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National University of Ireland

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Biennial Report 2016 - 2017



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CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN



University College Dublin

An Coláiste Ollscoile,
Baile Átha Cliath

www.ucd.ie



University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

University College Cork

Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh

www.ucc.ie



NUI Galway

Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh

www.nuigalway.ie



COLLEGES LINKED WITH CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES COLÁISTÍ CEANGAILTE LEIS NA COMH-OLLSCOILEANNA



BURREN COLLEGE OF ART

Burren College of Art

Coláiste Ealaíne na Boirne

www.burrencollege.ie



Institute of Public Administration¹

An Foras Riaracháin

www.ipa.ie



National College of Art and Design

Coláiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne is Deartha

www.ncad.ie



¹ The IPA will become a Recognised College of NUI from September 2018.

RECOGNISED COLLEGES OF NUI COLÁISTÍ AITHEANTA OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN



Maynooth University
Ollscoil Mhá Nuad
www.maynoothuniversity.ie



RCSI
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Coláiste Ríoga na Máinleá in Éirinn
www.rcsi.ie



UVERSITY
Uversity
www.uversity.org



St. Angela's College, Sligo
Coláiste San Aingeal, Sligeach
www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie



Shannon College of Hotel Management
Coláiste Ósta na Sionnainne
(now a School in the College of Business, Public Policy and Law at NUI Galway / anois ina Scoil sa Choláiste Gnó, Beartais Phoiblí agus Dlí in OÉ Gaillimh)
www.shannoncollege.com





Merrion Square with NUI office in the background.

Opening Remarks



Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

The National University of Ireland (NUI) has lived through many changes in higher education since its foundation in 1908. Now at the centre of a loose federation of independent institutions, NUI constantly seeks to adapt and respond to changes in educational, social, and economic circumstances.

The continuing mission for NUI in modern Ireland is to provide a supportive framework for its confederate institutions, to promote the objects of the University, thus contributing to educational, cultural, social and economic advancement. The National University of Ireland currently comprises four Constituent Universities, two Recognised Colleges and five Colleges of a Constituent University. In its capacity as a federal university, NUI is currently the largest element of the Irish university system.

As a unique and historical focal point in Irish higher education, NUI serves the interests of the member institutions through the provision of services. Related to this, NUI promotes the national and international standing of the National University of Ireland as a whole, by undertaking activities related to scholarship, the advancement of higher education, and the cultural and intellectual life of Ireland.

NUI has had a very busy two years, providing student and graduate services, presenting awards, running elections, hosting events, supporting scholarly publications, participating in conferrings and honorary conferrings in Ireland and overseas. One very significant event in 2016 was the centenary of Thomas Kenneth (Ken) Whitaker's birth on the 8th of December 1916. NUI paid special tribute to Dr Whitaker, Chancellor of the University from 1976 to 1996, and presented him with a special scroll signed by myself, the Registrar and the Presidents of the Constituent Universities. A month later in January 2017, Dr Whitaker passed away. He was one of the most remarkable Irishmen in the history of the State and as Chancellor for twenty years, he made a lasting contribution to NUI.

Inside NUI highlights the achievements of NUI in 2016 and 2017, and we are pleased to share it with you.

Dr Maurice Manning

CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY



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Registrar's Report



NUI set the following four goals for the 2014-17 period.

1

Add value to the member institutions and demonstrate the value added

2

Capitalise on the strength of the NUI brand internationally and re-define the meaning of the brand nationally

3

Develop a discursive role and contribute to civic society

4

Promote scholars and scholarship.

In each of those years, the Registrar's Report to Senate (the governing body of NUI) set out in detail the progress made by NUI towards achieving those goals. While not every goal was fully realised, overall we are satisfied that good progress was made towards achieving what we set out to accomplish. With *Inside NUI* we hope to give a sense of what we have been doing and of the range the projects and activities in which we have been engaged.

We are currently preparing our goals for the next phase 2018-2022 and we look forward to working with and continuing to support the NUI federation of universities and colleges over that period.

Dr Attracta Halpin

REGISTRAR

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Student and Graduate Services

41,614

parchments and certificates printed for 150 conferring ceremonies by NUI in 2017



Matriculation Requirements and Exemptions

The NUI Senate has statutory responsibility for setting basic matriculation (entrance)

requirements to NUI universities; these are administered by NUI in consultation with the Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges. Where students are eligible for an exemption from some of these requirements (i.e. Irish and a third language), NUI liaises with students, parents, guidance counsellors and schools, providing information and support throughout the exemption application process. In 2016, 2,936 and in 2017, 3,018 applications for exemptions and special consideration of exceptional circumstances were processed by NUI.

Conferrings

NUI produces parchments and certificates for all conferring ceremonies in NUI Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges. In 2016, 41,800 parchments and certificates were printed by NUI, to be distributed at the 210 conferring ceremonies held across the University community. In 2017, NUI printed 41,614 parchments and certificates for 150 conferring ceremonies. These included conferrings held overseas, in Singapore, Hong Kong, Bahrain, Malaysia, Spain, China, and Sri Lanka, amongst other countries. The NUI Conferring Unit produces customised parchments in connection with the awarding of joint degrees and for degrees based on other partnership arrangements both in Ireland and abroad.

Document Services for Graduates

The degrees and other qualifications awarded by NUI Constituent Universities and in Recognised Colleges are degrees and qualifications of the National University of Ireland. In addition to providing all original testimonia and certificates for NUI institutions, NUI also provides the following document services for graduates:

1. Duplicate NUI Degrees and Diplomas (issued as English A4 sized documents)
2. Duplicate Testimonia (issued as Latin A3 sized documents)
3. Duplicate Certificates
4. Authentication of copies of NUI documents

Application forms for these services are available from the NUI website.

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41,800

parchments and certificates printed for conferring ceremonies by NUI in 2016



Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI, Penang Medical College Malaysia, RCSI & UCD Irish Education Global Recognition, Conferring Ceremony, July 2017

Qualifications and Quality Assurance



NUI was designated as a Designated Awarding Body (DAB), under the 2012 Qualifications and Quality Assurance Act. This has given added impetus to NUI's longstanding role in respect of its Recognised Colleges where degrees and other qualifications of the National University of Ireland are awarded, bringing with it redefined responsibilities in relation to quality assurance and enhancement.

Policies and procedures

In 2016 and 2017, NUI developed further its portfolio of policies and procedures in support of NUI Recognised Colleges as they develop new programme offerings and engage in quality assurance and enhancement activities. NUI's academic and quality assurance policies and procedures are accessible via NUI's website.

Extern Examiners

Extern examiners play a critical role in the quality assurance of programme provision. In 2016 and 2017, NUI continued to administer the extern examiner system for the Recognised Colleges, RCSI and Uversity. In addition, and on foot of recommendations from the Constituent Universities themselves, NUI Senate appointed extern examiners to the Constituent Universities. All extern examiner reports are supplied to NUI, and reports on these are presented to Senate.

An Analysis of NUI Qualifications 2006-2014

In 2016, a study was undertaken to examine a range of NUI degree qualifications awarded in the Constituent Universities, Recognised Colleges and other NUI member institutions over the period 2006 to 2014. The main focus was on programmes leading to major awards, predominantly Bachelors and Masters Degrees. The analysis was based solely on the data submitted to the NUI Conferring Unit for the purposes of producing parchments for conferring ceremonies and the updating of the NUI graduate register.

- ▶ the period saw a significant growth in the total number of graduates. Among NUI qualifications designated as major awards, postgraduate qualifications, and in particular Masters Degrees, enjoyed the strongest growth.
- ▶ there was significant growth in the number of NUI qualifications awarded in the NUI Constituent Universities and other member institutions.
- ▶ the number of qualifications awarded increased by 71.1%. While much of this increase is attributed to a sharp increase (+316.9%) in the number of short programmes leading to non-major awards, the number of major awards increased also over the same period (+25.1%).
- ▶ the most remarkable growth has been at postgraduate level (NFQ: Levels 9 and 10). The number of Doctorates awarded rose by 80% over the period. At Masters Degree level, the increase has been 73% while postgraduate diplomas have also grown by 116.8% (more than doubled). By contrast, the number of ordinary Bachelors degrees and Higher Diplomas decreased sharply. The number of honours Bachelors Degrees has increased by 24.7% (Bachelors and honours Bachelors Degrees combined have grown by 19.5%).

↑ 80%

increase in
Doctorates awarded
2006-2014

↑ 73%

increase in
Masters Degree level
2006-2014



Honorary Conferring Ceremony 2016: Front to Back Row L-R: Dr Brian Bourke, Dr Margaret Mullett, Prof Helen Watanbe-O'Kelly, Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI, Prof Gearóid Ó Tuathaig, Dr Rhona Murphy, Dr Ruairí Quinn, Prof Patrick O'Donovan, Prof Mary Daly, Dr Nessa Cronin, Prof Caroline Hussey, Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI, Prof Colin Scott, Prof Philip Nolan, Prof Frank Murray, Prof Michael Murphy, Prof Jim Browne.



Honorary Conferring Ceremony 2017: Front to Back Row L-R: Dr Maurice Manning Chancellor NUI, Prof Anngret Simms, Dr Sinead Kane, Dr Dearbhla Collins, Dr Clare Langan, Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI, Dr Tom Boland, Prof Niamh Moore-Cherry, Prof Philip Nolan, Prof Caroline Fennell, Dr Finghin Collins, Prof John McHale, Prof Pat Guiry, Linda O'Shea Farren.

Honorary Degrees

The tradition of conferring honorary degrees dates back to the NUI charter of 1908. For over 100 years, NUI has conferred honorary degrees mainly with the purpose of honouring academic distinction, whether in the humanities or in the sciences. In addition, the University honours those 'who, whether in their personal or representative capacities, through their energies, service and actions, have contributed significantly to public life'.

NUI traditionally honours the office of Head of Government by honouring those who have held the office of Taoiseach. In 2017, NUI conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) on two former Taoisigh, Brian Cowen and Enda Kenny.

Degrees on Published Works

NUI administers the awarding of degrees on published work, the highest level of awards in the University. The Degrees on Published Work Committee acts on behalf of the Senate in administering the examination of applications for higher doctorates on published work.

Honorary Degrees 2016 and 2017

2016

Brian Bourke	DFA
For his contribution through painting to Irish culture	
Rhona Murphy	DMed
For her contribution to public health	
Margaret Mullett	LLD
For contribution to public service	
Professor Helen Watanabe	DLitt
For her contribution to the study of German literature and culture	
Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaig	DLitt
For his contribution to Irish history, language and Irish public life	
Ruairí Quinn	LLD
For his contribution to public life	

2017

Tom Boland	DEd
For his contribution to higher education	
Finghin Collins and Dearbhla Collins	DMus
For their contribution to music	
Sinead Kane	LLD
For her contribution to law	
Clare Langan	DFA
For her contribution to fine art	
Martin Mansergh	LLD
For his contribution to Irish public life and public service	
Anngret Simms	LLD
For her contribution to geography	

Degrees on Published Works 2016 and 2017

2016

Dr Enrico Dal Lago	DLitt
Dr Liam Fanning	DSc
Dr John Grealley	DMed
Professor Thomas Rogers	DMed
Dr Roy Sleater	DSC
Professor William Tormey	DMed

2017

Dr Mary Murphy	DSc Degree
Dr Michael J. Solomon	DMed Degree
Ms Suzanne Egan	LLD Degree



Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI and Dr Brian Cowen, former Taoiseach



Honorary Conferring of Enda Kenny: L-R: Prof Brian Mac Craith, President DCU, Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI, Prof Mark Rogers, Registrar UCD, Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI, Dr Enda Kenny former Taoiseach, Dr Jim Brown, President NUIG, Prof Philip Nolan, President MU and Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost TCD



Awards and Scholarships

The promotion of scholarship and the recognition of academic distinction is a central goal of NUI. In supporting and honouring such achievement, NUI provides its students and graduates with an extensive range of awards. These awards are offered at every stage of academic study, from publication prizes for senior scholars, to Post-Doctoral Fellowships and doctoral-level Travelling Studentships, to undergraduate scholarships and other prizes, with a total value of around €1,000,000 per year. Students and graduates from NUI institutions, including UCD, UCC, Maynooth University, NUI Galway, RCSI, St Angela's College, Sligo and NCAD, are all eligible to apply for NUI Awards. Many of NUI's awards, scholarships and prizes are based on historic financial bequests from individuals who were NUI graduates or had a professional or personal association with the university over the years. The Chancellor of the University, Dr Maurice Manning, presents the NUI Awards to students, graduates and staff at the annual NUI Awards ceremony, hosted in previous years in November at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham in Dublin.

The full range of awards made in 2016 and 2017 was as follows:

Publication Prizes	Doctoral Level	Graduate and Post-Graduate Level	Undergraduate Level
Irish Historical Research Prize	NUI Travelling Studentships in the Sciences (<i>including a Travelling Studentship in Mathematics in honour of former NUI Chancellor, Éamon De Valéra and in recognition of the centenary of the 1916 Rising</i>)	NUI Scholarship and Prize in Education	NUI Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarships and Prizes (7 subjects)
Publication Prize in Irish History		Duaiséanna an Dr T. K. Whitaker sa Ghaeilge	NUI Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarships and Prizes (26 subjects)
Post-Doctoral Level		NUI Scholarship in Rural Development	NUI Award Scheme for Students with Disabilities
NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Sciences	NUI Travelling Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences (<i>including a Travelling Studentship in Economics, Politics and Social Policy in honour of the late Dr T. K. Whitaker</i>)	Pierce Malone Scholarship in Philosophy	
NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities		Mansion House Fund Scholarship and Prize in Irish <i>Scoláireacht agus Duais Chiste Theach an Árd Mhéara sa Ghaeilge</i>	
NUI Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Irish/Celtic Studies <i>Comhaltacht Iardhochtúireachta OÉ sa Ghaeilge/ Léann Ceilteach</i>	NUI Denis Phelan Scholarship (<i>awarded in connection with the NUI Travelling Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences</i>)	Mansion House Fund Scholarship and Prize in Irish History	
	NUI E. J. Phelan Fellowship in International Law	NUI Art and Design Prize	
	Fulbright – NUI Visiting Researcher Awards	NUI Club London Scholarship	
	NUI Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship in Education	French Government Medals and NUI Prizes for Distinction on Dual Degrees awarded by NUI Constituent Universities and French Universities	
		French Government Medals and NUI Prizes for Proficiency in French	
		Spanish Embassy and NUI Prizes for Proficiency in Spanish	





1916 Centenary Commemorative Medal

In the year when Ireland remembered the 1916 Easter Rising as one of the founding moments in the State's history, NUI also sought to commemorate the Rising in ways particularly appropriate to the University. Special commemorative medals were commissioned to mark the Centenary. These medals were struck in honour of Éamon de Valera, who played an active role in the events of 1916 and later went on to lead the country as Taoiseach and as President for a significant part of the 20th century. He was also Chancellor of the National University of Ireland from 1922 until his death in 1975. At the 2016 awards ceremony each award recipient was presented with a special commemorative medal by the current Chancellor.



Awards in Honour of Dr T. K. Whitaker

Dr T. K. Whitaker Travelling Studentship

Dr T. K. Whitaker was the third Chancellor of NUI. In 2017, to mark the centenary of his birth on 8th December, and his death on 9th January 2017, a Travelling Studentship was awarded in his honour in the field of Politics and International Relations.

Duaiseanna an Dr T. K. Whitaker sa Ghaeilge

NUI was pleased to further honour Dr T. K. Whitaker in 2017 through two Irish language prizes: the Duaiseanna an Dr T. K. Whitaker sa Ghaeilge. These prizes are offered for competition to students undertaking a Masters degree programme in Irish.



'Having the monetary support of the National University of Ireland allows you to commit your time both to a more developed investigation of the ideas and theories at the centre of your research and also allows you to take on additional activities that help to grow your academic standing outside of the doctoral thesis itself, a hugely important aspect of contemporary PhD life. The award is, however, much more than just the stipend that it offers. The National University of Ireland, and the community of scholars that it connects, have created a highly influential and well-respected community within various disciplines and Universities around the world. Securing a Travelling Studentship not only gives each recipient some well needed confidence in their own work, something that can often be in short supply in academia, but also offers an already established platform for you and your research'.

James Millea, 2016 Travelling Studentship in Music. A graduate of University College Cork, he is currently undertaking a PhD in the Department of Music at the University of Liverpool

NUI Award Scheme for Students with Disabilities

This Scheme has provided support for undergraduate students who have serious physical disabilities and who propose to pursue primary degree programmes in an NUI Constituent University, Recognised College or College linked with a Constituent University. The scheme dates from the 1981, and in the 2007-2017 period alone, more than 325 students benefitted from a total award distribution of €300,000.

'The NUI scholarships and prizes are a welcome financial support for students, but more importantly, they are a recognition of their achievement which helps to distinguish these students as they apply for the next steps in their careers. The high standards and rigorous assessment used in making the NUI awards makes them of real value in distinguishing the students who earn them'.

Professor Aidan Mulkeen, Vice-President Academic, Registrar and Deputy President, Maynooth University

'An NUI award is evidence of each student's academic prowess and commitment to their subject. On award day, we see their pure delight at the achievement and acknowledgment of how such a prestigious award sets students apart into the future'.

Dr Pat Morgan, Vice-President for the Student Experience, National University of Ireland Galway.

For further details, see www.nui.ie, email awards@nui.ie or follow NUI on Twitter @NUI Merrion Sq or on Facebook @NationalUniversityofIreland.



Irish Historical Research Prize 2017

The Irish Historical Research Prize is offered in alternate years for the best new work of Irish Historical Research, which must have been published for the first time by a graduate of the National University of Ireland. The work, which should be substantial, must be of an original character indicating direct research in historical records. Works previously entered for the Prize are not eligible for consideration.

Prize:

Prof Karl Theodore Hoppen, BA, MA, PhD, *Governing Ireland: British Politicians and Ireland 1800-1921*, published in 2016 by Oxford University Press.

Dr Carla King, BA, MA, PhD, *Michael Davitt After the Land League, 1882-1906*, published in 2016 by University College Dublin Press. (*Special Commendation Prize*)

Prof Tadhg O hAnnrachain, BA, MPhil, PhD, *Catholic Europe, 1592-1648, Centre and Peripheries*, published in 2015 by Oxford University Press. (*Special Commendation Prize*)

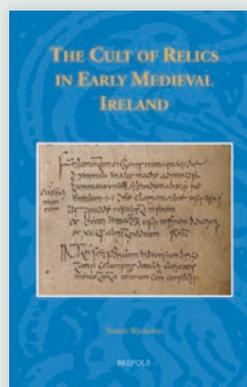
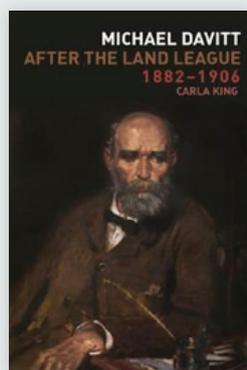
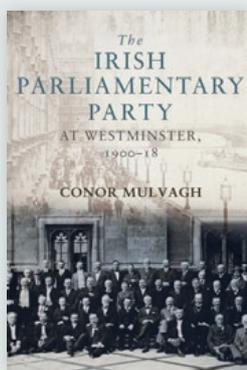
NUI Publication Prize in Irish History 2017

The NUI Publication Prize in Irish History, first introduced as an NUI Centennial Award in 2008, is offered for competition in alternate years to graduates of the National University of Ireland of doctoral status. Works eligible to be considered for the Prize must be published as a first sole author book, following the conferral of a doctoral degree. The work, which should be substantial, must be of an original character indicating direct research in historical records.

Prize:

Dr Niamh Wycherley, BA, MA, PhD, *The Cult of Relics in Early Medieval Ireland*, published in 2016 by Brepols Publishers NV.

Dr Conor Mulvagh, BA, MPhil, PhD, *The Irish Parliamentary Party at Westminster, 1900 - 18*, published in 2016 by Manchester University Press. (*Special Commendation Prize*)



Seanad Éireann and NUI Convocation

NUI and Seanad Éireann

NUI has a constitutional role to maintain the NUI Seanad Éireann electoral register, published on 1st June each year. Every person who is a citizen of Ireland and has received a degree (other than an honorary degree) from the National University of Ireland is entitled to be registered as an elector in the NUI register of electors. NUI makes a continuing contribution to society through its experience and expertise in the organisation of Seanad Éireann elections.

2016 Seanad Éireann Election

In 2016, NUI administered the Seanad Éireann election in the NUI constituency, completed in April and resulting in the election of the following:

- ▶ Senator Michael McDowell
- ▶ Senator Rónán Thomas Mullen
- ▶ Senator Alice-Mary Higgins



L-R: NUI constituency elected Senators, Rónán Mullen, Alice Mary Higgins and Michael McDowell

NUI graduates only need to register once in order to claim their right to vote. However, it is important that graduates inform NUI when they change address. Completed forms and all change of address details must be received at the NUI Office by 26th February in any given year and are processed for inclusion in the revised register published on 1st June of that year.

The Seanad Register published on 1st June 2016 contained 104, 121 graduates, expanding in 2017 to include the names of 106, 286 registered graduates.

Further information is available on the NUI website.

NUI Convocation

Convocation of the National University of Ireland consists of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Members of Senate, the Professors and Lecturers and the Graduates of the University. In accordance with the provisions of the University's Statutes, NUI is obliged to maintain a register of all graduates of the university, known as the Convocation Register. Convocation provides an opportunity for NUI graduates to become involved in the governance and decision-making of the university. The election of eight members to the NUI Senate by Convocation takes place every five years. All graduates are automatically entitled to vote, they simply have to request their ballot papers.

Convocation Election 2017

The election of eight members of Convocation to the NUI Senate took place on Tuesday 3rd October 2017. Under the Universities Act 1997, the eight members must comprise four women and four men. The following women (in alphabetical order) were duly elected as Members of the NUI Senate.

- ▶ De Bhaldraithe Marsh, Clíona Éilis, BA, MA
- ▶ Gallagher, Helen, BSc, MPharm, PhD
- ▶ Harney, Catherine, BComm, HDip in Ed
- ▶ O'Shea Farren, Linda, BCL

The following men (in alphabetical order) were duly elected as Members of the NUI Senate.

- ▶ Doorley, James, BA, MA, LL.B (DIT) LL.M (TCD)
- ▶ Francis, Tommy, BA, HDip in Ed, MA (Lanc)
- ▶ McGrath, Noel, BCL, PhD
- ▶ O'Donovan, John Paul, BSc, MBA (Wales)

2016: 6 / 2017: 3

Higher Doctorate Degrees on Published Work awarded



2016: 6

2017: 7

honorary degrees awarded



2016: 2,936

2017: 3,018

matriculation exemption cases processed



2016: €1.2m

2017: €1m

awarded in fellowships, scholarships and prizes



2016/
2017
in numbers



2016: 82

2017: 89

events held in NUI

2016: 41,800 / 2017: 41,614

degree parchments and certificates printed



2016:

€35,000

2017:

€26,000

awarded in Grants towards Scholarly Publications



2016: 104,121

2017: 106,286

graduates on the NUI Seanad Éireann electoral register



2016: 210 / 2017: 150

Conferring Ceremonies held across the NUI community



2016 Student numbers*

	UCD	UCC	NUIG**	MU**	RCSI	Uversity	IPA	NCAD	Burren College of Art	St Angela's College, Sligo
Total	26,806	19,949	17,878	11,120	3,419	8	1,404	1,377	8	1,278
Undergraduate	18,154	15,247	14,043	9,120	2,257	0	1,085	1,224	0	813
Postgraduate	8,652	4,702	3,835	2,000	1,162	8	319	153	8	465

STUDENTS
TOTAL
83,247

STUDENTS
UG
61,943

STUDENTS
PG
21,304

2016 NUI
Federation
in numbers

STAFF
TOTAL
10,110.5

STAFF
ACADEMIC
5,041.5

STAFF
NON-ACADEMIC
5,069

2016 Staff numbers*

	UCD	UCC	NUIG**	MU**	RCSI	Uversity	IPA	NCAD	Burren College of Art	St Angela's College, Sligo
Total	3,342	2,705	2,116	924	685	5	81	135	9.5	107
Academic staff	1,584	1,261	1,292	500	248	1	30	69	3.5	53
Non-academic staff	1,758	1,444	824	424	437	4	51***	66	6	54

* Source: HEA Statistics. IPA, Uversity and Burren College of Art student data are supplied by the institutions themselves.

** NUIG statistics include students in Shannon College of Hotel Management. NUIG and MU statistics include Foundation and Access students.

*** Of IPA's 51 non-academic FTE's, 19 are actively involved in academic programme support.

2017 Student numbers*

	UCD	UCC	NUIG**	MU	RCSI	Uversity	IPA	NCAD	Burren College of Art	St Angela's College, Sligo
Total	27,618	20,265	17,727	11,922	3,486	6	1,584	1,152	12	1,322
Undergraduate	18,464	15,441	13,759	9,748	2,300	0	274	1,009	0	840
Postgraduate	9,154	4,824	3,968	2,174	1,186	6	1,310	143	12	482

STUDENTS
TOTAL
85,094

STUDENTS
UG
61,835

STUDENTS
PG
23,259

2017 NUI
Federation
in numbers

STAFF
TOTAL
10,187.5

STAFF
ACADEMIC
5,088.5

STAFF
NON-ACADEMIC
5,099

2017 Staff numbers*

	UCD	UCC	NUIG**	MU	RCSI	Uversity	IPA	NCAD	Burren College of Art	St Angela's College, Sligo
Total	3,473	2,761	2,126	975	511	5	83	133	9.5	109
Academic staff	1,645	1,320	1,300	528	135	1	31	67	3.5	57
Non-academic staff	1,828	1,441	826	447	376	4	52***	66	6	52

* Source: HEA Statistics or self-reported statistics from institutions. Staff numbers listed are Full-Time Equivalents (FTE), not headcount figures. Where feasible, these have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

** NUIG staff statistics include the Shannon College of Hotel Management, now a school within the College of Business, Public Policy and Law.

*** Of IPA's 52 non-academic FTE's, 21 are actively involved in academic programme support.

EVENTS

Eoin MacNeill: a Reassessment of the Scholar Revolutionary Seminar

In June 2016, the Chancellor, Dr Maurice Manning, chaired the NUI seminar *Eoin MacNeill: a Reassessment of the Scholar Revolutionary*. Continuing NUI's commemorative programme for the Decade of Centenaries, the seminar explored aspects of the life and career of Eoin MacNeill (1867-1945), a member of the first Senate of NUI (1908-1914) and first Professor of Early Irish History in University College Dublin. NUI Senator Michael McDowell, grandson of Eoin MacNeill, gave an address. A book arising from the seminar is in preparation.

Comhdháil ar Litríocht agus ar Chultúr na Gaeilge

In October 2016, the 25th 'Comhdháil ar Litríocht agus ar Chultúr na Gaeilge' (Conference on the Literature and Culture of the Irish Language) was held in Áras na Gaeilge at NUI Galway on the theme 1916 and National Identity. This was partly sponsored by NUI.

Resource for Member Institutions

NUI is committed to making its premises available as a resource to member institutions, its location in the centre of the capital city makes it a particularly convenient venue for meetings, seminars, launches and other events. In 2016 and 2017, 49 Merrion Square was the venue for over 130 events hosted by the Constituent Universities.

Dr Garret FitzGerald Lecture

As a memorial to its former Chancellor, NUI established the Dr Garret FitzGerald Memorial Lectures, a biennial series of lectures by distinguished speakers on topics of national and international importance. The fifth lecture in the series, *In Defence of the State: Fractious Politics in Hard Times* was delivered by Professor Brigid Laffan, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies in the European University Institute, Florence, in September 2016. John FitzGerald, Adjunct Professor in the Economics Department in Trinity College Dublin and son of Garret FitzGerald gave the response.



Eoin MacNeill Seminar 2016: Senator Michael McDowell



E. J. Phelan Lecture 2017: L-R. Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI, Prof Mary Daly, Mr Pat Breen, TD, Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General ILO, Ms Patricia King, ICTU, Ms Maeva McElwee, IBEC and Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI



Garret FitzGerald Memorial Lecture 2017: L-R: Peter Honohan, Dr Attracta Halpin Registrar NUI, Justice John MacMenamin, Prof Brigid Laffan, Dr Maurice Manning Chancellor NUI, Prof John FitzGerald and Dr Mary FitzGerald



Irish Historical Research Prize Lecture 2017: L-R: Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI, Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI, Prof Theodore Hoppen and Dr Margaret O'Callaghan

Edward J. Phelan Lecture

The National University of Ireland and the International Labour Organization have collaborated in organising the Edward Phelan Lecture. This lecture series was established in 2013 to honour Edward J. Phelan. Born in Ireland, Edward Phelan had a distinguished career at the International Labour Organisation. On 16th February 2017 NUI jointly hosted the third NUI/ILO Edward J. Phelan Lecture *Women at Work: the Role of the ILO*, which was delivered by Professor Mary Daly, President of the Royal Irish Academy. The lecture was held in College Hall, RCSI. There were responses from Mr Pat Breen, TD, Minister of State for Employment and Small Business, Maeve McElwee, IBEC, and Patricia King, ICTU.

Research Seminar and launch of 2018 Awards Scheme

NUI Awards 2018 was officially launched at the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland on 5th December 2017. The event also launched the publication of 'The Significance of International Student Mobility in Students' Strategies at Third Level in Ireland' by Dr Aline Courtois, 2014 NUI Dr Garret FitzGerald Fellow. Dr Courtois presented the findings of her research, the main aim of which was to address the lack of research on the experiences of Irish students engaging in short-term mobility for study. Professor Patrick Clancy, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, UCD gave a response. Three recent recipients of NUI Travelling Studentships and the E. J. Phelan Fellowship in International Law also delivered presentations at the launch on their experiences as NUI Award recipients to date and their respective areas of research.

Irish Historical Research Prize Lecture

In 2017, NUI initiated a practice which it intends to continue in future years of providing opportunities for its award winners to present their scholarship to a wider audience. Of particular note, was a lecture by Professor Theodore Hoppen, who in 2017 was awarded the Irish Historical Research Prize for his book *Governing Ireland: British Politicians and Ireland 1800-1921* (Oxford University Press, 2016). In a lecture with the title *Governing Hibernia and the Making of a Historian of Ireland* delivered in RCSI on 13th November 2017, Professor Hoppen explored key themes from his book and also movingly examined his own personal relationship with Ireland where he arrived in Ireland in 1947 as a five-year old refugee from Germany. Dr Margaret O'Callaghan of Queen's University Belfast responded. The lecture will be published by NUI in 2018.



Research Seminar & Awards 2018 Launch: Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI, Dr Aline Courtois, Dr Garret FitzGerald Post-Doctoral Fellow 2014 and Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI

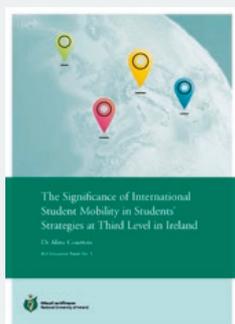


Eoin McNeill Seminar 2016: L-R: Prof Liam Mac Mathúna, Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar NUI, Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor NUI, Dr Michael Kennedy, Mr Ted Hallett, former Deputy British Ambassador to Ireland, and Dr Elva Johnston

Publications

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NUI publications are
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The Significance of International Student Mobility in Students' Strategies at Third Level in Ireland

This research paper by Dr Aline Courtois, NUI's first in-house Dr Garret FitzGerald Post-Doctoral

Fellow, was published in 2017. It is the first in a planned series of Discussion papers arising from NUI's Education and Society Committee.

Garret FitzGerald Memorial Lecture

The Honorable Mr Justice John Mac Menamin delivered the 2014/2015 lecture, and the fourth lecture in the series, in Maynooth University in September 2014, entitled *From Nightmare and Dreams to Realities: Citizens, Judges and Democracy in the New Europe*. Baroness Nuala O'Loan gave a response. This lecture was published by NUI in 2016.

Douglas Hyde: the Professor of Irish who became President of Ireland

In 2013, NUI held a seminar to mark the launch of a facsimile edition of *Lia Fáil*, the journal of Irish research originally published by NUI and edited by Douglas Hyde. The proceedings of this seminar were published in 2016 as *Douglas Hyde: the Professor of Irish who became President of Ireland*, edited by Attracta Halpin and Áine Mannion.

Éigse: A Journal of Irish Studies

Éigse: A Journal of Irish Studies is a publication devoted to the cultivation of research in the field of Irish language and literature. Many previously unpublished texts in prose and verse ranging from Old Irish to Modern and including items from oral narration have appeared in its pages. *Éigse* regularly features important contributions on grammar, lexicography, palaeography, metrics, and the history of the Irish language, as well as on a wide variety of Irish literary topics. Originally funded by a bequest from Adam Boyd Simpson, the publication of *Éigse* is now funded through the NUI Publications Scheme and its development overseen by the Publications Committee. *Éigse* Volume 39 was published in 2016. The second volume in the *Éigse* ancillary series was also published in 2016: *Saothré na Gaelige Scríofa I Suímh Uirbeacha na hÉireann, 1700-1850*, edited by Liam Mac Mathúna and Regina Uí Chollatáin.



Éigse Advisory Board

In 2017, a new International Advisory Board was constituted. This board will serve from 2017-2021. Members are as follows:

Dr Micheál Briody,
University of Helsinki

Professor Mícheál Mac Craith,
National University of Ireland, Galway

Professor Séamus Mac Mathúna,
Ulster University

Professor Seán Ó Coileáin,
University College Cork

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University of Notre Dame

Professor Philip O'Leary,
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Saint Mary's University

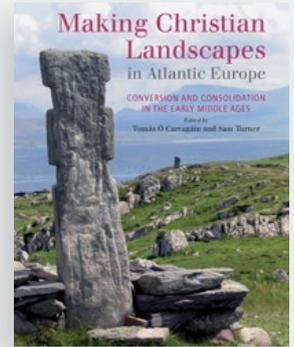
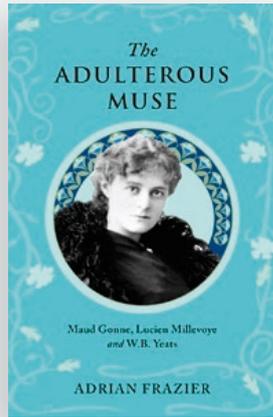
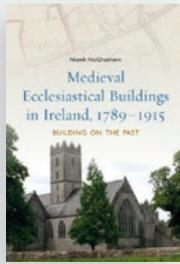
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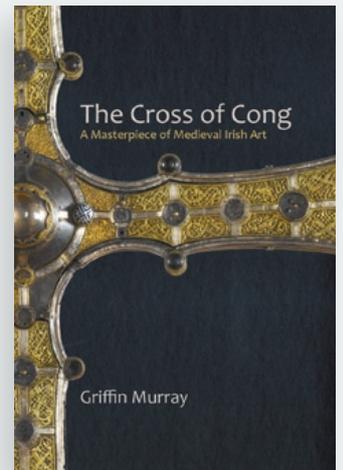
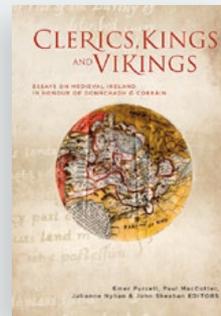
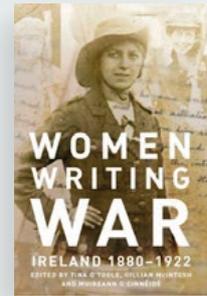
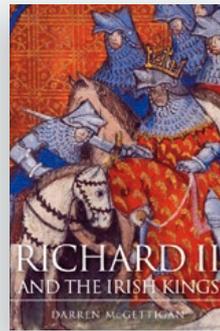
Professor Regina Uí Chollatáin,
University College Dublin

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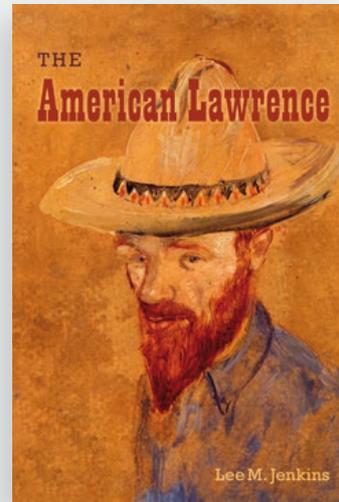
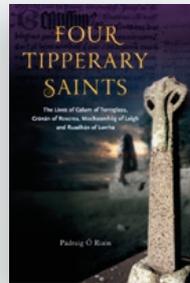
Grants towards Scholarly Publications

NUI provides grants-in-aid annually towards scholarly publications by staff of the NUI Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges, on the basis of individual applications to the Senate. Under the scheme, grants of up to €3,000 may be awarded. Publications grants totalling over €35,000 were awarded in 2016 and €26,000 in 2017. The NUI Publications Scheme aims to promote and encourage publications and scholarly research by academic staff in the Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges.

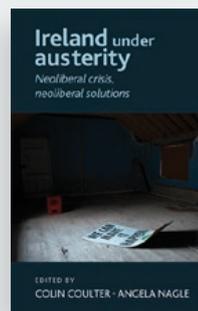


Education Matters

NUI offers support for publications through educational sponsorships, such as the publication of Education Matters. On 13th December 2016, Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton, TD, launched the 10th edition of the Education Matters in NUI.

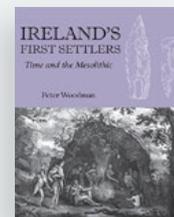


On 12th December 2017, Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, launched the 11th edition of the Education Matters: Ireland's Yearbook of Education 2017-18 in NUI.



€35,000
Publication grants awarded in 2016

€26,000
Publication grants awarded in 2017



Archives

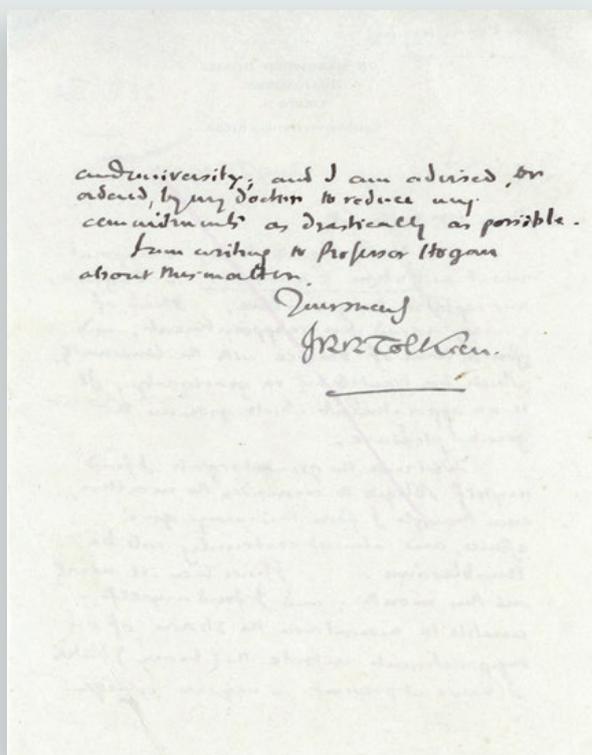
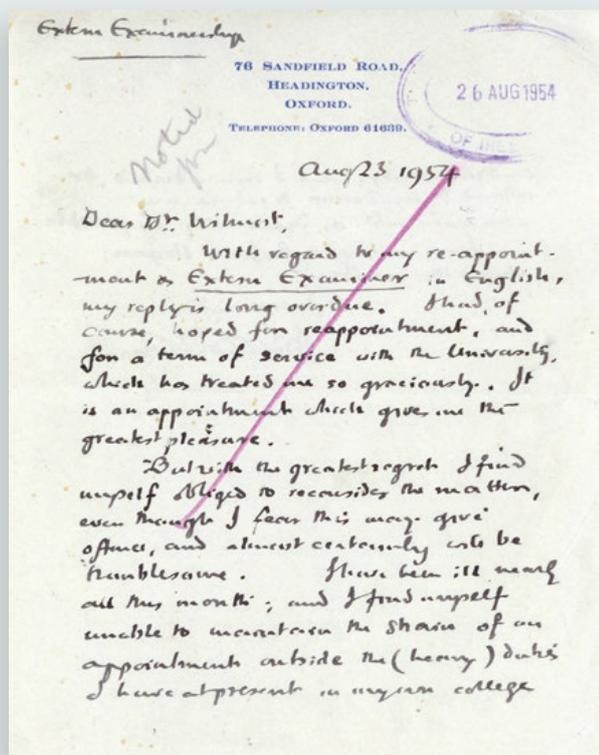
NUI houses the archives of the National University of Ireland and the earlier Royal University of Ireland. NUI is committed to ensuring that these valuable archives continue to be maintained in optimal conditions.

Conservation efforts undertaken over time have contributed substantially to improving both conditions for the storage of the archives and ease of access for researchers. The archives continue to generate sustained interest among scholars and genealogists. They are also of continuing importance to NUI itself and are consulted regularly. In 2017, a project to catalogue the archive and asset tag and monitor archival boxes and

valuable archive items commenced. It is envisaged that this project will continue throughout 2018.

The archive is a significant repository of primary source material and is available for consultation by appointment. To complement a written report on the archive, prepared by a retired member of NUI staff, NUI has designed a new database that captures and catalogues

individual documents. This will lead to the creation of a new Image Library System, which will eventually hold all NUI images, archival and current. Documents from the archive that relate to the Decade of Centenaries 1912-1922 will form part of a new online Digital Repository, which will make the material accessible to the wider academic community and the general public.



NUI Archive. Letter from J. R. R. Tolkien, author of Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit, he was Professor of Anglo-Saxon at Oxford and external examiner in Old and Middle English for the NUI.

The Registrar, National University of Ireland,
49 Merrion Square, Dublin.

Hopkins & Hopkins,
MANUFACTURING JEWELLERS & SILVERSMITHS
WATCHMAKERS, ETC.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"MEYTHEE, DUBLIN."
TELEPHONE No. 8509.

WE HAVE THE EXACT DUBLIN TIME
HAVING INSTALLED A DIRECT CABLE
WITH GREENWICH OBSERVATORY.

The Waltham Watch Depot.
(OPPOSITE O'CONNELL MONUMENT.)
DUBLIN. 3rd. April 19 12.

Refer to: AW/IH.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst to hand, for which we thank you.

We beg to say that our charge for winding, regulating, oiling, and adjusting, weekly, of twelve office clocks, would be £3. 0s. 0d. per annum. Of course this price would not include repairs for cleaning, mainsprings, or other breakages when necessary.

Kindly let us know if this would be satisfactory, and if so, what day we could commence to wind clocks.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours obediently,
HOPKINS & HOPKINS.

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND,
No. 3
Received 10 APR 1912
Answered

NUI Archive. Letter with lovely letterhead of Hopkins and Hopkins clockmakers

RECEIVED

Somewhere in France,
19th Oct^r 1917.

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that I have been granted leave to attend the conferring of Degrees, and shall be in Dublin on the 27th inst.

Yours,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J.R. Duggan, B.A.,
C.M.S.,
The Rectory,
9th R.D.F.

To: The Registrar,
National University
of Ireland,
Dublin.

NUI Archive. World War 1 Letter from 'somewhere in France'.

ST. ENDA'S COLLEGE,
RATHFARNHAM.

14/7/15

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND
No. 3
Received 17 AUG 1915
Answered

16th Aug 1915.

Dear Sir,

Please let me know whether I am right in gathering from your rules that a pass in Senior Trade Intermediate in Irish, English, French, Arithmetic & Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry, and Drawing will be accepted as equivalent to Matriculation in the case of a student who proposes to follow an Engineering or a Science course in the University.

Yours &
P. H. Pearse.

Reg. N.U.I.

NUI Archive. Letter from P.H. Pearse, founder of St Enda's College and leader of the Easter Rising 1916

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Mr Darren Fallon

NUI Open Day

Every August, as part of the celebration of National Heritage Week, NUI takes part in Merrion Square Open Day.

Dublin's Merrion Square Open Day is a day of special events celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of Merrion Square and its surroundings. Visitors have the opportunity to see properties not often open to the public and enjoy special talks, walks, and music in a programme with something for everyone.

NUI Staff happily give the public tours of 49 Merrion Square. People are generally fascinated by the opportunity to walk around a Georgian building that functions as a working office. In particular, people are drawn to the nineteenth-century murals in the Registrar's Office on the second floor.



History

Early Origins

In 1845 the Queen's College Act established three new colleges 'for the Advancement of Learning in Ireland': Queen's College Cork, Queen's College Galway and Queen's College Belfast. These Colleges were opened for teaching in 1849, and in 1850 were linked together under the umbrella of the Queen's University of Ireland, established by Royal Charter.

A Papal rescript issued in 1847 condemned the Queen's Colleges as 'detrimental to religion', and proposed to the Irish bishops the foundation of a Catholic University, modelled on Louvain. A decree of the Synod of Thurles in 1850 accepted the proposal. On 12th November 1851, John Henry Newman was appointed first Rector of the Catholic University, an institution founded and funded independently of the State. The Catholic University was formally opened in November 1854.

The University Education (Ireland) Act, 1879 provided for the formation of a new University in Ireland, afterwards styled the Royal University of Ireland, whose examinations were open to all candidates, whether they had attended College lectures or not. The Charter of the Royal University was granted on 27th April 1880 and the Queen's University was dissolved on the 3rd February 1882.

The foundation of the Royal University provided an opportunity to improve the position of the Catholic University students, to whom recognised University degrees had not hitherto been available.

St Patrick's House (now Newman House, St Stephen's Green) changed its title to University College, Dublin, and took over, under the control of the Jesuit Fathers, all the work of the Catholic University, except the teaching of medicine, which continued in Cecilia Street, under the title of the Catholic University Medical School.

The Queen's Colleges in Cork, Galway and Belfast continued to exist as constituted by the Act of 1845, but had no special status in relation to the Royal University, nor any effective share in framing its policy or drawing up its courses.

NUI 1908 - 2018

The Irish Universities Act, 1908 established two new Universities - the National University of Ireland and the Queen's University of Belfast and dissolved the Royal University on 31st October 1909. Under this Act, the National University became a federal University with its seat in Dublin and with three Constituent Colleges established by Charter: University College, Dublin; University College, Cork; and University College, Galway. The Queen's Colleges in Cork and Galway were given an entirely new status and title. The Jesuit University College, Dublin, was given a new constitution and was merged with the

Catholic University Medical School. The Act empowered the University Senate to recognise courses of study in other institutions for the purpose of degrees.

The Universities Act, 1997, which came into effect on 16th June, 1997, redefined the nature and role of the National University of Ireland. The Act also reconstituted the three Constituent Colleges of the National University of Ireland, and the Recognised College, St Patrick's College, Maynooth as Constituent Universities.

The Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012, which came into effect in November 2012, defined the University as a 'designated awarding body'. As such, the Act requires the University to establish quality assurance arrangements in respect of 'linked providers' that deliver educational programmes leading to awards of the University. The Act also provides for periodic review of the University's quality assurance procedures by Quality and Qualifications Ireland, the Authority established under the Act to oversee quality assurance of further and higher education and training in Ireland.



NUI Letters Patent, 1912

Governance

The NUI currently comprises four Constituent Universities, two Recognised Colleges and five Colleges of a Constituent University. Each institution within the NUI federation has its own Governing Authority; the overall Governing Authority of the University is the NUI Senate and headed by the Chancellor. The Universities Act, 1997, which came into effect on 16th June 1997, redefined the nature and role of the National University of Ireland. It reconstituted the Senate, which is the Governing Body of the University, with a membership of thirty-eight, as follows:

- ▶ The Chancellor
- ▶ The Chief Officers of the Constituent Universities
- ▶ The Registrar of the University
- ▶ Four members nominated by the Government
- ▶ Four persons elected by each of the Constituent Universities
- ▶ Eight members elected by Convocation
- ▶ Four co-opted members

Under the Act, the Senate of the National University of Ireland has functions and responsibilities in relation to the following: determining basic matriculation requirements; reviewing the content and teaching of courses; appointing external examiners; awarding degrees and other qualifications.

The Senate

Under the provisions of the Charter of the National University of Ireland, the Governing Body of the University is styled 'The Senate'. Much of the work of the Senate is done through its sub-committees:

- ▶ The Standing Committee
- ▶ The Finance Committee
- ▶ The Investment Advisory Committee
- ▶ The Committee of Registrars (Sub-Committee of the Admissions Officers)
- ▶ The Education and Society Committee
- ▶ The Honorary Degrees Committee
- ▶ The Publications Committee
- ▶ The Committee for Degrees on Published Work

Finance

The Finance Committee meets in advance of each Senate and as such held six meetings in 2016 and 2017. Each November NUI financial statements are presented and approved by Senate, and are then filed with the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and Department of Education and Skills (DES). Financial statements are available on www.nui.ie

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Mr Dermot Breen

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Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh

Dr Pat Morgan

Mr Brendan O'Looney

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Professor Marian Lyons

Dr Joe Larragy

Professor Marie McLoughlin

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The Chancellor and Registrar expressed their gratitude to the outgoing members of Senate 2012-2017:

Dr James J. Brown, Dr Michael Murphy, Professor Thomas Brazil, Mr Tom Harrington, Professor Patrick M. Shannon, Mr John Loftus, Professor Anthony M. Wheatley, Dr Piaras MacÉinrí, Dr Barbara Doyle Prestwich, Ms Rosemary Monahan, Mr Sean Ashe, Dr Emer Nolan, Mr John Hurley, Mr Ross Higgins, Professor Brigid Laffan, Ms Maria Keogh, Professor Caroline Fennell and Professor Paul Giller.



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