collections	Ms. Monica Crump	26 May 2015*
Library: Head of Research and Learning	Mr. Niall McSweeney	26 May 2015*
Library: Head of Operations	Ms. Ann Mitchell	26 May 2015*
Library Administrator (in attendance)	Ms. Ann Cullinane	26 May 2015*

*Ex officio; **Nominated;

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