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Chair


Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen is an innovative leader in higher education and research. He was professor of botany at P. Universidad Catolica del Ecuador and Aarhus University, and led extensive botanical field work in the Andes mountains and in the upper Amazon basin. Professor Holm-Nielsen has a broad experience of membership of higher education and research councils, boards and advisory bodies in higher education and was responsible for reforming research training in Denmark and for introducing Ph.D. programs in Denmark's research universities.

He worked abroad for many years before he became rector of Aarhus University (8 years), and then Executive Director of the Sino-Danish Center Beijing (5 years). During his tenure (12 years) as global lead specialist at the World Bank in Washington DC, he was involved in designing and reforming higher education and research systems in many countries. At Aarhus University he championed a thorough internal reform and change process, the Academic Change Process, with the aim of consolidating the university among the top 100 global universities. He has published internationally on botany as well as on higher education policy.

He was member of the Danish Prime Minister's Growth Forum; Vice-Chairman of the Danish Research Commission (White Paper), and the Danish Research Foundation; Chairman of the Science Research Council; Council for Development Research; the national commission. for research infrastructure; and of Denmark's Fund for Nature; Nordic Academy for Advanced Study, and the Nordic University Coop.; President of EuroScience, Strasbourg; Vice-President of European University Association, Brussels; member of Governing Board. Gothenburg University, Sweden; and

	<p>several OECD expert reviews and other international review and advisory panels. In Europe he has worked with higher education and innovation systems, in the Nordic countries, as well as in Belgium, England, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, and Spain.</p> <p>Lauritz Holm-Nielsen is Commander of the Order of Dannebrog, Denmark and Gran Oficial del Orden Gabriela Mistral (Grand Officer), Chile. He received World Cultural Council’s Gold Medal, and the World Bank’s outstanding performance award. He is member of Danish Academy of Natural Sciences, the Academy of Technical Sciences, and of the Learned Society.</p>
	<p>Coordinating Reviewer</p> <p>Sinéad O’Sullivan is Director of Quality at University of Limerick. She joined UL in May 2019 having previously served as Director of Quality Assurance and Statistical Services at National College of Ireland for 12 years. She has chaired and participated in several peer review panels for QQI and other higher education institutions in Ireland.</p> <p>Prior to her experience in quality assurance and enhancement, Sinéad started working in higher education through her original profession as a librarian and information specialist and gained further experience in higher education management as a student information systems implementation and change consultant with a number of higher education institutions in Ireland and in the UK.</p> <p>She holds a B.Comm, MBS in Organisation Studies and Postgraduate Diploma in Library & Information Studies from University College Dublin and MSc in Business Improvement from University of Ulster. Her interests are in knowledge management and systems innovation and she is currently a PhD candidate at Trinity College Dublin.</p>
	<p>Professor Petri Suomala has been Vice President for Education at Aalto University since September 2018. Before his time with Aalto University, Professor Suomala held the same position at Tampere University of Technology. In that role, his main responsibility was to steer the development of educational offerings within the merger process of three universities in Tampere region.</p>

	<p>Professor Suomala was Professor of Profitability Management and Management Accounting Tampere University of Technology as from 2009 to 2018. He was appointed Head of the Department of Industrial Management in 2011, Dean of Faculty of Business and Built Environment in 2014 and Vice President for Education in 2016. Professor Suomala also headed the Tampere University of Technology Cost Management Center (CMC) Research team, and worked as Adjunct Professor at Lappeenranta University of Technology, Industrial Engineering and Management, taking a particular focus on business economics.</p>
	<p>Leisha Daly is Senior Director for Government Affairs & Policy for J&J Supply Chain in EMEA and for J&J Campus Ireland, a role she assumed in September 2018. For the previous 10 years, Leisha was Country Director of Janssen, the pharmaceutical company of Johnson & Johnson.</p> <p>Leisha started her 20-year career at J&J as Head of Medical Affairs at Janssen, and led in several senior positions in medical, sales and marketing management. In her role as Country Director, Leisha successfully led Janssen through the economic downturn to become the fastest growing pharmaceutical company and the 5th largest pharmaceutical company in Ireland.</p> <p>Leisha served as President of the Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association (IPHA) from 2014-2016. In this role, she led industry talks with the State, and secured a pivotal four-year Framework Supply Agreement that offers stability in the supply of medicines to Irish patients and their treating clinicians. She is a member of the board of the American Chamber of Commerce Ireland and chairs their Sustainability Taskforce. She is also a member of the board of Business in The Community Ireland and a member of the Institute of Directors. Leisha is a member of Ibec's National Council & chairs Ibec's Energy & Climate Committee.</p> <p>Leisha is Chairman of the J&J Campus Ireland group, an entity which seeks to combine the strengths and expertise of the Johnson & Johnson family of companies. A strong advocate for the empowerment and advancement of women in the workforce, Leisha is the J&J WiSTEM2D Ireland Programme Sponsor. This is a significant collaborative education programme in partnership with the University of Limerick & UCC, which supports and encourages women to pursue educational opportunities</p>

	<p>in STEM subjects. Leisha is also a member of the Advisory Council of Balance for Better Business.</p> <p>She was recognised as one of the Top 25 most powerful businesswomen in Ireland by the Women’s Executive Network in 2016 and in 2018 was recognised by the IMI with a Life Fellowship Award for her contribution to Irish Management.</p>
	<p>Dr Vivian Rath is an Adjunct Teaching Fellow in Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and the research officer on the reasonable accommodations in professional placement project with the Association for Higher Education Access and Disability (AHEAD). He recently completed his PhD on the “social engagement experiences of disabled students in higher education in Ireland” in the School of Education, Trinity College Dublin. His PhD focused on the areas of disabled student social engagement, transitions, voice, belonging and the impact of college climate.</p> <p>Previous to this he obtained a master’s in management from the UCD Smurfit Business School where he researched the employment of disabled graduates. A former University College Dublin Students’ Union Welfare Officer and the current Chair of the TCD Forum for Disabled Staff & Postgraduate Students, he has extensive national and international experience in promoting student voice and belonging in higher education.</p> <p>Vivian has an extensive knowledge of the development of the wider student experience, having worked in the University College Dublin Office of the Registrar and Vice President for Students’. In this role he coordinated the undergraduate orientation for several years. He also has vast experience in the areas of student health and discipline. He has served as Chair of Student Affairs Ireland.</p> <p>He is an appointee to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Disability Advisory Committee and has a role in monitoring the implementation of the UN CRPD. He is also an appointee to the National Disability Stakeholders Group which has a role in the monitoring the National Disability Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>A former TCD Equality Champion Awardee Vivian has been a disability activist for many years, campaigning for greater participation of disabled people in higher education and employment in Ireland.</p>



Professor Caroline Fennell BCL (NUI), LL.M (Osgoode Hall) Ph.D. (University of Wales) BL (Hon Society of Kings Inns), MIRA was appointed Professor of Law in University College Cork in 2001. She was Dean of the Law Faculty in UCC from 1996-1999; Acting Head of the College of Business and Law UCC from 2005-2006; and Dean of Faculty of Law and Head of Department from 2002-2009. She was Head of the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences, University College Cork from 2010-2015; and Senior Vice President Academic and Registrar of University College Cork from 2015-2018.

Professor Fennell has served as Chair of Irish Research Council for Humanities & Social Sciences (2009-2012); and was appointed by the Minister to the Irish Research Council (2012-16). She was admitted to membership of the Royal Irish Academy in 2009.

Professor Fennell is currently a Commissioner on the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC); Chair of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI); and Chair of the Independent Anti-Racism Committee appointed by the Government in 2020.

Her research interests focus primarily on the areas of the law of evidence, criminal justice and terrorism; and she has published numerous books and journal articles on issues relating to gender, constructions of fairness in crisis, due process and criminal justice