



**Maynooth
University**
National University
of Ireland Maynooth

Consolidated Financial Statements
Of
Maynooth University
(National University of Ireland, Maynooth)
for the year ended 30th September 2015

(Prepared under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles)

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General Information

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Report of the Bursar

I have the pleasure to present the Consolidated Financial Statements of the National University of Ireland Maynooth for the year ended 30th September 2015 prepared using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The GAAP Consolidated Financial Statements are accompanied by a reconciliation between these statements and a set of financial statements prepared under the agreed Harmonisation of Accounts format for the same period as well as the Harmonisation of Accounts Statements themselves. The Harmonised format is agreed between the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and the university sector and is designed to ensure consistency in the treatment of activities funded from the public purse. There are a number of differences in accounting treatments between the two formats (e.g. subsidiary companies, ancillary activities, student fees, amortisation and depreciation of capital items, research income, interest income, accruals) and explanatory notes attached to the reconciliation explain the key items in more detail. The process of adjustment is an accounting (and presentation) exercise, which does not change the underlying resources available to the university. The Auditor expresses an opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements only. The commentary below is on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

1. Review of the year (GAAP format)

The final outcome for the year indicates a surplus of €1,791,622, which compares to a surplus of €2,805,331 in the previous year. The surplus in the previous year largely arose from a change in accounting policy. Accumulated revenue reserves are now €44,463k as against €42,934k at the previous balance sheet date. Total income at €105m is up €2.2m on the previous year (before accounting for deferred pension funding). Deferred pension funding of €20.8m is up €944k on the previous year. The FRS17 adjustment accounts for €1m of this increase. Total expenditure at €124.9m is up €2.26m on the previous year.

State grant income was €20m representing 16% of total income. In the previous year, State grants contributed €22.3m which represented 18% of total income. The overall State Grant was down €2.4m or 11% year on year. To put the level of recurrent grant in context, readers should know that this core block grant support for students represented €1,221 per student in 2014/15 down from in excess of €4,000 per student in 2007. The difference per student has been passed to students themselves. The core block recurrent grant is the funding used by the universities to maintain the basic fabric of their institutions, such fabric is now under severe threat following eight years of cut-backs.

Student fees are the dominant income source for universities, with fees accounting for 45% of income in 2014/15 up from 42% in 2013/14 and from 35% in 2007/08, the last full year before the funding cutbacks took effect. Student fee income increased by €5.02m to €56.5m representing a 9.7% increase over the previous year. Undergraduate fees accounted for €48.5m (2014: €42.4m) whilst postgraduate fees accounted for €8m (2014: €8m). In 2014/15 €32.6m was paid directly to the university on behalf of students by parties other than the Higher Education Authority. The State chose to pay €23.9m of student fees on behalf of students, which was up from €23.5m in 2013/14. Also, €10.3m was received through *Student Universal Support Ireland* and local authorities, up from €7.2m from these sources in the previous year. Of the €22.3m paid by or on behalf of students, non-EU students paid €3.7m as against €3.1m in the previous year. The individual EU student contribution increased from €2,500 in 2013/14 to €2,750 in 2014/15. Despite this, the “free fees” element of student fees paid through the Higher Education Authority was up by €400k from €23.5m for the year due to increased student numbers. Both student fee income and State grant income are largely driven by student numbers.

Other income at €7.4m was up by €1.4m year on year. Interest income receivable was down from €923k in 2013/14 to €343k in 2014/15 reflecting the general reduction in interest rates paid by banks in Ireland. The contribution by student residences on campus increased by €620k in the year as a result of a rate increase, rents and concession fees provide €9k in additional income in the year. Other income of €3.6m (2014: €2.9m) arises as a result of interest earned (€150k), the elimination of the recognition of once-off income from balance sheet clearing accounts (€700k) and other minor movements.

Income from Research Grants and Projects showed a decrease of €1.4m or 7.4% over the previous year. Research Grants and Projects, at €17.4m, represent 13.8% of total university income, down from 15.3% in the previous year. State agency support remained stable at €13.1m (2014: €13.09m). EU funding is up slightly to €2.5m (2014: €2.4m). Research income from industry is down €200k year on year. This was a very disappointing year for funded research income. However, the university's citations remain strong and the university has redoubled its efforts in support of research including the (delayed) establishment of research institutes. The university hopes to see a recovery in the next two to three years.

The university recognises that the research funding environment will be challenging in the years ahead. The university has a substantial ‘fixed cost’ investment in research infrastructure and key research personnel; and ensuring maximum utilisation of these resources in the years ahead will be a key consideration in the strategic management of the university.

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Recurrent expenditure for the year amounted to €124.9m, a €2.3m or 1.8% increase year on year. Staff costs were €79.8m, up by €3.8m or 5% over 2013/14. The additional costs reflect an additional €2.3m or 17% to reflect the costs of pensions under FRS17, a €1.4m increase in pay cost (2% year on year) and increase of €170k in social welfare costs (4% year on year). Non-pay costs decreased by €308k or 0.9% compared to 2013/14. Table 1 below outlines the main movements in non-pay costs. Non-pay costs represent 25% of recurrent expenditure down from 26% in 2013/14.

	2014/15	2013/14	Variance	Percentage	Explanation
	€	€	€		
Travel & Subsistence	1,882,933	1,448,776	434,157	30%	Return to 2013 levels
Consumables	3,964,014	3,563,575	400,439	11%	More objects recognised as consumables
Repairs & General Maintenance	2,684,768	2,881,061	-196,293	-7%	Minor drop, back to 2013 level
Heat, Light, Water & Power	1,991,144	1,982,471	8,673	0%	No material variance
Books & Periodicals	1,564,074	2,024,160	-460,086	-23%	Printed material being replaced by on-line resources
Catering & Residence Operations	2,293,822	2,040,233	253,589	12%	In line with increased levels of turnover
Audit, Professional & Consulting	2,634,496	2,925,029	-290,533	-10%	Continued decline in consulting (e.g. IVI hire of consultants)
Rent & Rates	1,730,393	1,725,508	4,885	0%	No material variance
Capitation	1,402,470	1,408,927	-6,457	0%	No material variance
Scholarships	1,434,674	1,466,248	-31,574	-2%	No material variance
Computer Software & Hardware	1,996,699	2,182,764	-186,065	-8.5%	Eolas Building fitted out last year
Printing & Stationery	688,164	768,494	-80,330	-10%	Cost and use of printing continues to decline
Conference Expenses	262,356	279,643	-17,287	-6%	More control on costs
Sundry	6,463,882	6,605,678	-141,796	-2%	More objects classified as consumables. And other minor decreases in line with controls on costs.
Total	30,993,889	31,302,567			

Table 1: Movements in Non-Pay costs 2014/15 vs. 2013/14

Capital expenditure during the year exceeded €19.8m, with €17m invested in building works and €2.7m on capital equipment (including research capital equipment). Note 25, on page 42, sets out the capital commitments as at the balance sheet date. This is evidence of the university's continuing commitment to improving its physical environments for students, staff and visitors. Of this total commitment of €33m, none is being funded by capital grants from the State. It is funded entirely from borrowings (€29m) and Philanthropy (€4m).

Bank balances held at the balance sheet date are €20.6m, down by €20m on the same date last year. The Cash Flow Statement, on page 25, explains the movement which in summary arises from the funding of capital projects from the university's own resources (€17.5m) and a net cash outflow from operating activities (€2.8m) offset by a return on investments of €343k.

This year saw an increase in Debtors and Prepayments at the balance sheet date. Debtor and Prepayments are €16.2m up from €13.6m in the previous year. The increase of €2.6m is accounted for by a reduction of €456k in Research and Other Debtors and an increase in the Funded Pension Scheme Receivable from the Higher Education Authority of €2.9m. The full movement are outlined in table 2 below.

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	2014/15 €	2013/14 €	Variance €	Percentage	Explanation
Projects Receivable	2,096,097	2,331,853	-235,756	-10%	Downturn in Research Income.
Funded Pension Scheme	9,338,581	6,473,865	2,864,716	44%	Annual Funding Increase.
Accounts Receivable	2,236,491	2,241,141	-4,650	0%	No material variance.
Prepayments	935,427	935,288	139	0%	No material variance.
Staff House Loans	98,243	154,294	-56,051	-36%	Scheme closed. Reduction will continue.
Other Debtors	1,205,455	1,426,337	-220,882	-15%	Decrease in withholding tax due at year end by €77k, deposit interest due by €171k and other small decreases.
State Grant Due	329,281	0	329,281	100%	HEA debtor, change in policy.
Total	<u>16,239,575</u>	<u>13,562,778</u>			

Table 2: Debtors and prepayments as at 30.9.2015 vs 30.9.2014

The overall level of creditors and accruals has declined by €2m to €54.7m (2014: €56.7m). This decrease is largely accounted for by the elimination of deferred income €1.7m, a decrease in the amount of deferred income related to research projects (€1.3m), a decline in other amounts in advance (€900k) offset by an increase in amounts due to developers of €1.3m and an increase in the Model Pension Scheme (€600k) and other smaller movements. The full movements are outlined in table 3 below.

	2014/15 €	2013/14 €	Variance €	Percentage	Explanation
Lease Obligations	0	0	0	0%	Leases finished.
Research Grants & Projects unexpended	8,580,947	9,922,328	-1,341,381	-13.5%	Decrease in deferred income from research projects.
Model Pension Scheme	15,902,566	15,355,437	547,129	4%	No material variance.
Other amounts received in advance	2,706,525	3,603,845	-897,320	-24.8%	Decrease in external income and capitation fees received in advance.
Deferred Income	0	1,735,942	-1,735,942	-100%	HEA, change in policy.
Academic Fees received in advance	9,832,868	9,774,020	58,848	1%	No material variance. Students paid Semester One in advance.
Trade Creditors	3,911,180	2,569,668	1,341,512	52%	Builder invoices outstanding.
Accruals	4,781,540	5,427,609	-646,069	-12%	Large once-off capital accrual in 2013/14.
Restricted Funds	3,155,908	3,214,091	-58,183	-2%	No material variance.
Other Creditors	4,208,133	3,487,445	720,688	20%	Increase in targeted funding held in advance.
Other tax and social security	1,583,083	1,607,607	-24,524	-2%	No material variance.
Total	<u>54,662,750</u>	<u>56,697,992</u>			

Table 3: Creditors and Accruals as at 30.9.2015 vs 30.9.2014

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2. Pensions

On 31st December 2009 the assets of the Maynooth University Pension Plan transferred to the National Pension Reserve Fund. On the basis that the Oireachtas will make good any deficiency arising to meet the university's obligations to pay pension benefits of the Closed Scheme and that future pension liabilities of the Model Scheme and the Single Scheme are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through monies provided to the University by the Higher Education Authority for that purpose, I have recommended to Governing Authority that an asset equal to our pension liabilities as calculated for FRS17 reporting purposes should be included in the consolidated balance sheet as at 30th September 2015. The overall pension liability is €358m (2014: €324m). Of this amount €53.9m (2014: €42m) is attributable to the Model Scheme and €1m is attributable to the Single Scheme (2014: €442k). The Model Scheme was established as a pay-as-you-go scheme on the instructions of the Higher Education Authority. The instruction was circulated by letter to five universities with funded pension schemes on the 29th November 2004. The correspondence does not specifically guarantee the payment of pensions independent of university funding to be received in future years. However, it is my belief that the normal superannuation accounting for public bodies effectively provides a guarantee. The Single Scheme is the only pension scheme for new staff (new to the public service) as and from the 1st January 2013. This scheme is sometimes referred to as the Career-Average Scheme. At the present time, the university is providing employer contributions at the same rate as it provided them for both the Closed Scheme and the Model Scheme. Correspondence received from the HEA, dated 31st August 2016, has indicated that the Single Scheme will be deemed to be a pay-as-you-go scheme with no Employer Contribution for core-funded staff. The university is examining the implications of this correspondence. To be consistent with the treatment of the other two pension schemes, the university treats the Single Scheme as a funded scheme for the purpose of recognition of pension assets and liabilities. The accounting treatment I have recommended reflects the actual and de-facto State guarantees that exists for the pension liabilities existing at Maynooth University on the balance sheet date. Further details are provided in Note 23 (pages 38 - 41). Readers of these accounts will notice that the university's auditors have drawn attention to this treatment without qualifying their opinion (pages 17 & 18).

3. Future

Maynooth University introduced a new curriculum for a new age designed to better prepare graduates for the world of work and for life during 2014/15 on a pilot basis. The university also plans to move ahead with the establishment of four focused Research Institutes linked to the teaching mission of the university. An ambitious campus development programme is underway. The university and the State must plan for the sustainable future of Maynooth University. Whereas Maynooth University has prepared detailed financial plans to 2019 and high level financial plans for the following 20 years, it has to be acknowledged that the credibility of these plans is subject to the Higher Education Authority and Government providing adequate resources to fund a truly world class tertiary educational experience consistent with the promises made to citizens in the National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030.

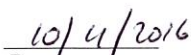
The most positive aspect of the changing landscape for Maynooth University is that the university continues to be at the heart of the fastest growing region in Ireland and that demand for study places in the university is growing faster than any other university within the State and that the academic quality of those seeking places, as measured by CAO average points, is also increasing at the same time. The Higher Education Authority, in planning for the sustainable future for Irish higher education must bear in mind the choices of students and their families and invest in institutions that students actually want to attend. The Bursar has written to the HEA seeking an end to the moderator in the Recurrent Grant Allocation Model and the President is preparing a document on the historical under investment in the campus at Maynooth University by the State and how that might be corrected.

4. Conclusion

The university again managed its affairs well in 2014/15 despite pressures, particularly on funded research income. We will continue to manage our cost base in these difficult financial times. Readers can be sure that the university remains focused on its core teaching and research activities, academic standards, the quality of the student experience and the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2012-17.

I wish to thank the staff in my office for their efforts in completing these accounts.


Dr Mike O'Malley
Bursar


Date 10/4/2016

Statement of Governance and Internal Control

Maynooth University is committed to operating best practice in all aspects of corporate governance. This summary describes the manner in which the university has applied the principles set out in the “*Governance of Irish Universities 2012*” document agreed between the Irish Universities Association and the Higher Education Authority and adopted by the Governing Authority of Maynooth University in November 2012. The purpose of this summary Statement of Corporate Governance is to help the reader of the financial statements to better understand how the principles have been applied and to obtain a clearer understanding of the governance and legal structure of the university.

The university is recognised as an independent legal entity under the *Universities Act, 1997*. Section 14.1 of that act provides that a university shall “have the right and responsibility to preserve and promote the traditional principles of academic freedom in the conduct of its internal and external affairs and be entitled to regulate its affairs in accordance with its independent ethos and tradition”.

The Maynooth University **Governing Authority** is the main governance and decision-making entity within the university. Under the *Universities Act, 1997* “the functions of a university shall be performed by or on the direction of its governing authority” and “all acts and things done by a governing authority, or in the name of or on behalf of the university with the express or implied authority of the governing authority, shall be deemed to have been done by the university”. The Governing Authority is responsible for and is satisfied that the university is in compliance with statutory obligations applicable to the university that may be set out in legislation governing the establishment of the university or in other relevant legislation.

The membership of the fourth Governing Authority of Maynooth University was made up of 29 members and is as representative as possible consistent with the provisions of the *Universities Act, 1997*. In addition there was an independent Chairperson since 2004. Baroness Nuala O’Loan was elected Chairperson in December 2010 and chaired her first meeting in February 2011.

Half of the membership is drawn from outside of the university (lay membership) and half is drawn from the university. The decisions of the Governing Authority are published on the university’s website www.maynoothuniversity.ie. Under section 34 of the *Universities Act, 1997* the Governing Authority shall approve the strategic plan of the university and ensure a copy of the strategic plan is sent to the Minister for Education and Skills and to the Higher Education Authority. A new Strategic Plan covering the period 2012 to 2017 was presented by the President and approved by the Governing Authority for publication in November 2012. The Plan was formally launched by the Minister for Education and Skills in June 2013. The title of the plan is “*National University of Ireland Maynooth Strategic Plan 2012 – 2017*” and it can be accessed at www.maynoothuniversity.ie or is available by request to Governing.Authority@nuim.ie

The University Bursar and Secretary acts as Secretary of the Governing Authority. The Governing Authority met on six occasions during the year. Table 1 below shows the attendance record of members over the year.

Statement of Governance and Internal Control (continued)

	Governing Authority Member	Number of Meetings Eligible to Attend	Number of Meetings Attended	Percentage Attendance
Chairperson (1)	Baroness Nuala O'Loan	6	6	100%
Ex Officio (3)	Professor Philip Nolan	6	6	100%
	Professor Aidan Mulkeen	6	6	100%
	Dr Mike O'Malley	6	6	100%
Members of academic staff who are Professors or Associate Professors (2)	Professor Mark Boyle	6	4	67%
	Professor Anne Ryan	6	3	50%
Permanent or full-time members of academic staff other than Professors or Associate Professors (4)	Dr Victor Lazzarini	6	6	100%
	Dr Tom O'Connor	6	5	83%
	Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin ¹	3	0	0%
	Ms Anastasia Crickley	6	5	83%
	Ms Josephine Finn	2	1	50%
Permanent or full-time employees of the University who are not academic staff (2)	Mr James Cotter	6	6	100%
	Ms Paula Murray	6	5	83%
Elected officers of the Students' Union (2)	Mr Ben Finnegan ²	5	4	80%
	Ms Síona Cahill	6	6	100%
	Mr Matt O'Boyle	1	1	100%
Postgraduate student (1)	Mr Colm O'Rourke ³	1	0	0%
	Mr Eoin Byrne	5	3	60%
IBEC nominee (1)	Ms Una Halligan	6	3	50%
ICTU nominee (1)	Ms Annette Kennedy	6	4	67%
Nominees of the Trustees of St Patrick's College (3)	Mr Seán Ashe	6	5	83%
	Monsignor Hugh Connolly	6	4	67%
	Monsignor Jim Cassin	6	5	83%
Graduates of the University (2)	Dr Úna Crowley	6	5	83%
	Mr Michael Smyth	6	4	67%
Nominees of NUI Senate (2)	Professor Mary Corcoran	6	4	67%
	Professor Jim Walsh	6	6	100%
Minister's nominees (2)	Professor Martin Curley	6	5	83%
	Ms Teresa Murray	6	4	67%
Other external members (4)	Mr Peter Cassells	6	5	83%
	Mr Richard George	6	6	100%
	Dr Caitriona Crowe	6	2	33%
	Ms Madeleine Mulrennan	6	4	67%

Table 1: Attendance Records of Members of the Governing Authority during 2014/15

¹ Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin died following a short illness in April 2015 and was replaced by Ms Josephine Finn in June 2015.² Mr Ben Finnegan was replaced by Mr Matt O'Boyle in July 2014.³ Mr Colm O'Rourke was replaced by Mr Eoin Byrne in November 2014

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The Chairperson received remuneration of €12,000 per annum in accordance with Section 17(5) of the *Universities Act, 1997* and a decision of Governing Authority taken at its meeting in December 2010. This is approximately 50% of the Ministerially approved remuneration for the post. Vouched expenses totalling €336.01 were paid to external members during the year in connection with the business of Governing Authority. Expenses are paid at rates that are less than rates approved by the Minister for Public Expenditure. Meetings of Governing Authority take place in Maynooth University and meetings of the Audit & Risk Assessment Committee take place in Dublin city centre.

During the year, Professor Philip Nolan, President was paid in accordance with a letter of sanction received from the Department of Education and Skills dated February 2011. He received total gross remuneration of €175,877 in the year.

Since the year-end the fifth Governing Authority of Maynooth University has been formed. It will be in office for four years. At a meeting held on the 26th November 2015, Baroness Nuala O'Loan was re-elected Chairperson of the Governing Authority on a ministerially approved remuneration of €20,520.

The Maynooth University **Academic Council** is the academic authority of the university and draws its membership entirely from the academic staff, students and academic support services staff of the university. Its role is to oversee the teaching and research work of the university. The Academic Council met on six occasions during the year.

The principal academic and administrative officer of the university is the **President**. The President has a responsibility to the Governing Authority for maintaining the efficiency and good order of the university, including financial management which is prescribed under various sections of the *Universities Acts, 1997* and *2006*. The President can be summoned to appear before the Public Accounts Committee or other Committees of the houses of the Oireachtas. Professor Philip Nolan took up office in August 2011 for a ten year period. The President is supported by a University Executive team. The current members of the University Executive are as follows:

Professor Philip Nolan	President
Professor Aidan Mulkeen	Vice-President Academic, Registrar and Deputy President
Professor Bernard Mahon	Vice-President for Research
Professor Ray O'Neill	Vice-President for Innovation
Professor Jim Walsh	Vice-President for Strategy and Quality
Professor Maurice Devlin	Dean (Interim) of Social Sciences
Professor Ronan Reilly	Dean of International and Graduate Studies
Dr Fiona Lyddy	Dean of Science and Engineering
Dr Victor Lazzarini	Dean of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy
Dr Alison Hood	Dean of Teaching and Learning
Ms Rosaleen McCarthy	Director of Human Resources
Dr Mike O'Malley	Bursar and Secretary
Mr Chris Hyland	Chief Innovation and Information Officer

In addition, the Governing Authority established three standing committees of the Governing Authority with written terms of reference and specified membership including lay membership. The Audit and Risk Assessment Committee is chaired by an independent lay member of the Governing Authority.

The Maynooth University **Audit and Risk Assessment Committee** met on four occasions during the year with the university's external auditors in attendance at two of those meetings. It considers detailed reports together with recommendations for the improvement of the university's systems of internal control and management's

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responses and implementation plans. The Committee reports directly to Governing Authority and has the authority to call for any information from the finance office, the University Executive members, from internal and external auditors and others whom it considers necessary to discharge its responsibilities effectively. The Bursar attends meetings of the committee on request. The Administrative Officer supporting the Governing Authority acts as Secretary to the Committee. The Bursar is not a member of the Committee. Whilst other members of the University Executive may attend meetings of the Committee from time to time by invitation, they are not members of the Committee. Once a year, the Committee meets both the external auditors and internal auditors on their own for independent discussions about their audit work and any matters the auditors choose to raise in the absence of management personnel. During 2014 the Committee met with a senior representative from the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General on one occasion. The President attended a meeting of the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee on the 21st October 2014. The table below shows the attendance of members of the Committee at meetings.

Audit and Risk Assessment Committee Member	Number of Meetings Eligible to Attend	Number of Meetings Attended	Percentage Attendance
Mr Richard George (Chairperson)	4	4	100%
Mr Peter Cassells	4	4	100%
Professor Mary Corcoran	4	3	75%
Ms Una Halligan	4	3	75%
Professor Gregory Connor	4	4	100%

The Maynooth University **Planning, Development & Finance Committee** has oversight responsibilities in the areas of operational planning and budgeting, quality assurance, fee structure, student support services, procurement, asset management, campus development, health and safety, the promotion of the Irish language and the judicious use of the university seal. The Committee met on three occasions during the year. The Committee is chaired by the President and the Bursar acts as Secretary to the Committee.

The **Human Resources, Staff Development & Equality Committee** has oversight responsibilities in the areas of staff planning, staff selection and promotions procedures, sabbatical leave procedures, staff policies, counter-acting sources of discrimination and the promotion of equality. It is chaired by the President and the University Bursar acts as Secretary to the Committee. The Committee met on two occasions during the year.

The *Code of Governance of Irish Universities* requires the Chairperson of Governing Authority to lead a periodic review of the effectiveness of the Governing Authority by the Governing Authority itself. During 2013/14 Baroness O'Loan arranged for that review to take place. Mr Peter Osborne of McCann FitzGerald Solicitors facilitated the review. The review re-energised the Governing Authority and prompted it to focus primarily on the roles of governance and oversight as required by the *Universities Acts 1997 to 2006*, the Code of Governance and best practice. The outcomes from the review has led to a re-organisation of the committee structure which came into effect with the new Governing Authority in 2016.

In addition the Maynooth University Audit and Risk Assessment Committee took part in an Effectiveness Review of Audit Committees carried out by the Comptroller and Auditor General during 2014. Positive findings about compliance with the *Code of Governance* and best practice were made. A small number of recommendations have been accepted by the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee and the Governing Authority and have been actioned as part of the new Audit and Risk Assessment Committee established in 2016.

The University Executive meets on a regular basis and receives reports on key performance and risk indicators and considers possible control issues brought to its attention by early warning mechanisms which are embedded within operational units (including faculties and departments).

The university maintains a Register of Interests of members of the Governing Authority and staff in accordance with its legal obligations under the *Ethics in Public Office Acts, 1995 & 2001*.

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In order to comply with Section 2.11 of the Code '*Governance of Irish Universities 2012*' the Governing Authority of Maynooth University states:

- Maynooth University adopted the Higher Education Authority/Irish University Association Code '*Governance of Irish Universities 2012*' in November 2012 without adjustment. A Code of Conduct for members of the Governing Authority was approved in June 2009 and brought to the attention of all members of the fourth Governing Authority on its establishment in October 2010 or for members joining the Governing Authority mid-term, prior to their attendance at their first meeting. The Code of Conduct for members of Governing Authority was brought to the attention of the fifth Governing Authority at the commencement of its term.
- A Code of Conduct for staff was approved in September 2009 and is brought to the attention of all new staff as they join the university.
- The university operates a devolved budget control system where budgets for recurrent and capital purposes are given to individual budget holders who are expected to operate and deliver within that budget. Regular analysis of under and over spending is carried out and, if appropriate, brought to the attention of the University Executive and governance structures of the university. Whereas overspending on certain budget headings has occurred, active management of the situation has led to savings in other areas to match the overruns. Mazars, the independent internal audit service to the university carried out a review of the budgeting process in December 2014 and January 2015 and reported its findings and recommendations to the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee in February 2015. The recommendations have been accepted by management. The university does not operate a Purchase Order Processing System. This is a control weakness and is being addressed. POP will be introduced from late 2016 and rolled out throughout the university after that date. The roll-out will be completed in 2017.
- No financially significant developments other than those disclosed in the annual Accounts took place in the financial year to 30th September 2015. No new joint ventures were entered into during the year. Since the year end, Maynooth University has established an independent company for the operation of the commercial elements of the IVI Institute. This company, Innovation Value Services Limited will employ the people delivering those services including the running of procurement competitions for their engagement.
- During the year ended 30th September 2015 the university was the subject of a fraud perpetrated against it by a third party. The matter is being dealt with by the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation. The university has informed the HEA, the Comptroller and Auditor General, internal auditors and the university's Audit and Risk Assessment Committee of the details of the fraud and documents have been provided to the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation. The university has reviewed its control procedures since this incident and are confident that this should not re-occur. The amount of the fraud was €362,810.62. The university is taking steps in an attempt to recover the money. The full loss is recognised in these Financial Statements.
- The university and its subsidiary companies comply with public pay guidelines and the Framework for Departures from Approved Levels of Remuneration agreed with the Higher Education Authority under Section 25 of the *Universities Act, 1997*. The university is fully compliant with the public sector pay ceiling of €180k as communicated to the university. In relation to researcher salary scales, the university acknowledges that no Section 25 approved pay scales exist. The University Executive have created a set of pay scales consistent with the ministerial approved academic pay scales and the sectorally agreed (seven universities) Irish Universities Association pay scales for researchers. These scales are used in budget-setting in research proposals and, on award of research funding, these scales are used to recruit and pay researchers. State research funding agencies such as the Higher Education Authority and Science Foundation Ireland recognise these scales for budget purposes. A small number of administrative staff receive remuneration for teaching over and above their public salary. The teaching is carried out in the evenings or worked back where it takes place during the day. The university has written to the HEA in relation to this matter.
- The university has appropriate procedures for the timely production of annual financial statements.
- The university outsources its internal audit service to Mazars following a public tender competition. The Internal Auditors are fully aware of the *Code of Governance 2012* and the expectations in relation to internal audit and the annual Statement of Internal Control. Internal Auditors carry out an annual programme of risk based audits with reporting to the Audit & Risk Assessment Committee who notify any significant items to Governing Authority. The university is compliant with the procedures for internal audit. During 2014/15,

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no significant items were reported to the Governing Authority by the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee. Since the year-end, a number of findings in relation to procurement have been raised by the Internal Auditors.

- The university confirms that procurement procedures are in place and have been communicated to all budget holders. The procedures reflect EU Directives, legislation and Government policy as we understand them with the exception of partial non-compliance with Department of Finance Circulars 02/09 and 02/11. The Internal Auditors carried out a detailed study into the operation of the procurement procedures during 2007, again in 2010 and yet again in 2015. To the best of Maynooth University's knowledge and belief the university has been compliant with the published procedures – with the exceptions of the items mentioned in this section. The first exception relates to the two circulars mentioned above. Circular 02/09 and 02/11 deal with the procurement of ICT equipment and services. The Irish Universities Association have written to the Higher Education Authority stating that the university IT Directors believe the circulars cannot be fully implemented for technical and value for money reasons. The second exception relates to the engagement of consultants through the Innovation and Value Institute (IVI), a joint industry/research collaboration with a public remit to investigate the effectiveness of information technology spending in organisations. The Institute, which is housed in the university is controlled by a Management Committee of patrons including Intel, Boston Consulting Group, EY and the university. IVI works on a global scale with consultants required to work in North America, India, the Middle East and throughout Europe. Consultants have been engaged in the past through the recommendations of patron members and other business contacts and outside of normal public procurement guidelines for consultants. Given the unique nature of IVI, the university and IVI have agreed to review the business model. During 2014/15, six IVI Consultants were paid €596,028.

In common with the other seven universities and all of the Institutes of Technology in Ireland, Maynooth University entered into a framework for the acquisition of library books during 2015. Prior to this, all library book acquisitions were handled locally by Acquisition Officers. A procedural framework for Higher Education Institutions is currently being put in place. During 2014/15, Maynooth University paid three library suppliers €156,867 without a formal procurement contract or framework in place. When compared to the framework put in place in 2015, the prices paid for library books and periodicals in 2014/15 was good value for money.

The Comptroller & Auditor General identified the recruitment of consultants by IVI outside of normal procurement processes as a control risk to the university in a management letter received in May 2015 following the completion of their 2012/13 audit work. The Comptroller & Auditor General also identified a small number of other weaknesses in procurement at Maynooth University. The university is currently considering the findings and working with the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) (in terms of training) and others in formulating a response. Other procedural findings in that letter relate to:

- a) Not tendering for a service on the basis of a sole supplier without the advance completion of a sole supplier justification form;
- b) Less than satisfactory control over the use of procurement and credit cards.

In additional work carried out at the behest of the Comptroller and Auditor General in 2015, further findings in relation to non-compliance with public procurement policy have been identified:

- (i) Five consultants were paid €259,501 and a further 14 suppliers were paid €700,402 without procurement competitions, contrary to public policy;
- (ii) The records kept in relation to procurement competitions were deficient - particularly start dates, finish dates and estimated total spending when the competition was run. The University has committed to addressing this deficiency and is working with the OGP to ensure that procurement activities are taking place in accordance with requirements of the operating model being put in place by the OGP. The implementation of this model is an ongoing process since 2013 and is being managed by the OGP. The university has no control over the process of OGP implementation. A memorandum of understanding between the OGP and the Department of Education which sets out the fundamentals of this model is due to be finalised shortly. Under the OGP model the university is responsible for compliance with procurement guidelines while being required to use

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suppliers selected by the OGP. During the ongoing implementation phase of the OGP model and primarily due to resourcing and timing issues it is not always possible to match the output of the OGP process to the procurement requirements of the university. This leads to a risk that contracts expire in advance of being retendered or that contracts are extended temporarily beyond their original duration without going through the appropriate procurement process. There is also a risk that where the OGP cannot deliver a procurement request that the university does not have the resources available to it to complete the necessary process.

Since the year-end the University has agreed to the recruitment of a Procurement and Contracts Officer to develop a contracts database (in association with OGP and EPS) setting out the start date, final date and membership of framework, including sole supplier frameworks, in addition to other duties.

- The disposal of university assets to third parties and employees is governed by procedures communicated to all staff. In May 2015, the Comptroller & Auditor General wrote to the university relating to the use of a Capital Asset Disposal Form which was not the same as the standard form as the Governing Authority approved in the Fixed Assets Policy. Since then, the university has corrected the form to bring it into line with the policy. To the best of Maynooth University's knowledge and belief, the university has been compliant with these procedures.
- Maynooth University has put in place processes and procedures to ensure compliance with the Guideline of the Appraisal and Management of Capital Projects issued by the Department of Finance in February 2005. This is a difficult process. The university engages external experts to support it in managing the complex processes associated with all aspects of capital project design, tendering, assessment and outcome. In a management letter received in May 2015, the Comptroller & Auditor General commented upon:
 - a) Procedural findings relating to the procurement of a major capital project and
 - b) Failing to incorporate the National Capital Management Framework into procurement procedures (the university has always complied with the framework).
- Maynooth University has to the best of its knowledge and belief followed the Guidelines in achieving value for money in public expenditure as set out in the address by the Minister for Finance on the 20th October 2005 and communicated to universities. Maynooth University seeks to be compliant with taxation laws and is committed to ensuring that all known tax liabilities are paid at the relevant due dates.
- Maynooth University approved a revised Child Protection Policy and Procedures in June 2014 and this policy can be viewed at www.maynoothuniversity.ie or is available by request from Governing.Authority@nuim.ie.
- Maynooth University approved a Protected Disclosure (Whistleblowing) Policy in February 2016 and this policy can be viewed at www.maynoothuniversity.ie or is available by request from Governing.Authority@nuim.ie. This is the policy under which employees and other workers would provide Good Faith Reporting in relation to concerns about possible irregularities in financial reporting and for ensuring meaningful follow-up of matters raised in this way.
- The Governing Authority of Maynooth University received formal correspondence from the Directors of all subsidiary companies confirming that the Code of Governance operating in the university is applied to the carrying out of duties relating to subsidiary companies.
- The university has adopted travel and subsistence policies which are consistent with Department of Finance Circular 07/2009: Motor travel and subsistence rates. The scheme differs to the Civil Services Scheme in some respects as allowed in paragraph 2 of the notes accompanying the circular. In general, mileage and subsistence rates paid are lower than the Civil Service rates. This policy governs claims made to members of Governing Authority as well as staff of the university.

The Governing Authority acknowledges its responsibility for the university's system of internal control; covering all material controls including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management systems, that support the achievement of the university's policies, aims and objectives, while safeguarding the public and other funds and assets for which the Governing Authority is responsible.

The system of internal control manages rather than eliminates the risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives or to conduct affairs in an orderly and legitimate manner. To that extent it can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness.

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The Governing Authority is of the view that there is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the university's significant risks to the achievement of strategy, policies, aims and objectives, that has been in place for the year ended 30th September 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual accounts, and that it is regularly reviewed by the Governing Authority.

The following processes have been established by Governing Authority for reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of the systems of internal control:

The Audit and Risk Assessment Committee has been established with terms of reference and an Audit Charter consistent with the governance guidelines laid down in Governance of Irish Universities 2012:

- During the year under review and up to the date of approving the Statement of Internal Control, the independent internal auditors, Mazars or the independent external auditors, Deloitte have presented the following reports to the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee:
 - Governance Arrangements Review (May 2015)
 - Budget Setting and Control Review (May 2015)
 - Internal Financial Control Review
 - Review of Registration and Student Fee Income
 - Procurement and Asset Disposal Review
 - Ancillary Services (Creche) Review
 - Compliance (including Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Health and Safety) Review.

No findings requiring immediate action or notification to the full Governing Authority were reported other than findings made in relation to the operation of procurement procedures. The first relates to the resignation of the Director of Strategic Procurement and Compliance in December 2014 without any subsequent amendment of the university's procurements policies and procedures. The second relates to the operation of procurement at Maynooth University and failures to provide an adequate procurement audit trail (e.g alcatel period operated or not, appointment of an in-house contract manager not evident, expenditure exceeding indicated amount at tender). Mazars and the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee have both expressed themselves satisfied with management responses and action plans, if implemented, to address the risk areas identified. Management have confirmed that work is completed or ongoing in all areas in line with the documented management responses.

Deloitte completed the external audit of the Consolidated Accounts and Harmonised Accounts for 2013/14 in May 2015. A 'management letter' was received by the university in May 2015. No material misstatement, error or fraud was reported. A small number of internal control findings were made. The report was presented to the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee in May 2015. The Auditors and Committee expressed themselves satisfied with the management response and actions to address the weaknesses identified. Management have confirmed work is either completed or ongoing in relation to the findings.

During the year under review, the Comptroller & Auditor General carried out audit field work in relation to the Statutory Audit of the Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2014. In December 2015 the Audit Report was signed by the Comptroller & Auditor General.

A number of audits into the control of research expenditure have been carried out at the behest of the funding agencies. A register of such audits is presented to the Audit & Risk Assessment Committee at intervals for review and any management letters received are presented to the Audit & Risk Assessment Committee for consideration.

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University Executive meetings, chaired by the President, are held to address ongoing issues and the implementation of objectives agreed with the Governing Authority. Control issues emerging are addressed at these meetings. The meetings are minuted and the minutes are available to the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee, Internal Auditors, External Auditors and the Comptroller & Auditor General. The University Executive met on 41 occasions during the year.

- A formal process is undertaken on a regular basis to identify, evaluate and mitigate risks. The Risk Register is updated following wide consultation in the university. Matters raised by the university community are collated by a sub-committee of the University Executive and a primary risk register and summary risk register are presented to Governing Authority. The process leading to the final document is reviewed by the Audit and Risk Assessment committee. The Secretary is the custodian of the Risk Register and monitors movements throughout the year. Any significant change in risk weighting is brought to the attention of the University Executive, the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee and Governing Authority.
- Procedures exist for the evaluation of the financial implications of risk in significant business decisions. These include examining alternatives (including doing nothing), consideration of management of the project initiatives, gathering intelligence of the business partners involved, challenging the projections and recording and monitoring income and expenditure.
- The key information systems in use at the university are the Student Records System, the General Ledger and Payments System, the Payroll System, the HR System, the funded Grants Applications System, the e-Learning System, the library system, email and the Financial Reporting System. The systems are managed by IT Services. The Director of IT Services reported to the Vice-President for Innovation from the 1st February 2013 to the 30th September 2016.. Since 1st October 2016, the Director of IT Services reports to the Chief Information and Innovation Officer. IT Services presents an annual report to the Academic Council Support Services Committee, a sub-committee of Academic Council which is chaired by the Vice-President Academic, Registrar and Deputy President. IT Services reports to the Information Technology Management Steering Committee (ITMSC), a sub-committee of the University Executive. The Vice-President for Innovation chairs this Committee. The Committee met on 11 occasions during the year.

Budgets are prepared using systems data extracted by the Bursar's Office and assumptions made. A working budget is adopted by Governing Authority, usually in September before the commencement of the financial year. This working budget is then updated following the outcome of the Higher Education Authority Annual Recurrent Grant distribution process. A revised budget is presented to Governing Authority in February or April each year. The Bursar updates the Authority on material variances from the budget at other meetings. Prior to the year-end an estimated outturn versus the budget is presented.

- Quality is of primary importance to the university and responsibility for this function is held by the Vice-President for Strategy & Quality. All academic departments are externally reviewed on a rolling five year cycle. Findings are brought to the attention of the President and Academic Council. An Annual Report is provided to the University Executive and Governing Authority. They also feed into the annual budget setting process if required. Support service departments follow a similar cycle.
- The university is fully aware of the obligations under the Equality Sections of the Universities Acts 1997 – 2006 and other equality legislation.
- The Governing Authority has undertaken a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control. The Governing Authority review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by the university's Internal Auditors in conjunction with the work of senior officers and other assurance functions. The Internal Auditors submit regular reports which include an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the university's system of internal control, with recommendations for improvement. The Governing Authority review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is also informed by the work of the University Executive within the university, who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of internal control framework, and by comments made by the External Auditors in their management letter and other reports. As a result of the overall review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control, the

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Governing Authority, external audit, internal audit and the University Executive have identified no material weaknesses.

The Governing Authority formally approved the review of Internal Controls on the 11th June and 26th November 2015.

- The subsidiary companies did not employ any staff directly during 2014/15. Staff of the university carry out duties related to the activities of the subsidiary companies and the university charges the subsidiary for these services. The Governing Authority confirm that:
 1. Each subsidiary has a Board of Directors drawn from members of the University Executive, who are also members of Governing Authority and the Code of Governance agreed between the Higher Education Authority and the university applies to the activities of the company as does the Code of Conduct for staff and the Code of Conduct for members of the Governing Authority. The normal policies and procedures of the university apply to the subsidiary companies.
 2. Each subsidiary produces its own financial statements. All subsidiaries are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements. The Financial Statements of all subsidiaries up to year ended September/December 2015 have been certified by an External Auditor with the exception of Maynooth University Foundation Limited. The audit is in progress.
 3. Formal institutional arrangements are in place for reporting including reporting to the Audit and Risk Assessment Committee and the Governing Authority on an annual basis.

The directors of the active subsidiaries have written to the Governing Authority acknowledging the responsibilities of the Directors for governance to the standards demanded by the university's own Code of Governance.

Statement of Responsibilities

The university is required to comply with the *Universities Act, 1997*, and to keep in such form as may be approved of by An tÚdarás Um Ard-Oideachas, all proper and usual accounts of money received and expended by it. In preparing those Accounts, the university is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless that basis is inappropriate and
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The university is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the university and which enable it to ensure that its financial statements comply with the *Universities Act, 1997*, the Statement of Recommended Practice – “*Accounting for Further and Higher Education Institutions*” and are prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland, with the exception of two endowments received of €1m and €2m respectively, which are included in Creditors at the year end. The university is also responsible for ensuring that the business of the university is conducted in a proper and regular manner and for safeguarding all assets under its operational control and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Authority on the 10th November 2016.



Professor Philip Nolan
President



Dr Mike O'Malley
Bursar



Comptroller and Auditor General Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

I have audited the consolidated financial statements of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth for the year ended 30 September 2015 under the Universities Act 1997. The financial statements comprise the statement of accounting policies, the consolidated income and expenditure account, the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses, the consolidated and university balance sheets, the consolidated cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared in the form prescribed under the Universities Act 1997, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Responsibilities of the Governing Authority

The Governing Authority is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for ensuring that they give a true and fair view and for ensuring the regularity of transactions.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements and report on them in accordance with applicable law.

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to bodies in receipt of substantial funding from the State in relation to their management and operation.

My audit is carried out in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and in compliance with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the University's circumstances, and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed

- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I also seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit.

In addition, I assess the consistency of the other information presented with the financial statements. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the financial statements

In my opinion, the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the University and of the University group at 30 September 2015 and of the income and expenditure of the University group for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

In my opinion, the accounting records of the University were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Future pension arrangements

Without qualifying my opinion on the financial statements, I draw attention to Note 23 and to the recognition as at 30 September 2015 of an asset of €358 million in respect of deferred pension funding.

The defined benefit pension arrangements operated by the University consist of the National University of Ireland Maynooth (Closed) Scheme 2009, the Single Public Service Pension Scheme and the National University of Ireland Maynooth Employee Superannuation Scheme 2007.

The Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 provided for the transfer of the assets of the Closed Scheme to the National Pensions Reserve Fund. This transfer was

effected on 31 December 2009. Any annual deficiency between superannuation contributions withheld or retained and benefits payable under the closed scheme are made good by payments to the University from funds provided by the Oireachtas for that purpose.

The Single Public Service Pension Scheme applies to all staff that have joined the public sector as new entrants on or after 1 January 2013. All employee contributions for this scheme are paid into a State pension account. The Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 provides for all pension payments for the scheme to be made by the University from funds provided by the Oireachtas for that purpose.

The recognition of the asset in respect of the Employee Superannuation Scheme 2007 anticipates that funding will be provided by the State to meet pension liabilities as they fall due. Inherent in this accounting treatment is an assumption that any income generated by the University will in the first instance be applied towards current expenses and that State funding will meet any shortfall in resources to fund future pension liabilities.

Matters on which I report by exception

I report by exception if I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or if I find

- any material instance where money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them, or

- the statement on governance and internal control does not reflect the University's compliance with the governance arrangements set out in the Code of Governance of Irish Universities, or
- there are other material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

Fraud incident

The University refers, on page 11 of the statement on governance and internal control, to an instance of fraud that occurred during the year ended 30 September 2015. The loss to the University as a result of the fraud was €363,000.

Procurement non-compliance

I draw attention to the disclosures on pages 12 and 13 of the statement on governance and internal control regarding specific instances of non-compliance with national procurement guidelines.



Seamus McCarthy
Comptroller and Auditor General

22 November 2016

Statement of Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and the Statement of Recommended Practice – “Accounting for Further and Higher Education Institutions”, with the exception of two endowments received of €2m and €1m respectively, which are included in Creditors at the year end. Accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland in preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view are those published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the university and its subsidiary undertakings and other undertakings in which the university has a financial interest, as indicated in Note 12. Intra-group sales and profits are eliminated fully on consolidation. Joint venture undertakings are accounted for on an equity basis.

In accordance with FRS2, the activities of the Students Unions have not been consolidated because the university does not control those activities.

Recognition of Income

Recurrent grants from the Higher Education Authority are recognised in the period, in which they are receivable. Non-recurrent grants from the Higher Education Authority are recognised in the period, in which they are received.

Academic fees are recognised in the period in which they are receivable.

Non-recurrent grants from the Higher Education Authority or other bodies received in respect of the acquisition or construction of fixed assets are treated as deferred capital grants and amortised in line with depreciation over the life of the assets. Similarly, a Student Levy is charged to each student on an annual basis to fund an agreed capital programme with the full amount received treated as a Deferred Capital Grant. The students approved the latest capital development programme by student referendum.

Income from research grants, contracts and other services rendered is included to the extent of the completion of the contract or service concerned. This is generally equivalent to the sum of the relevant expenditure incurred during the year and any related contributions towards overhead costs received. All income from short-term deposits is credited to the income and expenditure account in the period in which it is earned.

Endowment Funds

Income from specific endowments and donations is included to the extent of the relevant expenditure incurred during the year, together with any related contributions towards overhead costs.

Funds related to specific endowments and donations, which are subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors, are recognised under creditors and are ring-fenced for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)**Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Land is stated at cost and is not depreciated.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the book value of each tangible fixed asset during its useful economic life on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

Buildings	10 to 50 years
Equipment & Furniture	5 to 10 years
Motor Vehicles	5 years
Computer and Related Equipment	3 years
Works of Art	Not Depreciated
Heritage Assets	Not Depreciated

Assets are not depreciated until fully commissioned. Additions to some building assets are depreciated over the remaining life of the building.

Equipment and Minor Works

Equipment costing less than €10,000 per individual item is written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of acquisition. All other equipment is capitalised at cost.

Where equipment is acquired with the aid of specific grants it is capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the above policy, with the related grant being credited to a deferred capital grant account and released to income and expenditure account over the expected useful economic life of the related equipment.

Leased Assets

Leasing agreements that transfer to the university substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of assets are treated as if the asset had been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital element of the leasing commitments is shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged to the income and expenditure account in proportion to the reducing capital element outstanding. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the useful economic lives of equivalent owned assets.

Assets which are held under hire purchase contracts which have the characteristics of finance leases are depreciated over their useful lives. Rental costs under operating leases are charged to expenditure in equal annual amounts over the period of the lease.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are held at cost less provision for impairment.

Heritage Assets

The university holds two collections of heritage assets, which are accounted for as follows:

Works of Art: This includes a collection of paintings and sculptures. They are reported in the balance sheet at cost. The Works of Art have indefinite lives and hence are not depreciated.

Library Collections: The university holds a number of library collections, which are of national, historic, cultural and literary interest. Acquisitions are made by purchase or donation. Purchased collections are recognised at cost in the balance sheet. Valuations for donated collections cannot reasonably be obtained and hence they are not recognised on the balance sheet.

Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

The university has a duty of care to safeguard these assets. All expenses incurred in relation to the preservation and conservation of these assets are expensed as incurred.

Taxation

As an exempt charity, the university is not liable for Corporation Tax or Income tax on any of its charitable activities. It is registered for Value Added Tax, but since the supply of education is an exempt activity on which no output tax is charged it is unable to recover input tax on the majority of its purchases.

Trading activities undertaken by the university are administered through its subsidiary companies, which as commercial organisations are liable to Corporation Tax. Two subsidiary companies NUIM Facilities One Limited and NUIM Facilities Two Limited hold charitable status and are exempt from taxation.

Deferred Taxation

In subsidiary companies, which do not hold a charitable status, deferred taxation is provided on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences are temporary differences between profits as computed for taxation purposes and profits as stated in the financial statements which arise because certain items of income and expenditure in the financial statements are dealt with in different periods for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is not discounted.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the university has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Retirement Benefits

The university operates three defined benefit pension schemes as detailed in Note 23. Pension costs are accounted for on the basis of charging the cost of providing pensions over the period during which the university benefits from the employees' services.

Amounts in respect of current and past service costs, returns on assets and the interest costs on scheme liabilities, and actuarial gains and losses are calculated in accordance with FRS 17, with equivalent amounts recognised on foot of the transfer arrangement in the income and expenditure account and statement of total recognised gains and losses. Contributions to the scheme represent a cost to the university and are charged to the income and expenditure account.

As further detailed in Note 23, a deferred pension funding asset has been recognised equivalent to the university's pension liabilities.

Foreign Currency Translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded using the average rate of exchange for the period. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro either at year-end rates or, where there are related forward foreign exchange contracts, at contract rates. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the determination of income and expenditure for the financial year.

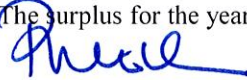
Consolidated Financial Statements
Year ended 30th September 2015

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account

		2015		(as restated) 2014	
	Notes	€	€	€	€
INCOME					
State Grants	1		19,991,388		22,346,634
Student Fees	2		56,470,092		51,445,411
Research Grants and Contracts	3		17,476,239		18,863,670
Amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants	16		3,740,252		3,634,167
Other Operating Income	4		7,413,883		6,011,671
Interest Income	5		343,346		923,301
Net Deferred Funding for Pensions	23		20,818,203		19,873,792
Total Income			126,253,403		123,098,646
EXPENDITURE					
Staff Costs	6	68,209,852		66,782,985	
FRS 17 Impact	6/23	11,559,203	79,769,055	9,159,792	75,942,777
Other Operating Expenses	7		30,993,889		31,302,567
Interest Payable - FRS 17 Impact	8/23	9,485,608	9,485,608	10,847,846	10,847,846
Depreciation	11		4,725,719		4,620,081
Total Expenditure			124,974,271		122,713,271
Surplus before Joint Arrangement Surplus			1,279,132		385,375
Share of Joint Arrangement Surplus	12		250,000		413,374
Surplus before Tax			1,529,132		798,749
Tax	9		-		-
Surplus after Tax	10		1,529,132		798,749

The Statement of Accounting Policies (pages 19 to 21), Cash Flow Statement (page 25) and Notes to the Financial Statements (pages 26 to 43) form part of these Financial Statements.

The surplus for the year arose solely from continuing operations.



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Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

		2015	(as restated) 2014
	Notes	€	€
Surplus for the year	10	1,529,132	798,749
Actuarial (Loss)/Gain on Pension Liabilities	23	(14,781,000)	(41,499,000)
Adjustment to Deferred Pension Funding	23	14,781,000	41,499,000
Total Recognised Gain in the year		1,529,132	798,749
Prior Year Adjustment	28	262,490	2,006,562
Total Recognised Gain since last annual report		1,791,622	2,805,331

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as at 30th September 2015*

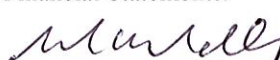
Consolidated and University Balance Sheets

	Notes	Consolidated (as restated)		University	
		2015	2014	2015	2014
		€	€	€	€
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	11	179,665,258	164,581,893	177,016,531	161,857,488
Financial Assets	12	500,177	250,177	308	308
		180,165,435	164,832,070	177,016,839	161,857,796
Current Assets					
Debtors	13	16,239,575	13,562,778	18,545,620	15,618,823
Bank		20,567,865	40,522,709	20,446,697	40,401,506
		36,807,440	54,085,487	38,992,317	56,020,329
Current Liabilities					
Creditors (Amounts due within 1 year)	14	(54,662,750)	(56,697,992)	(55,004,408)	(56,988,432)
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets		(17,855,310)	(2,612,505)	(16,012,091)	(968,103)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		162,310,125	162,219,565	161,004,748	160,889,693
Net Assets before Pension		162,310,125	162,219,565	161,004,748	160,889,693
Deferred Pension Funding Asset	23	357,750,000	324,040,000	357,750,000	324,040,000
Pension Liability	23	(357,750,000)	(324,040,000)	(357,750,000)	(324,040,000)
Net Assets including Pension		162,310,125	162,219,565	161,004,748	160,889,693
Deferred Capital Grants	16	117,816,822	119,255,399	116,421,066	117,819,788
Represented by:					
Restricted Reserves		30,270	30,231		
Revenue Reserves surplus	17	44,463,033	42,933,935	44,583,682	43,069,905
		162,310,125	162,219,565	161,004,748	160,889,693

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Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	2015 €	(as restated) 2014 €
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow from Operating Activities	18	(2,790,792)	10,675,872
Distribution from Joint Arrangement	12	-	436,011
Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance	19	343,346	923,301
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment	20	(17,507,398)	(26,608,929)
Net Cash Outflow before Financing		(19,954,844)	(14,573,745)
Financing	21	-	8,939,415
Decrease in Cash in Year		(19,954,844)	(5,634,330)
Reconciliation of Net Cash Outflow to Movement in Net Funds			
Decrease in Cash in Year		(19,954,844)	(5,634,330)
Cash Inflow from Decrease in Debt and Lease Finance	21	-	5,230,586
Change in Net Funds resulting from Cash Outflows		(19,954,844)	(403,744)
Movement in Net Funds in year	22	(19,954,844)	(403,744)
Net Funds at beginning of year	22	40,522,709	40,926,453
Net Funds at end of year	22	20,567,865	40,522,709

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	2015	2014
	€	€
1. State Grants		
Higher Education Authority grants for recurrent purposes	19,991,388	22,346,634
2. Student Fees		
Academic Fee Income	56,197,342	50,983,013
Miscellaneous Fee Income	272,750	462,398
Total Fees Paid by or on behalf of Individual Students	56,470,092	51,445,411
3. Research Grants and Contracts		
State and Semi-State	13,130,831	13,096,330
European Union	2,533,078	2,408,835
Industry	1,568,259	1,768,556
Other	244,071	1,589,949
	17,476,239	18,863,670
4. Other Operating Income		(as restated)
Residences	2,768,397	2,148,496
Rents and Concessions	950,376	941,126
Other Income	3,695,110	2,922,049
	7,413,883	6,011,671
5. Interest Income		
Interest Receivable	343,346	923,301

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	2015	2014
6. Staff Costs		
Average weekly number of persons (Including Senior Post Holders) expressed as full time equivalents, employed by the university during the year:	No.	No.
Teaching and Research	567	538
Technical	37	37
Central Administration and Services	280	270
Other	116	129
Total	1,000	974
	€	€
Salaries and Wages	59,566,706	58,114,708
Social Welfare Costs	4,997,349	4,828,069
Pension Costs	15,205,000	13,000,000
	79,769,055	75,942,777
7. Other Operating Expenses		(as restated)
Travel and Subsistence	1,882,933	1,448,776
Consumables	3,964,014	3,563,575
Repairs and General Maintenance	2,684,768	2,881,061
Heat, Light, Water and Power	1,991,144	1,982,471
Books & Periodicals	1,564,074	2,024,160
Catering and Residence Operations	2,293,822	2,040,233
Audit, Professional and Consulting Fees	2,634,496	2,925,029
Rent and Rates	1,730,393	1,725,508
Capitation	1,402,470	1,408,927
Scholarships	1,434,674	1,466,248
Computer Software and Hardware	1,996,699	2,182,764
Print and Stationery	688,164	768,494
Conference Expenses	262,356	279,643
Other Expenses	6,463,882	6,605,678
	30,993,889	31,302,567
Other Operating Expenses Include:		
External Audit (Deloitte)	-	65,000
Statutory Audit (Comptroller & Auditor General)	62,000	22,000
Internal Audit (Mazars)	10,000	25,000
Other Services from Internal Audit (Mazars)	-	7,373
Other Services from External Audit (Deloitte)	-	11,790

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	2015	2014
	€	€
8. Interest Payable and Similar Charges		
Interest and Bank Charges	226,608	133,846
Pension Finance Charge	9,259,000	10,714,000
	<u>9,485,608</u>	<u>10,847,846</u>
9. Taxation		
The university and two trading subsidiary undertakings, NUIM Facilities One Limited and NUIM Facilities Two Limited, are exempt from Corporation Tax. All other subsidiary undertakings liable to corporation tax did not trade during the year, therefore no corporation tax charge arises (2014: €Nil).		
10. Surplus on Continuing Operations for the Year		
The Surplus on continuing operations for the year is made up as follows:		(as restated)
University Surplus for the year	1,263,776	495,703
Surplus/(Deficit) generated by subsidiary undertakings	15,356	(110,328)
Share of joint arrangement surplus	250,000	413,374
	<u>1,529,132</u>	<u>798,749</u>

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

11a Consolidated		(as restated*)	(as restated*)	
	Land & Buildings €	Equipment €	Heritage Assets €	Total €
Cost at 1 st October 2014	201,112,802	16,057,252	183,000	217,353,054
Additions at Cost	17,112,937	2,700,848	-	19,813,785
Disposals at Cost		(580,219)		(580,219)
Cost at 30 th September 2015	<u>218,225,739</u>	<u>18,177,881</u>	<u>183,000</u>	<u>236,586,620</u>
Depreciation at 1 st October 2014	39,434,772	13,336,389	-	52,771,161
Depreciation for Year	3,845,665	880,054	-	4,725,719
Depreciation on Disposals		(575,518)		(575,518)
Depreciation at 30 th September 2015	<u>43,280,437</u>	<u>13,640,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,921,362</u>
Net Book Value				
At 30th September 2015	<u>174,945,302</u>	<u>4,536,956</u>	<u>183,000</u>	<u>179,665,258</u>
At 30 th September 2014	<u>161,678,030</u>	<u>2,720,863</u>	<u>183,000</u>	<u>164,581,893</u>

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11. Tangible Fixed Assets (continued)

11b University	Land & Buildings	(as restated*) Equipment	(as restated*) Heritage Assets	Total
	€	€	€	€
Cost at 1 st October 2014	197,328,905	15,670,684	183,000	213,182,589
Additions at Cost	17,112,936	2,700,848	-	19,813,784
Disposals at Cost	-	(580,219)	-	(580,219)
Cost at 30 th September 2015	214,441,841	17,791,313	183,000	232,416,154
Depreciation at 1 st October 2014	38,336,628	12,988,473	-	51,325,101
Depreciation for Year	3,769,987	880,054	-	4,650,041
Depreciation on Disposals	-	(575,519)	-	(575,519)
Depreciation at 30 th September 2015	42,106,615	13,293,008	-	55,399,623
Net Book Value				
At 30th September 2015	172,335,226	4,498,305	183,000	177,016,531
At 30 th September 2014	158,992,277	2,682,211	183,000	161,857,488

*The opening costs of Equipment and Heritage Assets have been restated as at 1st October 2014 to reclassify €133,738 of Artwork from Heritage Assets to Equipment.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**11. Tangible Fixed Assets (continued)**

The disclosures below relate to both Note 11a Consolidated and 11b University.

Included in Cost of Land and Buildings is €8,921,893 (2014: €12,709,515) assets in the course of construction.

During the year ended 30th September 2003, the university completed the building of student residences "River Apartments Phase I". The apartments were part financed by a group of investors availing of Section 50 tax relief on eligible expenditure under Part 11a of *Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997*. In applying Financial Reporting Standard 5 "*reporting the substance of transactions*" the university has accounted for the apartments in fixed assets on the basis of the commercial substance rather than the legal form. Due to unavoidable delays, the investors and the university have agreed an extended period in which the formal legal paperwork can be processed. The transaction will be completed during 2015/16.

Heritage Assets

The heritage assets of the university comprise of 'Works of Art' totalling €13,000 and a library archive amounting to €170,000. These are not depreciated in line with the university's policy.

The library holds a number of special collections and archives of national, historic, cultural and literary interest, including limited and illustrated editions, autographed copies, and manuscripts and which are maintained to the highest possible standards and are available to be consulted on appointment. Valuations for donated collections cannot reasonably be obtained and hence they are not recognised on the balance sheet.

5 Year Summary of Heritage Assets:

		(as restated*)	(as restated*)		
	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11
Cost	183,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Additions		<u>170,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cost at 30 th September	183,000	183,000	13,000	13,000	13,000

*Heritage Assets have been restated to reclassify €133,738 from Heritage Assets to 'Works of Art' in the Equipment Category.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	Consolidated		University	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	€	€	€	€
12. Financial Assets				
Investments in Subsidiary undertakings	-	-	105	105
Other Investments	203	203	203	203
	203	203	308	308
Share of Joint Arrangement Net Assets				
At start of year	249,974	272,611	-	-
Income for year	250,000	413,374	-	-
Distribution	-	(436,011)	-	-
At end of year	499,974	249,974	-	-
Total	500,177	250,177	308	308

The university held an interest in the following subsidiary undertakings:

Subsidiary undertaking	Principal activity	Interest
Maynooth University Enterprise Development Limited	Holds intellectual property associated with filed patents	100%
NUIM Development Limited	Construction of Student Accommodation at Maynooth University	100%
NUIM Facilities One Limited	Provision of finance facilities in connection with Student Accommodation	100%
NUIM Facilities Two Limited	Provision of maintenance and rental collection services for student accommodation	100%
NUIM Finance Limited	Provide finance for student residential accommodation	100%
NUIM International Limited	To advance and promote the interest and reputation of the university outside Ireland	100%
Innovation Value Maynooth Limited	To carry on all or any of the business of developing and commercialising intellectual property and providing consultancy, assessment, training and related services.	100%
Maynooth University Foundation Limited ⁴	To seek donations for the funding of scholarships and other specific purposes	100%

The registered office of all of the above companies is Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co Kildare.

⁴ The Financial Statements for Maynooth University Foundation Limited for the year ended 31st December 2015 have not yet been certified by an External Auditor.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**12. Financial Assets (continued)**

The university held an interest in the following associate undertakings and investments:

Associated undertaking	Principal activity	Interest	Registered Office
Igeotech Technologies Ltd	Research	20%	Block 8, Blackrock Business Park, Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
Beemune Ltd	Research	24%	4 Village Green, Omeath, Co. Louth.
Blue Box Sensors Ltd	Research	10%	Ground Floor, Hilton House, 3 Ardee Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6.
Mutebutton Ltd (now Neuromod Devices Ltd)	Research	2.46%	C/O Derek Madden & Company, Bowling Green, Mallow, Co Cork.
Relational Frame Training Ltd	Research	15.42%	Suaimehnes, Blackwood, Robertstown, Naas, Co Kildare.
ISAAT Technologies Ltd	Research	4.8%	100 Leixlip Park, Leixlip, Co Kildare.
Profector Life Sciences Ltd	Research	3.63%	34 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin 2.
3U Collaboration Ltd	Educational Collaboration	33.3%	25-28 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1.
Odikyo Limited	Research	16%	Ashfield, Clonard, Co Meath.
Surface Tension Ltd.	Research	15.25%	The Holly, Ballynahallia, Moycullen, Co. Galway.

Joint Arrangement

Maynooth Campus Conference Accommodation is a campus facility arrangement between Maynooth University and St Patrick's College, Maynooth to utilise the resources of both institutions in providing conference and accommodation facilities.

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	Consolidated		University	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	€	€	€	€
13. Debtors				
Contract Research Grants and Projects Receivable	2,096,097	2,331,853	2,096,097	2,331,853
Funded Pension Scheme	9,338,581	6,473,865	9,338,581	6,473,865
Accounts Receivable	2,236,491	2,241,141	2,236,491	2,241,141
Prepayments	935,427	935,288	935,427	935,288
Staff House Loans	98,243	154,294	98,243	154,294
Other Debtors*	1,205,455	1,426,337	1,205,456	1,426,337
State Grant Due	329,281		329,281	-
Amounts due from Subsidiary Undertakings	-	-	1,806,070	1,806,071
Amounts due from Joint Venture	-	-	499,974	249,974
	16,239,575	13,562,778	18,545,620	15,618,823

* Included in Other Debtors and Prepayments is an amount of €405,069 (2014: €462,935) falling due after more than one year

	Consolidated (as restated)		University (as restated)	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	€	€	€	€
14. Creditors (Amounts falling due within 1 year)				
Contract Research Grants and Projects Unexpended in Advance	8,580,947	9,922,328	8,580,947	9,922,328
Model Scheme Pension	15,902,566	15,355,437	15,902,566	15,355,437
Other Amounts Received in Advance	2,706,525	3,603,845	2,706,525	3,603,845
Deferred Income (Note 15)	-	1,735,942	-	1,735,942
Academic Fees received in Advance	9,832,868	9,774,020	9,832,868	9,774,020
Trade Creditors	3,911,180	2,569,668	3,911,180	2,569,668
Accruals	4,781,540	5,427,609	4,781,540	5,427,610
Restricted Funds	3,155,908	3,214,091	3,155,908	3,214,091
Other Creditors	4,208,133	3,487,445	4,289,053	3,446,144
Other Taxation and Social Security	1,583,083	1,607,607	1,583,083	1,607,607
Amounts due to Subsidiary Undertakings	-	-	260,738	331,740
Total	54,662,750	56,697,992	55,004,408	56,988,432

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

		Consolidated & University	
		2015	2014
		€	€
15. Deferred Income			
State grant received in respect of current year		17,926,165	23,358,429
State grant due in respect of current year (Note 13)		329,281	-
State grant deferred from prior accounting year (Note 14)		1,735,942	724,147
State grant deferred to subsequent accounting years (Note 14)		-	(1,735,942)
State grant per financial statements (Note 1)		19,991,388	22,346,634

State funding is allocated on a calendar year basis. The university financial year is based on the academic year from October to September. In accordance with the university's accounting policies recurrent grants have been recognised on an accruals basis. In any accounting year therefore, an element of funding will be deferred to subsequent accounting periods in order to match the funding to the related expenditure.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	State	Other Grants & Benefactors	Total
	€	€	€
16. Deferred Capital Grants - Consolidated			
At 1 st October 2014			
Buildings	78,955,117	39,693,398	118,648,515
Equipment	-	606,884	606,884
Total	<u>78,955,117</u>	<u>40,300,282</u>	<u>119,255,399</u>
Cash Received			
Buildings	914,599	837,041	1,751,640
Equipment	-	550,035	550,035
Total	<u>914,599</u>	<u>1,387,076</u>	<u>2,301,675</u>
Released to Income & Expenditure			
Buildings	2,026,184	942,941	2,969,125
Equipment	-	771,127	771,127
Total	<u>2,026,184</u>	<u>1,714,068</u>	<u>3,740,252</u>
At 30 th September 2015			
Buildings	77,843,532	39,587,498	117,431,030
Equipment	-	385,792	385,792
Total	<u>77,843,532</u>	<u>39,973,290</u>	<u>117,816,822</u>
Deferred Capital Grants - University			
At 1 st October 2014			
Buildings	78,955,117	38,097,802	117,052,919
Equipment	-	766,869	766,869
Total	<u>78,955,117</u>	<u>38,864,671</u>	<u>117,819,788</u>
Cash Received			
Buildings	914,599	837,041	1,751,640
Equipment	-	550,035	550,035
Total	<u>914,599</u>	<u>1,387,076</u>	<u>2,301,675</u>
Released to Income & Expenditure			
Buildings	2,026,184	903,087	2,929,271
Equipment	-	771,126	771,126
Total	<u>2,026,184</u>	<u>1,674,213</u>	<u>3,700,397</u>
At 30 th September 2015			
Buildings	77,843,532	38,031,756	115,875,288
Equipment	-	545,778	545,778
Total	<u>77,843,532</u>	<u>38,577,534</u>	<u>116,421,066</u>

Included under "Other Grants and Benefactors" is an amount of €837,041 (2013/14: €835,560) cash received from the Student Levy. The balance on the Student Levy Fund as at the 30th September 2015 is €3.65m (2014: €2.81m).

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	2015	(as restated) 2014
	€	€
17. Reconciliation of Movement in Revenue Reserves		
Consolidated		
At 1 st October as previously stated	42,964,166	41,902,927
Prior Year Adjustment (Note 28)	-	262,490
Opening Reserves as restated		42,165,417
Surplus for the year	1,529,132	798,749
At 30 th September	44,493,298	42,964,166
University		
At 1 st October as previously stated	43,069,905	42,160,837
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	1,513,777	909,068
At 30 th September	44,583,682	43,069,905
18. Reconciliation of Consolidated Operating Surplus to Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities		(as restated)
Surplus for the Year before Joint Arrangement Surplus	1,279,132	385,375
Depreciation	4,725,719	4,620,081
Deferred Capital Grants released to Income	(3,740,252)	(3,634,167)
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(2,676,797)	1,428,525
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	(2,035,248)	8,536,869
Interest Receivable	(343,346)	(923,301)
Increase in Opening Reserve (Note 28)		262,490
Net Cash (Outflow) / Inflow from Operating Activities	(2,790,792)	10,675,872
19. Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance		
Interest Received and Receivable	343,346	923,301
Net Cash Inflow from Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance	343,346	923,301

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	2015	2014
	€	€
20. Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment		
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(19,813,785)	(14,625,595)
Payments to acquire S50 Apartments	-	(14,170,001)
Proceeds from sale of Motor Vehicle	4,712	-
Deferred Capital Grants Received	2,301,675	2,186,667
	(17,507,398)	(26,608,929)
21. Financing		
Decrease in Lease Obligations	-	(5,230,586)
Funding of S50 buyback	-	14,170,001
	-	8,939,415
	At 1/10/14	Cashflows
	At 30/09/15	
	€	€
22. Analysis of Changes in Net Funds		
Cash in Hand and at Bank	40,522,709	(19,954,844)
		20,567,865
Total	40,522,709	(19,954,844)
		20,567,865

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**23. Retirement Benefits**

During the year the university operated three defined benefit pension schemes.

National University of Ireland, Maynooth (Closed) Scheme 2009 – formerly known as the National University of Ireland, Maynooth Pension Plan – “Closed Scheme”

The main scheme is “National University of Ireland, Maynooth (Closed) Scheme 2009 “Closed Scheme”. The Closed scheme applies to pensionable employees appointed prior to 31st January 2005 and is closed to new entrants. Up until 31st December 2009 the university funded the Closed Scheme which operated under a Trust Deed, the assets of which were held separately from those of the university. The *Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009* provided that the Oireachtas will make good any deficiency arising if the aggregate of members’ and employers’ contributions paid to or withheld by the university are insufficient to meet the university’s obligations to pay these benefits in accordance with the scheme. On the 31st December 2009, in accordance with S.I. No. 528/2009 “Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (National University of Ireland, Maynooth) Transfer Order 2009” the assets of the Closed Pension schemes were transferred to the National Pensions Reserve Fund and the existing Trust was terminated. There was no effect on the benefits payable to the members, they became members of a statutory unfunded scheme renamed “National University of Ireland (Closed) Scheme 2009”. The pension liability of this scheme on the balance sheet date was €302.7m (2014: €281.5m).

The National University of Ireland, Maynooth Employee Superannuation Scheme 2007 – “Model Scheme”

The Model Scheme applies to all new staff appointed to posts first advertised between the 29th November 2004 and appointed or in receipt of an offer of employment dated no later than 31st December 2012. This is a pay-as-you-go scheme funded through monies provided to the university by the State for that purpose. On the basis that the Oireachtas will make good any deficiency arising to meet the university’s obligations to pay pension benefits of the Closed Scheme and that future pension liabilities of the Model Scheme are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through monies provided to the university by the State for that purpose, the pension liability of the Model Scheme has been offset by the recognition of an asset equivalent to the university’s pension liabilities. The pension liability of this scheme on the balance sheet date was €53.9m (2014: €42m).

Single Public Service Pension Scheme

The Single Scheme applies to all new staff who are joining the public sector as new entrants after the 1st January 2013. It is entitled *Single Public Service Pension Scheme* and is a career average pension scheme. It is a defined benefit scheme and as such is included in the FRS 17 disclosure. All employee pension contributions for the Single scheme are paid on a monthly basis to a state pension account. Employer pension contributions are held as part of creditors pending payment to the state. The figures are not required to be included in the pension control account. On the basis that the Oireachtas will make good any deficiency arising to meet the university’s obligations to pay pension benefits of the Closed Scheme and that future pension liabilities of the Single Scheme are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through monies provided to the university by the State for that purpose, the pension liability of the Single Scheme has been offset by the recognition of an asset equivalent to the university’s pension liabilities. The pension liability of the scheme on the balance sheet date was €1.04m (2014: €442k).

Summary of position at year end

	2015	2014
	€'000	€'000
Consolidated and University		
Net Pension Liability - FRS 17	(357,750)	(324,040)
Pension receivable	357,750	324,040
	-	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

23. Retirement Benefits (continued)

The requirements of FRS 17 are fully adopted and the following movements are reflected in the financial statements.

The valuation of liabilities used for FRS 17 Disclosures has been based on an actuarial valuation carried out by an independent professionally qualified actuary at the balance sheet date. The financial assumptions used to calculate the retirement liabilities in relation to the defined benefit pension schemes under FRS17 as at 30th September 2015 and 30th September 2014 and 30th September 2013 were as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
Financial Assumptions			
Rate of increase in Salaries	1.75%	1.90%	2.25%
Rate of increase in Pensions in payment	1.75%	1.90%	2.25%
Discount Rate for Scheme Liabilities	2.35%	2.75%	3.90%
Inflation Assumption	1.50%	1.65%	2.00%

The mortality rate adopted allows for improvements in life expectancy over time so that life expectancy at retirement will depend on the year in which a member attains retirement age (age 65). The table below shows the life expectancy for members attaining the age of 65.

	2015	2014	2013
	Years	Years	Years
Male	87.0-90.7	86.9-90.6	86.8-90.5
Female	88.8-92.8	88.7-92.6	88.6-92.5

Analysis of the amount charged to the Income and Expenditure Account

	2015	2014
	€'000	€'000
Staff costs		
Current service cost	(15,205)	(13,000)
Past service cost	-	-
Total charge to operating expenses	(15,205)	(13,000)
Other finance charges		
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(9,259)	(10,714)
Net finance charge	(9,259)	(10,714)
Deferred Funding for Pensions in year		
Funding recoverable in respect of current year pension costs	24,464	23,714
Contributions by employer payable to the State	(3,646)	(3,840)
Net Deferred Funding for Pensions in year	20,818	19,874

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

23. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

Analysis of the amount charged to Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

	2015	2014
	€'000	€'000
Experience gains	4,161	8,710
Change in actuarial assumptions	(18,942)	(50,209)
Actuarial (loss)/gain	(14,781)	(41,499)

Analysis of the movement in defined benefit obligation in the year

Present value of defined benefit obligation at beginning of year	(324,040)	(264,250)
Current service cost	(15,205)	(13,000)
Past service cost	-	-
Interest Cost	(9,259)	(10,714)
Benefits Paid	5,535	5,423
Actuarial (loss)/gain	(14,781)	(41,499)
Present value of defined benefit obligation at the end of year	(357,750)	(324,040)

History of experience gains and losses is as follows:

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
<i>Difference between the expected and actual return on scheme assets</i>					
Amount	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of scheme assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities</i>					
Amount	4,161	8,710	12,229	15,910	9,790
Percentage of scheme liabilities	1.16%	2.68%	4.63%	5.84%	3.85%
<i>Changes in Actuarial Assumptions</i>					
Amount	(18,942)	(50,209)	15,311	(15,052)	53,985
Percentage of scheme liabilities	(5.29%)	(15.49%)	5.79%	(5.53%)	21.20%

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	2015	2014
	€'000	€'000
Analysis of Deferred Pension Funding Asset		
At beginning of year	324,040	264,250
Movement included in Staff costs	15,205	13,000
Movement included in Finance costs	9,259	10,714
Movement included in STRGL	14,781	41,499
Benefits Payable to the State	(5,535)	(5,423)
At end of year	357,750	324,040

24. Related Parties

Transactions with subsidiaries of the university have been eliminated on consolidation and no disclosure of these transactions has therefore been given. The university has the following related party transactions:

Maynooth Campus Conference & Accommodation: Maynooth Campus Conference & Accommodation is a campus facility arrangement between Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth to utilise the resources of both institutions in providing conference and accommodation facilities. The balance due to the university at 30th September 2015 was €499,974 (2014: €249,974).

3U is a collaboration between three Higher Education Institutions in the greater Dublin area. The other two institutions are RCSI and DCU. To give effect to this arrangement, a limited liability company, 3U Collaboration Limited, was established in March 2013. Maynooth University holds one third of the ordinary shares in the company with the other two collaborators each holding one third of the ordinary shares also. During 2014/15, Maynooth University incurred expenses of €31,572 (2014: €9,911) on behalf of 3U Collaboration Limited. An amount of €41,484 (2014: €9,911) was owed by the Company to Maynooth University at the balance sheet date. Maynooth University advanced a loan of €190,000 (2014: €100,000) to 3U Collaboration Limited during the year to keep it in funds. Both DCU and RCSI also advanced loans of €190,000 each to 3U Collaboration Limited.

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	2015	2014
	€	€
25. Capital Commitments		
Commitments contracted at 30 th September 2015	32,709,098	24,059,089
Commitments authorised but not contracted at 30 th September 2015	-	23,000,000
	<u>32,709,098</u>	<u>47,059,089</u>

Contracted commitments include an amount of €1.19m outstanding on the new 8,000 m² ICT Hub Building which opened in September 2015. An amount of €11.7m relates to a new integrated Education Hub Building to house all of the university's Education departments, including the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education under one roof. The former trustees of Froebel College of Education have entered a contract with the university dated 31 August 2013, to contribute €4m to this development. An amount of €19.1m relates to a new block of 297 student apartments, which were under construction at the balance sheet date.

	2015	2014
	€	€
26. Operating Lease Commitments		
Amounts payable during the next twelve months in respect of leases which expire:		
within 12 months	25,000	0
within 2 to 5 years	1,327,340	1,324,060
Total	<u>1,352,340</u>	<u>1,324,060</u>

Operating lease commitments are in respect of a 21 year property lease which commenced on 1st October 1998.

27. Contingent Liabilities

The university has no known material contingent liabilities at 30th September 2015 or 30th September 2014.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

28. Prior Year Adjustment – Maynooth University Foundation

During the year ended 30th September 2015 the University consolidated Maynooth University Foundation Limited (MUFL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Maynooth University. All comparative figures for the year ended 30th September 2014 have been restated to reflect the transactions in MUFL in that year. As a result of this, the opening reserves for the year ended 30th September 2014 increased by €262,490

29. Post Balance Sheet Events

There were three non adjusting post balance sheets events as outlined below.

European Investment Bank Loan agreement

In November 2014 the Governing Authority authorised an agreement with the European Investment Bank for a loan capital funding facility of up to €76.7 million. The first tranche of €25 million was drawn down in December 2015. The EIB loan is to be used to fund the capital development programme of the university.

Purchase of Land

In September 2015 the Governing Authority approved the purchase of 24 acres of land from St Patrick's College Maynooth for a consideration of €6m. This transaction was completed in December 2015.

Purchase of Investment Property

The university completed the purchase of an investment property in Maynooth in December 2015 for a consideration of €2,024,150. The Governing Authority had approved this purchase in December 2014.

30. Comparative Figures

Where possible comparative figures have been restated on the same basis as current year figures.

31. Approval of the Consolidated Financial Statements

The Governing Authority approved the Consolidated Financial Statements on 10th November 2016.

APPENDIX 1 – Not included in the audit opinion of the Comptroller and Auditor General

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

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Reconciliation of 'Harmonisation of Accounts Funding Statement' with Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account and Explanatory Notes

	NUIM Funding Statement	Unincorporated Ancillary Activity(1) €	GAAP Adjustments €	Subsidiary Companies €	Consolidated Accounts €
INCOME					
State Grants	19,991,388	-	-	-	19,991,388
Student Fees	55,381,207	-	1,088,885 (2)	-	56,470,092
Research Grants	18,342,444	-	(866,205) (3)	-	17,476,239
Amortisation	4,650,041	-	(909,789) (4)	-	3,740,252
Other Operating Income	2,527,067	5,382,979	(836,160) (5)	339,997	7,413,883
Interest Income	546,399	-	(203,053) (6)	-	343,346
Net Deferred Funding for Pensions	-	-	20,818,203 (9)	-	20,818,203
Total Income	101,438,546	5,382,979	19,091,881	339,997	126,253,403
EXPENDITURE					
Staff Costs	66,943,525	737,860	12,087,670 (8)	-	79,769,055
Other Operating Expenses	29,488,916	2,827,148	(1,512,830) (7)	190,655	30,993,889
Interest Payable	110,000	299,498	9,055,908 (9)	20,202	9,485,608
Depreciation	4,650,041	-	75,678	-	4,725,719
Total Expenditure	101,192,482	3,864,506	19,706,426	210,857	124,974,271
Share of Joint Arrangement Surplus	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
Surplus before Tax	246,064	1,518,473	(364,545)	129,140	1,529,132
Surplus after Tax	246,064	1,518,473	(364,545)	129,140	1,529,132

- 1. Ancillary Activities - €1,518,473** Ancillary activities as detailed in Note 14 of the Harmonisation of Accounts Funding Statement, are generally ineligible for state funding and under the Harmonisation Agreement, surpluses and losses on such activities are transferred directly to reserves. Under GAAP, ancillary activities are included in the Income and Expenditure account.
- 2. Reclassification of student fee income - €1,088,885** Under the Harmonisation Agreement, income and expenditure generated on the running of continuing education courses are reported as net debit or credit balances in the balance sheet. Under GAAP, such amounts are included in the Income and Expenditure Account. Additional costs accrue under staff costs and other operating expenses, equal to the additional income recognised.

Reconciliation of 'Harmonisation of Accounts Funding Statement' with Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account Explanatory Notes (Continued)

- 3. Research Grants – (€866,205)** Under the Harmonisation Agreement, research grants are included in the Income and Expenditure account to the extent of expenditure (including capital expenditure) incurred in the year, while contribution from overhead is included in 'other income'. Under GAAP, capital expenditure on research projects is capitalised while research overhead contribution is reported as part of research income. Under the Harmonisation Agreement certain Continuing Education activity is reported as other funded projects under Research Income. Under GAAP this is reclassified as fee income.
- 4. Amortisation of Deferred Capital Grants - (€909,789)** Under the Harmonisation Agreement, amortisation is matched with the depreciation charge, regardless of whether or not the asset is fully grant funded. This results in a neutral Income and Expenditure effect. Under GAAP, amortisation is calculated to write off the capital grant over the life of the asset. Where the asset is not fully grant funded the depreciation charge will be greater than the amortisation credit.
- 5. Other Operating Income - (€836,160)** Under the Harmonisation Agreement, contribution from research overhead is reported as part of other income, while this contribution is reported as research income under GAAP. The effect of this is to reduce operating income by €691,503.

Under the Harmonisation Agreement certain activities are not recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account. These include continuing education fees, funded scholarship awards and library receipts. Under GAAP both the income and expenditure must be recognised. The effect of this is to increase other operating income by €2,369,687 and increase student fee income by €1,088,885 (as detailed in Note 2 above). The corresponding impact on operating expenditure is explained in Note 7 below.

Under the Harmonisation Agreement the university's share of income and expenditure associated with a joint arrangement with St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for campus conference activities are recognised. Under GAAP only the contribution from this activity is recognised. The effect of this is to reduce other operating income by €1,169,756 and other operating expenditure by €919,756.

In the Harmonisation of Accounts Funding Statement, a contribution of €104,529 was received from a subsidiary company while a contribution of €20,202 was paid to a subsidiary company during the year. Under GAAP these inter-company contributions are eliminated, therefore reducing operating income by €124,731.

- 6. Interest earned – (€203,053)** Under GAAP, this interest is included in the Income and Expenditure Account. During the year interest of €203,053 was earned by the university on funding provided to apartment operations included in ancillary activities and subsidiary company, NUIM Facilities One Limited for early settlement of external debt. This interest is eliminated on consolidation.
- 7. Other Operating Expenses – (€1,512,830)** Under the Harmonisation Agreement, internally funded capital projects are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account. Under GAAP this is excluded from the Income and Expenditure Account. The effect of this element of the adjustment is to reduce expenditure by €1,246,818.

Reconciliation of 'Harmonisation of Accounts Funding Statement' with Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account Explanatory Notes (Continued)

Under the Harmonisation Agreement costs associated with repairs and upgrade of buildings (or similar items) can be provided once a decision to undertake the project is taken. Under GAAP this expenditure is recognised on an accrual accounting basis. The effect of this is to reduce expenditure by €1,726,298.

Under the Harmonisation Agreement certain expenditure on Continuing Education and Postgraduate Courses are recognised as Research expenditure. Under GAAP these amounts are excluded from Research expenditure. The effect of this is to reduce operating expenditure by €683,883.

As explained in Note 5 above, under the Harmonisation Agreement certain activities are not recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account. These include continuing education fees, funded scholarship awards and library receipts. Under GAAP both the income and expenditure must be recognised. The effect of this is to increase other operating expenditure by €2,832,700 and increase staff costs by €528,467.

Under the Harmonisation Agreement all research expenditure, including capital equipment is recognised as Research Income and Expenditure. Under GAAP capital equipment cannot be treated in this way. The effect of this is to reduce other operating expenditure by €550,035.

Under the Harmonisation Agreement the university's share of income and expenditure associated with a joint arrangement with St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for campus conference activities are recognised. Under GAAP only the contribution from this activity is recognised. The effect of this is to reduce other operating income by €1,169,756 and other operating expenditure by €919,756.

Under the Harmonisation Agreement 'Internal' balances, i.e. non-pay expenditure of academic departments and certain service departments are carried forward on the balance sheet. This is not permitted under GAAP. The effect of this is to reduce operating expenditure by €527,405.

In the Harmonisation of Accounts Funding Statement a contribution of €20,202 was paid to a subsidiary company during the year. Under GAAP this inter-company contributions is eliminated, therefore reducing operating expenditure by €20,202.

8. **Staff Costs - €12,087,670** - As explained in Note 9 below there is an increase in staff costs of €11,559,203 as a result of accounting for Pensions under FRS 17 *Retirement Benefits*. As explained in Note 7 above, under the Harmonisation Agreement certain activities are not recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account. These include continuing education fees, funded scholarship awards and library receipts. Under GAAP both the income and expenditure must be recognised. The effect of this is to increase staff costs by €528,467.
9. **Interest Payable (€9,055,908)/Net Deferred Funding for Pensions €19,589,818** - During the year interest of €319,700 was earned by the university on funding provided to apartment operations included in ancillary activities and subsidiary company, NUIM Facilities One Limited for early settlement of external debt. This interest is eliminated on consolidation. Under the Harmonisation Agreement the university accounts for pensions under SSAP 24. Under GAAP FRS 17 *Retirement Benefits* has been fully adopted. The impact of this is to increase staff costs by €11,559,203 and interest costs by €9,259,000 with a corresponding increase in income of €20,818,203.

APPENDIX 2 – Not included in the audit opinion of the Comptroller and Auditor General



Statement of the Accounts
of
National University of Ireland Maynooth
for the year ended 30th September 2015

(Prepared under Harmonisation of Accounts Format)



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General Information

Statutory Auditors

Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General,
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Dublin 1.

Bankers

Allied Irish Banks Plc,
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Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.

Legal Advisers

McCann FitzGerald,
Solicitors,
Riverside One,
Sir John Rogerson's Quay,
Dublin 2.

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Statement of University's Responsibilities

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. They are presented in accordance with the existing Harmonisation of Accounts Agreement as adopted for all Irish Universities.

The university is required to comply with the Universities Act 1997, and to keep in such form as may be approved of by An tÚdarás Um Ard-Oideachas, all proper and usual accounts of money received and expended by it. In preparing those Accounts, the university is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless that basis is inappropriate, and
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The university is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the university and which enables it to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Universities Act 1997. The university is also responsible for safeguarding all assets under its operational control and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Authority on the 10th November 2016



Professor Philip Nolan
President



Dr Mike O'Malley
Bursar

Statement of Accounting Policies

A. Financial Statements

The financial statements reflect the teaching, research and related service activities of National University of Ireland, Maynooth. The financial statements of the University's Pension Fund, and of financially independent ancillary activities, are presented separately.

B. Accounting Convention

The Accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. They are presented in accordance with the existing Harmonisation of Accounts Agreement as adopted for all Irish universities.

The Harmonisation of Accounts Agreement is not fully compliant with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Financial Statements will also be prepared in a new format on a consolidated basis and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Ireland.

C. State Grants for Recurrent Expenditure

Recurrent Grants have been recognised on an accruals basis. Recurrent Grants which have been used for the purchase of fixed assets and for the financing of the capital portion of lease charges are transferred to Fixed Assets and General Reserve.

D. State Grants for Capital Expenditure.

State Grants approved by the Higher Education Authority for capital expenditure are included in the financial statements of the period to the extent of funds received.

E. Fee Income

Fee income is accounted for on an accruals basis and reported at EU and non-EU fee levels.

F. Approved Allocations

The income and expenditure account is prepared on an accruals basis with the following exceptions:

- a) non-pay expenditure of academic departments and certain service departments.
- b) departmental equipment and minor works.

In these cases internal balances are carried forward in the Balance Sheet under Current Assets or Liabilities, as appropriate.

Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

G. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Land is valued on an existing use basis.

Buildings are stated at historical cost, as are additions during the year. These assets and all subsequent additions are depreciated as noted below.

Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings are valued at cost less depreciation. These assets and all subsequent additions are depreciated as noted below.

The estimated useful lives of fixed assets by reference to which depreciation has been calculated on a straight-line basis is as follows:

Buildings	10 to 50 years
Equipment and Furniture	5 to 10 years
Computer and Related Equipment	3 years
Heritage Assets	Not Depreciated

Equipment costing less than €10,000 per individual item is written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of acquisition.

Buildings are not depreciated until fully commissioned.

Depreciation is not provided on land.

H. Leased Assets

The cost of fixed assets acquired under finance leases is included in fixed assets and written off over the estimated useful lives of the assets at the rates set out in the policy above, or over the lease period if shorter.

I. General Reserve

The general reserve represents the value of funding, after amortisation, applied for capital purposes, together with the balance on ancillary service activities.

J. Research Grants and Projects

Contract research and projects expenditure is shown net of contributions to indirect costs. Income from contract research grants and projects is included in the Income and Expenditure Account to the extent that the related expenditure has been incurred. Contract research contribution to the university's indirect costs is included in 'Other Income'. Fixed Assets financed from contract research grants are capitalised in the Balance Sheet.

Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

K. Foreign currency

Costs denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Euro at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. The resulting profits or losses are dealt within the Income and Expenditure Account.

L. Taxation

No provision has been made for taxation as the university holds tax-exempt status.

M. Ancillary Services

Ancillary Services are services provided on campus, on a cost recovery basis, and are planned to break even in the medium term. The net outturn on such activities is transferred to the General Reserve Account.

N. Pensions

Pension costs are accounted for on the basis of charging the cost of providing pensions over the period during which the university benefits from the employees' services.

Pension supplementation refers to cost of pension increases awarded after retirement, and is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account.

O. Operating Leases

Operating Leases are written off as incurred.

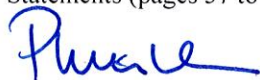
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Income and Expenditure Account

		2014/15	2013/14
	Notes	€	€
INCOME			
State Grants	1	19,991,388	22,346,634
Student Fees	2	55,381,207	50,434,627
Other Income	3	3,073,466	2,921,583
		<u>78,446,061</u>	<u>75,702,844</u>
Research Grants and Projects	4	18,342,444	20,897,639
Total		<u>96,788,505</u>	<u>96,600,483</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Academic Faculties and Departments	5	43,268,674	42,673,606
Academic and Other Services	6	7,159,648	6,836,905
Premises	7	9,496,699	9,547,744
Amount Allocated for Capital Purposes	8	1,726,298	1,276,304
Central Administration and Services	9	7,703,562	6,746,385
General Educational Expenditure	10	4,123,005	4,201,326
Student Services	11	3,496,958	3,483,393
Miscellaneous Expenditure	12	1,225,153	770,874
		<u>78,199,997</u>	<u>75,536,537</u>
Research Grants and Projects		18,342,444	20,897,639
Total	13	<u>96,542,441</u>	<u>96,434,176</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit) on activities before Amortisation of Capital Reserves and Grants, Ancillary Services and Depreciation of Fixed Assets and exceptional items		246,064	166,307
Surplus on Ancillary Services	14	1,518,473	717,503
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	15	(4,650,041)	(4,544,403)
General Reserve Movement	16	3,131,568	3,826,900
Net Surplus /(Deficit) for Year		<u>246,064</u>	<u>166,307</u>

The Statement of Accounting Policies (pages 51 to 53), Cash Flow Statement (page 56) and Notes to the Financial Statements (pages 57 to 71) form part of these Financial Statements.



Professor Philip Nolan
President



Dr Mike O'Malley
Bursar

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Balance Sheet

		2015	2014
	Notes	€	€
Fixed Assets	17	177,016,531	161,857,488
Current Assets			
Bank Balances and Cash		20,446,697	40,401,506
Debtors and Prepayments	18	21,855,558	17,947,417
		42,302,255	58,348,923
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and Accrued Expenditure due within One Year	19	(62,940,001)	(64,970,094)
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets		(20,637,746)	(6,621,171)
Long Term Liabilities			
Creditors Due after One Year		-	-
Total Assets Less Liabilities		156,378,785	155,236,317
Represented by:			
General Reserve	21	155,489,592	154,593,188
Revenue Reserves	22	889,193	643,129
Total Funds		156,378,785	155,236,317

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Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	2014/15		2013/14	
		€	€	€	€
Net Cash (Outflow) / Inflow from Operating Activities	23		(4,720,109)		9,566,537
Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance					
Interest Received (Net)	3		546,399		967,355
Capital Expenditure					
Payments to acquire Tangible Fixed Assets	17		(19,813,784)		(14,625,595)
Payments to acquire S50 apartments			-		(14,170,001)
Proceeds from sale of motor vehicle			4,712		-
Net Cash Outflow before Financing			(23,982,782)		(18,261,704)
Financing					
H.E.A. Capital Grants		914,599		438,023	
Non-H.E.A. Capital Grants		3,113,374		3,156,028	
Finance Leases		-		(5,230,587)	
Funding of S50 Buyback		-		14,170,001	
Cash Inflow from Financing			4,027,973		12,533,465
Net Cash Outflow after Financing			(19,954,809)		(5,728,239)
Decrease in Cash	24		(19,954,809)		(5,728,239)

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	2014/15	2013/14
	€	€
1. State Grants		
Recurrent Grant	18,429,366	21,868,184
Targeted Funding for Special Initiatives	1,446,022	180,225
Minor Works	36,000	38,000
Graduate Skills Conversion Programme	80,000	260,225
Total	<u>19,991,388</u>	<u>22,346,634</u>
2. Student Fees		
Academic	55,108,457	49,972,229
Miscellaneous Fee Income	272,750	462,398
Total	<u>55,381,207</u>	<u>50,434,627</u>
3. Other Income		
Interest Receivable (Net)	546,399	967,355
Rents and Concessions	950,376	941,126
Research Grants and Projects Contribution	691,403	552,596
Miscellaneous Income	885,288	460,506
Total	<u>3,073,466</u>	<u>2,921,583</u>
4. Research Grants and Projects		
Research Grants	17,460,958	19,912,953
Other Funded Projects	881,486	984,686
Total	<u>18,342,444</u>	<u>20,897,639</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	2014/15			2013/14
	Staff Costs	Non-Pay	Total	Total
	€	€	€	€
5. Academic Faculties and Departments				
Academic	33,357,358		33,357,358	32,774,908
Technical	2,393,339		2,393,339	2,386,267
Administrative Support	3,553,345		3,553,345	3,456,963
Departmental Grants		3,838,796	3,838,796	3,895,576
Miscellaneous		125,836	125,836	159,892
Total	39,304,042	3,964,632	43,268,674	42,673,606
6. Academic and Other Services				
Library	2,402,414	1,150,642	3,553,056	3,409,856
Information Systems Services	1,806,818	943,398	2,750,216	2,535,661
Language Centre	380,531	14,663	395,194	443,742
Commercialisation Office	326,181	135,001	461,182	447,646
Total	4,915,944	2,243,704	7,159,648	6,836,905

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	2014/15			2013/14
	Staff Costs	Non-Pay	Total	Total
	€	€	€	€
7. Premises				
Premises Maintenance	920,924	1,346,903	2,267,827	2,771,394
General Services	1,820,596	1,337,865	3,158,461	2,726,837
Minor Works		38,000	38,000	38,000
Rent and Rates		1,730,393	1,730,393	1,725,508
Insurance		310,874	310,874	303,534
Energy		1,991,144	1,991,144	1,982,471
Total	2,741,520	6,755,179	9,496,699	9,547,744
8. Amount Allocated for Capital Purposes				
Capital Projects	-	1,390,000	1,390,000	943,997
Equipment	-	336,298	336,298	332,307
Total	-	1,726,298	1,726,298	1,276,304

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	2014/15			2013/14
	Staff Costs	Non-Pay	Total	Total
	€	€	€	€
9. Central Administration and Services				
Administration	5,319,732		5,319,732	4,842,769
Expenses		1,439,289	1,439,289	1,095,864
Professional Charges		585,637	585,637	521,803
Miscellaneous		358,904	358,904	285,949
Total	5,319,732	2,383,830	7,703,562	6,746,385
10. General Educational Expenditure				
Examination Expenses	477,895	88,300	566,195	520,396
Scholarships and Prizes		1,434,674	1,434,674	1,466,248
NUI Capitation		219,675	219,675	213,962
Miscellaneous*	599,317	1,303,144	1,902,461	2,000,720
Total	1,077,212	3,045,793	4,123,005	4,201,326

* Miscellaneous includes Advertising
Student Courses, Conferring,
Prospectus, Targeted Funding etc.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	2014/15			2013/14
	Staff Costs	Non-Pay	Total	Total
	€	€	€	€
11. Student Services				
Capitation and Other Grants		1,402,470	1,402,470	1,408,296
Student Services	429,305	76,584	505,889	625,381
Careers Advisory Service	388,746	28,300	417,046	369,975
Sports and Recreation	343,774	55,027	398,801	324,260
Health and Counselling	572,513	200,239	772,752	755,481
Total	1,734,338	1,762,620	3,496,958	3,483,393
12. Miscellaneous Expenditure				
Pension Supplementation	413,713		413,713	420,351
Miscellaneous		811,440	811,440	350,523
Total	413,713	811,440	1,225,153	770,874
13. Composition of Total Expenditure				
Academic and Related Services	55,506,503	22,693,494	78,199,997	75,536,537
Research Grants and Projects	11,437,022	6,905,422	18,342,444	20,897,639
Total	66,943,525	29,598,916	96,542,441	96,434,176

		2014/15			2013/14
		Income	Expenditure	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Surplus/ (Deficit)
	Notes	€	€	€	€
14. Surplus on Ancillary Services					
Parking		106,075	92,033	14,042	28,810
Catering: Vending & Concessions		158,451	101,623	56,828	152,834
Apartments		3,651,196	2,224,788	1,426,408	638,333
Conference		1,169,756	919,756	250,000	413,374
Photocopying		155,323	148,035	7,288	(33,608)
Crèche		254,733	292,152	(37,419)	(20,562)
Other		915,714	864,388	51,326	(48,304)
		<u>6,411,248</u>	<u>4,642,775</u>	1,768,473	1,130,877
Transfer Conference Surplus to Other Income	3			(250,000)	(413,374)
Total				<u>1,518,473</u>	<u>717,503</u>
15. Depreciation of Fixed Assets					
Buildings				3,769,987	3,728,972
Equipment				880,054	815,431
Total				<u>4,650,041</u>	<u>4,544,403</u>
16. General Reserve Movement					
Amortisation in Line with Depreciation				4,650,041	4,544,403
Increase in Reserves on Ancillary Services from Income and Expenditure Account	14			(1,518,473)	(717,503)
Total				<u>3,131,568</u>	<u>3,826,900</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	Buildings €	Equipment & Furniture €	Total €
17. Fixed Assets			
Cost at 1 st October 2014	197,328,906	15,853,684	213,182,590
Additions at Cost	17,112,936	2,700,848	19,813,784
Disposals at Cost	-	(580,219)	(580,219)
Cost at 30 th September 2015	214,441,842	17,974,313	232,416,155
Depreciation at 1 st October 2014	38,336,629	12,988,473	51,325,102
Depreciation for the Year	3,769,987	880,054	4,650,041
Depreciation on Disposals	-	(575,519)	(575,519)
Depreciation at 30 th September 2015	42,106,616	13,293,008	55,399,624
Net Book Value at 30th September 2015	172,335,226	4,681,305	177,016,531
Net Book Value at 30 th September 2014	158,992,277	2,865,211	161,857,488

Included in Cost of Land and Buildings is €7,987,000 (2014: €12,709,515 assets in the course of construction).

During the year ended 30th September 2003, the university completed the building of student residences "River Apartments Phase I". The apartments were part financed by a group of investors availing of Section 50 tax relief on eligible expenditure under Part 11a of *Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997*. In applying Financial Reporting Standard 5 "*reporting the substance of transactions*" the University has accounted for the apartments in fixed assets on the basis of the commercial substance rather than the legal form.

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	Notes	2015	2014
		€	€
18. Debtors and Prepayments			
Contract Research Grants and Projects Recoverable		2,830,976	2,917,672
Staff House Loans		98,243	154,295
Internal Balances		649,878	698,129
Funded Pension Scheme receivable from HEA	20	9,338,581	6,473,865
State Grant due		329,281	-
Other Debtors and Prepayments *		6,802,529	5,897,386
Amounts due from Subsidiary Undertakings	26	1,806,070	1,806,070
Total		21,855,558	17,947,417

*Included in Other Debtors and Prepayments is an amount of €405,069 (2014: €462,935) falling due after more than one year.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	Notes	2015	2014
		€	€
19. Creditors and Accrued Expenditure			
Contract Research Grants and Projects Unexpended		11,954,914	12,445,656
Model Scheme Pension payable to HEA	20	15,902,566	15,355,437
State Grant for Recurrent Expenditure received in advance		-	1,735,942
Academic Fees received in advance		9,832,868	9,774,020
Internal Balances		1,115,709	1,691,366
Other Creditors and Accruals		23,751,086	23,836,114
Amounts due to Subsidiary Undertakings	26	382,858	131,559
Total		62,940,001	64,970,094

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	2015 Funded Scheme €	2015 Model Scheme €
20. Pension Control Account		
Opening Balance	(6,473,865)	15,355,437
<i>Income</i>		
Employer Contributions *		
(i) At existing university funding rate	2,222,740	954,639
(ii) At ECF 20% funding rate	-	468,418
Employee Contributions	778,839	1,233,671
Pension transfers in	-	-
Supplementation income	413,713	-
Income in respect of the purchase of added years	24,024	34,664
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Total Income	3,439,316	2,691,392
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<i>Expenditure</i>		
Pensions in payment (including supplementation)	5,128,576	53,814
Lump sum payments on retirement	1,105,100	-
Death in service payments	-	-
Pension transfers out (cash payments)	-	-
Refunds of contributions	-	20,093
Administration & other costs	70,356	70,356
Transfer of funds to State	-	2,000,000
Total Expenditure	6,304,032	2,144,263
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(Deficit)/Surplus in year	(2,864,716)	547,129
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Closing Balance – Grant (receivable from)/ payable to the HEA*	(9,338,581)	15,902,566
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Note	18	19

Amount of €639,303 (2014: €454,263) for the Single Public Pension Scheme employer costs is including in Creditors and is not required to be included in Note 26, Pension Control Account.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	Opening Balance	Current Year Movement	Closing Balance
	€	€	€
21. General Reserve			
State Capital Grants	105,836,678	914,599	106,751,277
Recurrent Funding Transfer	40,615,581	1,726,298	42,341,879
Capital Donations	27,957,744	-	27,957,744
Other*	49,434,534	2,905,548	52,340,082
Disposals	(17,926,247)	(575,518)	(18,501,765)
Amortisation			
Amortisation at 30 th September 2014	(51,325,102)	(4,650,041)	(55,975,143)
Amortisation on Disposals in year		575,518	575,518
Total	154,593,188	896,404	155,489,592

* Other reserves include a capital levy collected from students during the year to fund capital expenditure on student buildings amounting to €837,041 (2014: €835,560).

	2014/15	2013/14
	€	
22. Revenue Reserve		
Opening Balance	643,129	476,822
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	246,064	166,307
Closing Balance	889,193	643,129

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	2014/15		2013/14	
	€	€	€	€
23.				
Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure				
Account Surplus/ (Deficit) to Net Cash				
Outflow from Operating Activities				
Surplus for the Year		246,064		166,307
Less Interest Received (Net)		(546,399)		(967,355)
		<u>(300,335)</u>		<u>(801,048)</u>
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	4,650,041		4,544,403	
Amortisation of General Reserves	<u>(4,650,041)</u>		<u>(4,544,403)</u>	
(Increase) / Decrease in Debtors and Prepayments		(3,908,141)		1,038,665
(Decrease) / Increase in Creditors and Accrued Expenditure due within One Year		(2,030,106)		8,611,417
Surplus in Ancillary Services		1,518,473		717,503
Net Cash (Outflow) / Inflow from Operating Activities		<u>(4,720,109)</u>		<u>9,566,537</u>
24.				
Analysis of change in Cash and Cash				
Equivalents				
Balance at 1 st October		40,401,506		46,129,745
Net Cash Outflow		(19,954,809)		(5,728,239)
Balance at 30 th September		<u>20,446,697</u>		<u>40,401,506</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**25. Pensions**

During the year the university operated three defined benefit pension schemes. The total pension cost to the university in year was €3,645,797 (2014: €3,840,208).

National University of Ireland, Maynooth (Closed) Scheme 2009 – formerly known as the National University of Ireland, Maynooth Pension Plan – “Closed Scheme”

The main scheme is “National University of Ireland, Maynooth (Closed) Scheme 2009 “Closed Scheme”. The Closed scheme applies to pensionable employees appointed prior to 31st January 2005 and is closed to new entrants. Up until 31st December 2009 the university funded the Closed Scheme which operated under a Trust Deed, the assets of which were held separately from those of the university. The *Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009* provided that the Oireachtas will make good any deficiency arising if the aggregate of members’ and employers’ contributions paid to or withheld by the university are insufficient to meet the university’s obligations to pay these benefits in accordance with the scheme. On the 31st December 2009, in accordance with S.I. No. 528/2009 “Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (National University of Ireland, Maynooth) Transfer Order 2009” the assets of the Closed Pension schemes were transferred to the National Pensions Reserve Fund and the existing Trust was terminated. There was no effect on the benefits payable to the members, they became members of a statutory unfunded scheme renamed “National University of Ireland (Closed) Scheme 2009”.

The National University of Ireland, Maynooth Employee Superannuation Scheme 2007 – “Model Scheme”

The Model Scheme applies to all new staff appointed to posts first advertised between the 29th November 2004 and appointed or in receipt of an offer of employment dated no later than 31st December 2012. This is a pay-as-you-go scheme funded through monies provided to the university by the State for that purpose. On the basis that the Oireachtas will make good any deficiency arising to meet the university’s obligations to pay pension benefits of the Closed Scheme and that future pension liabilities of the Model Scheme are funded on a pay- as- you-go basis through monies provided to the university by the State for that purpose, the pension liability of the Model Scheme has been offset by the recognition of an asset equivalent to the university’s pension liabilities.

Single Public Service Pension Scheme

The Single Scheme applies to all new staff who are joining the public sector as new entrants after the 1st January 2013. It is titled *Single Public Service Pension Scheme* and is a career average pension scheme. It is a defined benefit scheme and as such is included in the FRS 17 disclosure. All employee pension contributions for the Single scheme are paid on a monthly basis to a state pension account. Employer pension contributions are held as part of creditors pending payment to the state. The figures are not required to be included in the pension control account. On the basis that the Oireachtas will make good any deficiency arising to meet the university’s obligations to pay pension benefits of the Closed Scheme and that future pension liabilities of the Single Scheme are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through monies provided to the university by the State for that purpose, the pension liability of the Single Scheme has been offset by the recognition of an asset equivalent to the university’s pension liabilities.

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26. Related Party Disclosures

NUIM Development Limited

NUIM Development Limited is a related company, 100% owned by the university. Its principal activity is the construction of student accommodation. The balance due to the university at 30th September 2015 was €200 (2014: €200).

NUIM Facilities One Limited

NUIM Facilities One Limited is a related company, 100% owned by the university. Its principal activity is the provision of finance facilities in connection with Rye Hall. The balance due to the university at 30th September 2015 was €1,805,866 (2014: €1,805,870).

NUIM Facilities Two Limited

NUIM Facilities Two Limited is a related company, 100% owned by the university. Its principal activity is the provision of maintenance and rental collection services for student accommodation at Rye Hall. During the year a donation of €129,141 (2014: €104,529) was declared and paid to the university and a loan of €104,429 (2014: €207,803) was advanced to NUIM Facilities Two Limited. The university incurred running costs of €190,653 (2014: €203,420) and retained monies of €299,745 (2014: €307,819) during the year on behalf of the company. At 30th September 2015 there was an amount due to NUIM Facilities Two Limited of €156,209 (2014: €131,559).

NUIM Student Residence Consortium

NUIM Student Residence Consortium is a joint venture between NUIM Facilities Two Limited and a group of private investors to provide student accommodation facilities for the university. At 30th September 2015 there is a balance due from the private investors to NUIM Facilities One Limited of €2,742,634 (2014: €2,742,634).

Maynooth University Enterprise Development Limited

Maynooth University Enterprise Development Limited was established in 1994 as a holding company for intellectual property. It has not traded since the date of incorporation. The balance due by the university at 30th September 2015 was €3 (2014: €3).

NUIM Finance Limited

NUIM Finance Limited is a related company, 100% owned by the university. Its principal activity is to provide finance for student accommodation. The company has not traded since the date of incorporation. The balance due by the university at 30th September 2015 was €1 (2014: €1).

NUI Maynooth International Limited

NUI Maynooth International Limited is a related company, 100% owned by the university. Its principal activity is to promote the interests and reputation of the university outside Ireland. The company has not traded since the date of incorporation. The balance due by the university at 30th September 2015 was €100 (2014: €100).

Maynooth Campus Conference Accommodation

Maynooth Campus Conference Accommodation is a campus facility arrangement between Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth to utilise the resources of both institutions in providing conference and accommodation facilities. The balance due to the university at 30th September 2015 was €499,974 (2014: €249,974).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**26. Related Party Disclosures (Continued)****Maynooth University Foundation Limited**

Maynooth University Foundation is a separate legal entity, a company limited by guarantee. An amount of €22,093 (2014: €77,155) was paid by Maynooth University Foundation Limited to Maynooth University to fund golf scholarships and student support.

During the year ended 30th September 2014 the university received funds of €2,038,079 and €1,176,012 from Maynooth University Foundation Limited for the provision of golf scholarships and student support respectively. These funds are ringfenced for the purpose for which they were originally intended and are included in creditors.

	2015	2014
	€	€
27. Capital Commitments		
Commitments contracted at 30 th September 2015	32,709,098	24,059,089
Commitments authorised but not contracted at 30 th September 2015	-	23,000,000
	<u>32,709,098</u>	<u>47,059,089</u>

Contracted commitments include an amount of €1.19m outstanding on the new 8,000 m² ICT Hub Building which opened in September 2015. An amount of €11.7m relates to a new integrated Education Hub Building to house all of the university's Education departments, including the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education under one roof. The former trustees of Froebel College of Education have entered a contract with the university dated 31 August 2013, to contribute €4m to this development. An amount of €19.1m relates to a new block of 297 student apartments, which were under construction at the balance sheet date.

28. Operating Lease Commitments

	2015	2014
	€	€
Amounts payable during the next twelve months in respect of leases which expire after 5 years	1,352,340	1,324,060

Operating lease commitments are in respect of a 21 year property lease which commenced on 1st October 1998.

29. Contingent Liabilities

The University has no known material contingent liabilities at 30th September 2015.

30. Comparative Figures

Where necessary comparative figures have been restated on the same basis as current year figures

31. Approval of the Financial Statements

The 'Harmonisation of Accounts' funding statement was approved by the Governing Authority on the 10th November 2016.

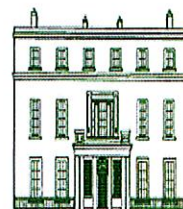
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