

University Board

Manifesto: Jonathan Prunty

This academic year marks a crucial juncture for postgraduate representation within Trinity's governance structures. Given the restructuring of the Board under the Higher Education Authority Act 2022 and the collapse of the Graduate Students Union, it is of grave importance that a candidate is installed with urgency. This candidate must display an ability to vocalise and represent the views and concerns of our large and diverse postgraduate community. The continued vacancy of the statutory postgraduate seat at Board acts as a disservice to both postgraduate students and the wider college community who expect proper representation from all facets of the College population within the most authoritative governing body. For these reasons, it is vital that our incoming representative is equipped to hit the ground running.

As my most central message in running for this seat, I must stress that I am passionate about Trinity in all aspects. This passion for our institution does not, however, blind me to engrained and arising problems facing our community. Pressingly, it can oftentimes appear that the needs of the student population go unaddressed and that our voices are unheard in decision-making processes which affect us all. I am confident that through a combination of the skills acquired through my legal background and my intimate familiarity with College policies, Statutes, and processes through my summer work in the Secretary's Office, I will serve as a diligent and strong advocate for the needs and rights of our postgraduate cohort. In my awareness of the workings of Trinity, I am well placed to contribute practically through the system within which we must operate. Further, I am acutely aware of the significance of the work attached to this seat and have factored in the time and effort which is required to do the role justice while making my decision to run.

The Provost spoke of striving to make Trinity a Good University. If elected, it is my intention to show how our postgraduates work toward this goal.

Thank you all for your consideration and for voting.