



**Incorporating any amendments approved at subsequent Council meetings**

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**Trinity College Dublin  
The University of Dublin**

**A meeting of the University Council was held on Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 10.45 am in the Board Room.**

<i>Present</i>	Provost, Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, Registrar, Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dean of Graduate Studies, Senior Tutor, Dean of Students, Vice-President for Global Relations, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor J Walsh, Professor S Garrigan, Professor C Gardiner, Professor E O Nuallain, Professor S Murphy, Dean of Health Sciences, Professor A M Brady, Professor M Clarke, Professor M Corry, Dr S Chandra, Professor A O'Gara, Ms A MacPherson, Mr C O'Halloran, Mr P Shanahan, Mr M Bhargav.
<i>Apologies</i>	Dean of Research, Professor D Faas, Professor A Holohan, Dean of Engineering, Mathematics and Science, Professor R A Kenny, Ms S Cameron-Coen, Mr R Doherty, Professor M Hennessy (Associate Dean of Research).
<i>In attendance</i>	Academic Secretary, Secretary to the College, Librarian and College Archivist, Dr A Oldam (Director of Student Services), Ms S De Brunner.
<i>Observers</i>	Secretary to the Scholars (Mr P Lavelle).

**SECTION A**

The Provost requested that Council members declare any potential conflicts of interest in relation to the agenda. None was declared

**CL/17-18/025 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 27 September 2017 were approved and signed.

**CL/17-18/026 Matters Arising**

- (i) **CL/17-18/008:** The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies referred to the data on the ratio of first preferences to net acceptances for the university sector for the academic years 2016/17 and 2017/18, which had been uploaded to BoardPad. She noted that the information came from the Central Applications Office (CAO) rather than directly from each university and that the admissions period for 2017/18 was still open. The data show that Trinity achieves the highest ratio of first preference applications to net acceptances at 2.8:1 in 2017/18 and 2.7:1 in 2016/17. She added that data would have to be collected for additional years before any conclusion might be drawn.
- (ii) **CL/17-18/005:** The Dean of Graduate Studies confirmed that he was due to meet with the Dean of Students and the Director of Student Services in relation to the academic

year structure and implications for postgraduate courses, following which he would discuss any issues with the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer.

- (iii) **CL/17-18/006:** The Students' Union Education Officer confirmed the name of the new students' forum as the Students' Union Academic Senate.
- (iv) **CL/17-18/007:** The Dean of Health Sciences spoke to the low return rate of reports from external reviewers of postgraduate courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences. She noted that the 2015/16 return rate had improved to between 80-90% since the last meeting of Council since a number of reports had been tracked down. She commented that this was an operational issue related to a change in administrative personnel. The Provost queried this explanation since the other two faculties were not affected and invited the Academic Secretary to investigate the matter further.
- (v) **CL/17-18/003(i):** The Dean of Graduate Studies advised that the approximate date for the announcement of successful recipients of the Provost's Scholarship Awards would be 20 November 2017.

#### **Decision/Action**

**026(iv).1:** The Academic Secretary to investigate the reasons for the under-reporting of external examiner responses in relation to taught postgraduate courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences for the academic year 2015/16.

#### **CL/17-18/027 Provost's Report**

The Provost did not provide a report due to the heavy meeting agenda and the comprehensive report provided at the last meeting of Council.

#### **CL/17-18/028 Trinity Education Project Update (plus Glossary of Terms)**

A presentation from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, dated October 2017, providing Council with Trinity Education Project (TEP) updates, was circulated. In addition, a pamphlet, dated 25 October 2017, providing a glossary of TEP terms was tabled. The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer outlined the recent outputs of each of the six TEP sub-groups and their planned work for the following month and beyond. He particularly highlighted the systems development work needed to facilitate the delivery of TEP outcomes.

Referring to the Glossary of Terms, one member sought guidance on how staff would receive assessment feedback. The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer confirmed that avenues for staff feedback related to programme/module evaluation are embedded at the school-level. Following further discussion on this, it was agreed that the Academic Secretary would address the matter directly with the relevant school. The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer confirmed, in response to a query, that the approved academic year structure had been produced following significant consultation throughout Trinity over an extended period of time.

In response to questions about the development capabilities of SITS, the Director of Student Services confirmed that functionality to allow failing students to repeat specific modules, and consequently to be billed for those modules alone, is due to be implemented for 2019/20. Whilst care is being taken not to extend the scope of the systems project beyond TEP requirements, functionality will be 'future-proofed', where possible, such as enabling registration to specific modules at the postgraduate level.

The Provost thanked the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer for updating Council members.

**CL/17-18/029 Review of Entry Routes into TSM and other Two-Subject Combination Programme: Report from the Reviewers**

A memorandum from the Provost and the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, dated 19 October 2017, was circulated with a report emanating from the Review of Entry Routes into the Two-Subject Moderatorship (TSM) and other Two-Subject Combination Programmes, dated 29 September 2017.

The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies spoke to the items and confirmed that the external reviewers visited Trinity during the period 12-14 September 2017; they comprised Professor Dr Harm Hospers, Maastricht University; Professor Vivien Jones, University of Leeds; Professor Dr Peder Østergaard, Aarhus University; Dr Sabine Rolle, University of Edinburgh. Their report provides recommendations under four headings: academic issues; governance and communication; administrative and structural issues; resourcing.

In relation to academic issues, they recommended that Trinity should not move towards a general arts degree as seen in other universities in Ireland, however, the current TSM structure should be discontinued and there should be a single common model to determine the set-up and structure of two-subject combinations. The current two-subject portfolio (available via TSM and other two-subject courses) should be refreshed and redeveloped in alignment with the following principles: academic integrity; strategic priorities; student demand; available resources; alignment of learning outcomes with TEP principles. The new portfolio should result in fewer entry routes and the common TEP architecture will provide opportunities for smaller and/or less popular subjects to extend their provision in ways that will attract students.

Commenting on governance and communication, the reviewers emphasised the need for the appointment of an academic in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences to lead on the development of the refreshed two-subject portfolio. In relation to administrative and structural issues, the reviewers made a number of recommendations related to areas that are within the scope of TEP, for example, fixed timetables and the allocation of space. They also emphasised the need for Trinity to commit adequate resources to successfully implement the changes needed.

The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies outlined the proposed next steps:

- (i) in order to ensure that the Phase 2 roll out of TEP remains on target, and recognising the tight timeline imposed by the need to have subject combinations for 2019/20 ready for inclusion in the CAO handbook by March 2018, it is recommended that those two-subject combinations which sit outside of TSM focus their attention on preparation for being TEP-ready and that they should not be included in the considerations around the creation of a new set of two-subject combinations derived from the current TSM offering (see (ii) below);
- (ii) the University Council should appoint a Two-Subject Admissions Group with immediate effect and with specific responsibility for
  - a. proposing to Council a new set of TSM subject combinations in line with the principles outlined by the reviewers in section 2.2 (3) of their report and also taking into consideration what can be accommodated within a fixed timetable;
  - b. presenting the new portfolio of TSM combinations to USC in January 2018 and to Council in February 2018. It is also proposed that a draft set of combinations be presented to Executive Officers' Group for discussion at a forthcoming meeting;
- (iii) when the Trinity Education Project is complete, the opportunity could be taken to consider proposals for introducing new subjects (e.g., Linguistics) and to further optimise Trinity's joint honors offerings.

Responding to a query about existing two-subject combinations continuing for entry in 2019/20, the Senior Lecturer confirmed that many combinations will continue to exist provided they meet the requirement of the principles outlined by the reviewers. She also confirmed that

any new subjects introduced to the two-subject portfolio would have to wait until after the 2019/20 academic year. The Provost advised that discussions in relation to new subjects should continue in parallel even though their introduction would be post-2019/20.

Following a question in relation to the membership of the Two-Subject Admissions Group, the Provost confirmed that it would be chaired by the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer with two other members, Professor Stephen Matterson, current Director of TSM, and Professor Martine Smith, with Ms Orla Sheehan in attendance.

The Provost thanked the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies for overseeing the review.

#### **Decision/Action**

**029.1:** Council approved the report on the Review of Entry Routes into the Two-Subject Moderatorship (TSM) and other Two-Subject Combination Programmes and the proposed next steps, as circulated.

#### **CL/17-18/030 New Senior Academic Promotions Procedure**

A memorandum from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, dated 19 October 2017, was circulated with a document outlining the Senior Academic Promotions Procedure, also dated 19 October 2017. The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer spoke to the item and provided the context for the development of the procedures. In summer 2016, Professor Jeremy Sanders, of the University of Cambridge, reviewed the then procedures for senior academic promotions in Trinity and made a number of recommendations to enhance the process. Following its consideration and approval by Board, in November 2016, a working group was convened to translate those recommendations into a procedural document. He noted that the circulated procedures had been considered recently by the Executive Officers' Group and the Human Resources Committee.

He brought Council through the main features of the procedures and highlighted the following:

- candidates are required to meet minimum threshold scores in each of the four categories of research and scholarship, teaching, service to College and engagement with discipline/society, and, in addition, they must excel in one of research and scholarship or teaching;
- candidates are limited to making no more than two submissions in any three-year period;
- candidates are required to submit the names of four external referees with their application, added to which the relevant Faculty Dean will also, in consultation with the Head of School, provide a further list of four external experts;
- the Provost will rank the list of external experts and the two highest ranked will be invited to provide a reference, with further requests issued to the next ranked, should either referee be unavailable, and so on, until two references have been received;
- the change in membership of the Senior Academic Promotions Committee to include three external academic members;
- the discontinuation of candidate interviews;
- information on special circumstances will be seen by Director of Human Resources (or nominee) and the chair of the relevant Faculty Review Committee only, the latter of which will inform both the Faculty Review Committee and the Senior Promotions Committee of the impact of the circumstances, whilst not divulging the actual circumstances;
- new sections related to the provision of feedback to unsuccessful candidates.

The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer responded to queries and comments. He noted that if a candidate is undertaking particular roles and duties to the detriment of their teaching and research, this is a management issue that should be addressed by his/her Head of School. He confirmed that the procedures' document does not fully implement Professor Sanders'

recommendations at this time as the area of academic titles was not included. In relation to scoring applications, apart from meeting the threshold scores in each of the four categories, the process is competitive and, thus, the overall score is also important. On the topic of unsuccessful candidates and the effect on morale, he noted that feedback would include information about areas that should be strengthened for the future. It was noted that the process is competitive, and whilst there may be strong candidates, those with the highest scores will be successful.

In relation to ranking external referees, the Provost advised that a variety of factors will be considered, including the reputation of their home institution, seniority, gender balance and sufficient geographical spread. He noted that the appended application form requires some minor modifications to ensure consistency with the new procedures.

Commenting on the administrative challenge of convening the Senior Academic Promotions Committee, given its size and the inclusion of external academic members, the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer advised that the process should be more compact since interviews are to be discontinued. To assist with the likely operational difficulties, the Provost added that different external members could be secured for specific meetings of the Senior Academic Promotions Committee concerning different academic grades, however, one member advised against this approach given that the Senior Academic Promotions Committee has discretion to vary the number of promotions at different grades within the overall quota.

#### **Decision/Action**

**030.1:** Council approved the new Senior Academic Promotions Procedures, as circulated.

**030.2:** In addition, Council agreed that different external academic members could be secured for meetings of the Senior Academic Promotions Committee when dealing with promotions to different academic grades.

**030.3:** Council noted that further amendments were required in relation to the appended application form to ensure consistency with the new procedures.

#### **CL/17-18/031 Columbia- Trinity Partnership**

A memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, dated 23 October 2017, with proposals for dual degree programmes in European Studies, History, Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures and English Studies, were circulated along with an Operational Framework Agreement. The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies noted that Council, in October 2016, approved a structure for awarding dual degrees between Trinity and Columbia University. This was followed, in March 2017, with a proposal for a pilot in European Studies. Students who successfully complete the full dual programme are conferred with two awards, the B.A. (moderatorship) from Trinity and the B.A. from Columbia.

Each of the four proposed dual programmes meets the structure previously approved by Council in that students spend the first two years in Trinity and the second two years in the School of General Studies in Columbia. An additional 60 ECTS, required by Trinity for its award, would have to be taken by students between the end of the Senior Fresh year and the end of the Senior Sophiester year. Since the proposals were compliant with the approved dual programme structure, she highlighted the varying ways in which the additional 60 ECTS would be accumulated in each programme. She also confirmed that each programme, as part of the additional 60 ECTS, will require students to undertake a 20 ECTS capstone project completed under the joint supervision of colleagues in relevant departments and schools in Trinity and Columbia, which will lead to two distinct outputs, one for each university. Each of the proposals sets out the teaching and learning opportunities provided for students to promote the achievement of the Trinity graduate attributes and all are aligned with their respective school strategic plans and with Trinity College's Strategic Plan.

Turning to the Operational Framework Agreement she explained the admissions procedures for both EU and non-EU applicants and noted that they must achieve the entry requirements of both universities. Both EU and non-EU applicants must submit their application via the joint admissions portal hosted by Columbia by 1 February annually. In addition, EU applicants must apply through the CAO for the underlying Trinity programme by the same deadline. Applicants must present a personal statement and the results from a standardised assessment for screening purposes; applicants with English as their first language must present results from one of SAT, ACT or ACT Residual standardised tests, whilst those from non-English speaking countries may present scores from IELTS or TOEFL for this purpose. The selection process involves both institutions and includes an interview for shortlisted candidates. Admissions decisions are made via a joint selection committee but, for EU applicants, these are conditional and subject to an offer being received via the CAO process.

She advised that strong demand is expected from international students given that each of the underlying Trinity programmes has experienced increased non-EU applications since 2015. Since this collaboration involves Columbia, strong interest is expected from students in the US. She emphasised that partnering with Columbia, an Ivy League university, will enhance both the global reputation and the international visibility of Trinity and of the programmes offered. The programmes themselves represent significant innovation in Trinity's undergraduate offerings.

All four proposals received positive external review reports but a common theme to a number of these was the need for robust operational arrangements and agreement in relation to regulations. She noted that work is being carried out in relation to the contract but it is not anticipated that any changes will impact on the academic programmes. In relation to the circulated Operational Framework, she advised that confirmation is needed from Columbia in relation to their minimum scores for screening (SAT/ACT/ACT Residual). The conversion of Columbia's marks to Trinity's marks and grades needs to be fully validated and this will be a task of the Trinity-Columbia Oversight Committee when it is established. Lastly, work will need to be completed in relation to the Trinity transcript to show how the additional 60 ECTS will be presented across the final two years and combined with credits from Columbia to show the Trinity classification.

The Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences acknowledged that significant levels of work had been undertaken in College to bring these proposals forwards to Council. He noted the importance of the partnership with Columbia for Trinity and for the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. He noted that it is impossible to foresee all issues that might arise in the future but that the Trinity-Columbia Oversight Committee will have responsibility for academic matters and operational processes. He confirmed that Trinity is seeking to become a testing centre for the ACT Residual test and that his Faculty Office would administer these examinations. He also confirmed that some funding has been provided to support these programmes in their initial stages, for example, providing funding for Trinity staff to travel to Columbia to deliver Trinity modules.

The Librarian and College Archivist stated her support for the proposals but indicated that certain practicalities had to be worked out in relation to the Open Archives Project module in the English Studies proposal. Another member raised concerns in relation to the significant expenses and level of fees attached to the dual degree programmes. The Vice-President for Global Relations confirmed that students are eligible for student aid from Columbia and that work is underway to finance scholarships for this programme; significant interest has been expressed from Trinity alumni in North America. She also noted that this partnership is an important development in relation to the Global Relations Strategy. It was commented by a Council member, that all student mobility is expensive and that it needs to be addressed in a broad way.

The Provost raised concerns about the ability of the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies to deliver a dual degree programme, given that it is staffed by three academic staff members at assistant professor level, and given their additional programme and subject

offerings. The Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences responded that the Department is engaging in the type of activity promoted by College to increase its income and, thereby, better resource its education provision; he assured Council that the Department will receive the specified proportion of income specified in the internal funding model but he was not in a position to make specific staffing decisions during the meeting. The Provost commented that concerns regarding staffing levels in the Department, and its junior profile, had been raised previously at Council and that the resources issue should have been fully addressed prior to the circulation of the proposal to Council. He noted the significant risks in putting forward programmes which are under-resourced.

#### **Decision/Action**

**031.1:** Council approved fully the proposals for dual degree programmes in European Studies, History and English Studies.

**031.2:** Council approved the academic element of the dual degree programme in Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures. It was stipulated that full approval would be contingent on the submission of a report by the Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences to the Provost and the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, for circulation to the next meeting of Council, showing sufficient resources to support the delivery of that programme.

**031.3:** Council approved the Operational Framework Agreement, noting those areas which require finalisation.

**031.4:** Council noted that the contract is to be circulated to Board when finalised.

#### **CL/17-18/032 Proposal to Change the Criteria for the Allocation of Entrance Exhibitions**

A memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies concerning new criteria for the award of Entrance Exhibitions, dated 19 October 2017, was circulated. The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies spoke to the item via a presentation and noted that the topic had been discussed previously by Council in June (CL/16-17/217) and by the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) in September 2017.

She summarised the guiding principles for the development of the revised criteria which included rewarding academic achievement, achieving a more representative geographic and demographic spread among recipients, ensuring transparency, equity and fairness, and to build on the impact of the current award. She also outlined the proposed revised criteria for entrants from secondary schools in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and for those from other EU/EEA countries, noting that equivalence was maintained as far as possible.

#### **Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland**

Awarded to the student accepted into the Junior Fresh year who achieves the highest points (including the bonus for honors mathematics) among Trinity entrants from his/her secondary school, subject to receiving 500 points or above. Students from the same school with the same points, and being the highest from that school, should all be awarded an Entrance Exhibition. The score achieved must be based on a single sitting/from the same year.

#### **Other EU/EEA countries**

Awarded to the student accepted into the Junior Fresh year on the basis of 'best in country' (including the bonus for honors mathematics) among Trinity entrants, subject to receiving 500 points or above. Eligible candidates will be assessed on the basis of domicile at the time of sitting their examination and entrants must have been resident in the EU/EEA for three years prior to entry. Students from the same country with the same points score, and being the highest from that country, should all be awarded an Entrance Exhibition. The score achieved must be based on a single sitting/from the same year.

She confirmed that the awards ceremony would remain the same, however, it is expected that the number receiving the award is likely to increase, therefore, two additional ceremonies had been included in the budget. As a result, she proposed that the value of the book token

received by entrance exhibitioners be reduced from €150 to €100, given that there is a fixed amount of funding available annually from the benefaction funds. Each exhibitioner would have their photograph taken with the particular College Officer presiding over the award ceremony and both the student and their secondary school would receive a copy.

She outlined the effect of the new criteria on data from 2015/16 and indicated that the proportion of recipients from Dublin would have decreased while representation from all other regions (rest of Leinster, Connaught, Munster and Ulster) would have increased, thus indicating likely patterns for the future of the scheme. Consequently, a strategy must be developed to ensure that the new criteria and the rationale for change are clearly communicated to all secondary schools.

She confirmed that no changes were proposed in relation to sizarships, which are provided to entrance exhibitioners of limited means, but that efforts would be made to increase their visibility. Sizarers are entitled to eat Commons free of charge up to the end of their Senior Fresh year. She commented that wider demographic representation within the entrance exhibitioner recipient group should increase the number of potential applicants for sizarships.

Responding to questions, the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies confirmed that consideration had been given to providing a plaque to relevant secondary schools but that a photograph had been deemed appropriate. She acknowledged that consideration may have to be given to capping the number awarded to entrants from any one second-level institution but this decision would have to be based on several years' data. In relation to the reduction of the value of the book token to €100, she emphasised that two additional ceremonies may be needed and that available funding was limited.

#### **Decision/Action**

**032.1:** Council approved the proposed revised criteria for the award of entrance exhibitions, as circulated.

**032.2:** Council agreed that the value of the book token should remain at €150, in the first instance, subject to revision if necessary in the future.

**032.3:** The Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies is to contact Public Affairs and Communications to work on a communications strategy and to consider the issuing of plaques to the schools of recipients.

#### **CL/17-18/033 Postgraduate Course Proposal – M.Phil. in International History**

A memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies, dated 17 October 2017, was circulated with a proposal for a new M.Phil. degree course in International History, with an exit award of the P.Grad.Dip.

The Dean of Graduate Studies spoke to the proposal and noted that it utilised some existing postgraduate modules in History, European Studies, Classics and optional modules in foreign languages. A number of new modules had also been developed including an optional module in Research Methods in International History. Whilst students undertake 60 ECTS of taught modules and a 30 ECTS mandatory dissertation module, as standard, the dissertation is to be weighted at 60% in the calculation of the award mark and the taught elements at 40%, which is in line with postgraduate harmonised regulations. Students who have successfully accumulated sufficient credits may exit with the P.Grad.Dip. award if they choose not to complete the dissertation element.

He noted that the proposal was reviewed by Professor Timothy Parsons, Professor of African History, Washington University, St. Louis, who praised the proposal and indicated that the course could compete with similar courses in the University of Cambridge and Columbia University.

**Decision/Action**

**033.1:** Council approved the proposal for a new programme in International History leading to the award of M.Phil, with an exit award of P.Grad.Dip, and noted that it is due to commence in September 2018.

**CL/17-18/034 Trinity Week 2019**

A memorandum from the Registrar, dated 24 October 2017, was circulated. Referring to the academic year structure approved by Council in February 2017, she noted the placement of Trinity Week in the first week of Trinity Term, however, in 2019 this would mean that Trinity Monday and Easter Monday would fall on the same date. Given this, she proposed for 2019, that Trinity Week and the assessment week scheduled for the second week in Trinity Term should swap. She confirmed that Trinity Week had been moved previously in the same circumstances and that there is provision to do so within the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.

**Decision/Action**

**034.1:** Council approved the proposal to move Trinity Week in 2019 to the week starting Monday 29 April. As a result, the assessment week will take place from Tuesday 23 April to Saturday 27 April, with examinations held on Tuesday 30 April and Thursday 2 May, if required.

**CL/17-18/035 Any Other Urgent Business**

There was no other business.

**SECTION B****CL/17-18/036 Undergraduate Studies Committee**

The draft minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2017 were noted and approved.

**CL/17-18/037 Graduate Studies Committee**

The Dean of Graduate Studies drew attention to the item on flexibility in relation to dissertations in taught postgraduate courses and the approved deadline for the approval of proposals for new programmes.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 28 September 2017 were noted and approved.

**Decision/Action**

**037.1:** The Dean of Graduate Studies to discuss with the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer the possibility of marketing new programmes following approval at the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) but before circulation to Council.

**CL/17-18/038 Student Life Committee**

The Dean of Students highlighted the item on Fitness to Study Policy and noted that it had since been considered by the USC and would also be circulated to GSC for consideration.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2017 were noted and approved.

**CL/17-18/039 Library and Information Policy Committee**

The minutes of the meetings of 29 May and 6 June 2017 were noted and approved.

**CL/17-18/040 Quality Committee**

The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer drew the attention of Council to the item on the Approval of Linked Provider Quality Assurance Procedures and noted that a proposal, based on legal advice, will be submitted to Board for consideration and approval.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 5 October 2017 were noted and approved, along with:

- (i) the Implementation Plan for the School of Dental Science, dated October 2017;
- (ii) the Implementation Plan for the Law Programmes, dated October 2017.

**SECTION C****CL/17-18/041 Membership of the University Council**

- (i) The Council noted and approved the membership of the University Council, as follows:
  - a. Graduate Students' Union: Ms Amy Walsh
  - b. Observer (Postgraduate): Mr Vikas Raj Paidimukkala
- (ii) The Council noted the resignation of Professor Jeremy Jones as representative of the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science, Senior Constituency (Head of School), with immediate effect.

**CL/17-18/042 Abridged entry and the award of the B.A. degree**

The Council noted and approved the Memorandum from the School Manager, School of Engineering, circulated, dated 4 October 2017.

**CL/17-18/043 Higher Degrees—Reports of Examiners**

The Council noted and approved the reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees, circulated, approved by the sub-committee of Board and Council on 27 September and noted by Board on 18 October 2017.

**(i) Professional Higher Degrees by Research Alone**

**MD** Donal Tighe

**(ii) Higher Degrees by Research Alone**

**PhD** Méadhbh Bríd Brosnan; Jason Andrew Cook; Sarah Elizabeth Corcoran; Catherine De Contreras; Ronan Martin Doorley; Clara Felisari; Richard Akinlabi Obafemi Komolafe; Caoimhín MacGiolla Phádraig; Ryan McGarrigle; Noor Alhusna Madzlan; Eleonora Neri; Colm Joseph O'Reilly; Christina Schuster; Jacopo Simoni; Mona Syrbe

**DChDent** Fatmah Aljumah; Saleh Alkadi; Aïda Ben Cheikh

**MSc** Alison Elizabeth McCann; James Stephen Swan

**CL/17-18/044 Committee Membership – Senior Academic Promotions Committee**

The Council noted that it had approved electronically, on 12 October 2017, that Professor Blanaid Clarke (School of Law) replace Professor Marina Lynch (School of Medicine) as a representative of Council on the Senior Academic Promotions Committee on a temporary basis to complete the Senior Academic Promotions Call 2017.

**CL/17-18/045 Examinations outside the formal annual and supplemental examination sessions – 2017/18**  
The Council noted and approved the Memorandum from the Activity Lead, Assess, Progress and Graduation, Ms Kathleen Lyons, circulated, dated 18 October 2017.

- CL/17-18/046 Requests for Approval to Repeat**
- (i) Request for Approval for Student to Repeat his JS year in 2017/18**  
The Council noted and approved the Memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, circulated, dated 19 October 2017.
  - (ii) Request for Approval for Student to Repeat his JS year in 2017/18**  
The Council noted and approved the Memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, circulated, dated 19 October 2017.
  - (iii) Request for Approval for SF Student to Resit Exams Off Books (OBA)**  
The Council noted and approved the Memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, circulated, dated 10 October 2017.

**SECTION D**

**In compliance with the Data Protection Acts this information is restricted.**

Signed .....

Date .....