Schedule 1

Elections to Council

Part 1 - Representatives

1. Faculty representatives

(1) To elect representatives pursuant to section 4(1)(b) of the Chapter, there shall be two constituencies in each Faculty. The Senior Constituency shall consist of voters who are full-time Professors, Associate Professors, or Senior Lecturers. The Junior Constituency shall consist of all other full-time Lecturers.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the full-time members of the academic staff shall include comparable part-time members of the academic staff within the meaning of the Protection of Workers (Part-Time) Act, 2001.

(3) The voters in each constituency shall, every third year, elect from among their number two persons to serve as their Faculty representatives on Council, provided that the Senior Constituency shall elect one Head of School and one other person who is not a Head of School.

(4) Any person, not being a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer or Head of School, who has been elected to Council pursuant to the terms of this section, and who is thereafter appointed or elected to any of those positions, or any representative who ceases to be a Head of School, shall not for that reason cease to be a member of Council.

(5) A representative who ceases to be a member of the Faculty from which that representative was elected shall thereupon cease to be a member of Council.

(6) Any person who has been elected to Council pursuant to the terms of this section shall be eligible for re-election for a further term; but any person who has been elected in two successive elections shall not be eligible for further election until at least three years shall have elapsed.

2. Representative of the Research Staff

(1) To elect the representative pursuant to section 4(1)(d) of the Chapter, the research staff shall comprise a constituency which shall, every second year, elect one person to serve as their representative on Council.

(2) Any representative who ceases to be a member of the research staff shall thereupon cease to be a member of Council.

(3) Any person who has been elected to Council pursuant to the terms of this section shall be eligible for re-election for a further term; but any person who has been elected in two successive elections shall not be eligible for further election until at least two years shall have elapsed.
3. Procedures

(1) Any election under sections 1 and 2 shall be held and concluded according to the procedures laid down in Part 2; it shall be conducted on the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote; and the counting of votes and the election of representatives shall, so far as possible, be in accordance with the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Acts, 1947 and 1954.

(2) Casual vacancies arising in the constituencies in sections 1 and 2 shall be filled according to the procedures laid down in Part 3.

(3) The election of members of Council pursuant to section 4(1)(e)-(f) of the Chapter, the election of those present at meetings of Council as observers pursuant to section 4(4)(b), and the filling of casual vacancies, shall follow the procedures laid down in Part 4.

(4) Pursuant to section 4(1)(c) of the Chapter, one representative of the Senate of the University shall be elected annually in Hilary Term to serve for a period of two years. This election, and the filling of casual vacancies, shall follow the procedures laid down in Part 5.

(5) Pursuant to the terms of 4(1)(g) of the Chapter, two members may be co-opted to Council. Such members shall be nominated by the Provost at any meeting of Council for approval by Council at a later meeting. Every such member, who has not died or resigned, shall serve until the end of the academic year following co-option.

Part 2 - Elections

4. Scrutineers

(1) Elections pursuant to sections 1 and 2 shall be arranged and overseen by two Scrutineers, who shall do all such acts and things as may be necessary for their effectual conduct.

(2) For the purposes of elections pursuant to section 1(3), where the terms of office of representatives of a Faculty have expired by effluxion of time, the Senior Lecturer and the Dean of the relevant Faculty shall act as Scrutineers; and they shall also act as Scrutineers for the purposes of elections pursuant to section 2(1) if the term of office of the representative of the research staff has expired by effluxion of time.
5. Elections

(1) The Scrutineers shall seek nominations in each constituency in which elections are being held; and they shall specify the date and time by which, the address to which, and the means by which, any nominations are to be returned. Each candidate for election in a constituency shall be nominated and seconded by voters in that constituency.

(2) If the number of duly nominated candidates in any constituency is equal to the number of available seats, the Scrutineers shall declare any such candidates duly elected to the Council. Otherwise, the Scrutineers shall, as soon as practicable, conduct a secret ballot in each constituency.

(3) (a) The Scrutineers shall send a ballot paper to every person eligible to vote. The ballot paper, in the form for the time being approved by the Council, shall contain the names of all of the duly nominated candidates, a description of the constituency, a statement as the number of representatives to be elected in that constituency, and the date and time by which, and the address to which, the ballot papers are to be returned.

(b) Only those ballot papers which have been properly filled in and returned as directed thereon shall be counted by the Scrutineers.

(4) (a) If, in the application of the principles of proportional representation pursuant to section 29 of the Chapter, the elimination of a candidate in a Senior Constituency would mean that a Head of School could not be elected, the remaining Head of School shall be deemed to be elected without reaching the quota.

(b) If the elimination of a candidate in a Senior Constituency would likewise mean that a candidate who is not a Head of School could not be elected, that candidate shall be deemed to be elected without reaching the quota.

Part 3 - Casual Vacancies

6. Replacement of Faculty representatives

(1) (a) Where a representative ceases to be a member of Council pursuant to section 1(5), or resigns, or dies, or is appointed to any of the offices specified in section 4(1)(a) of the Chapter, any replacement shall serve for the remainder of the term of the representative being replaced.

(b) In the election to fill any such vacancy, the Senior Lecturer and the Dean of the relevant Faculty shall act as Scrutineers, and the election shall as far as possible follow the procedures set out in Part 2.

7. Replacement of Research Staff representatives

(1) (a) Where a representative ceases to be a member of Council pursuant to
section 2(2), or resigns, or dies, any replacement shall serve for the remainder of the term of the representative being replaced.

(b) In the election to fill any such vacancy, the Senior Lecturer and the Dean who had acted as Scrutineer for the election of the representative being replaced shall act as Scrutineers, and the election shall as far as possible follow the procedures set out in Part 2.

Part 4 - Students

8. Students’ Unions

(1) On election, the names of the Education Officer of the Students’ Union and the Vice-President of the Graduate Students’ Union, shall be communicated to the Secretary to the College, and shall ex officio be members of the Council pursuant to section 4(1)(e) and (f) of the Chapter.

(2) On election, the names of the undergraduate students who will sit on the Council pursuant to section 4(1)(e) of the Chapter shall be communicated to the Secretary to the College by the Students’ Union.

(3) On election, the names of the postgraduate students who will either be members of Council pursuant to section 4(1)(f) of the Chapter, or attend meetings of the Council pursuant to section 4(4)(b) of the Chapter, shall be communicated to the Secretary to the College by the Graduate Students’ Union.

(4) The Graduate Students’ Union shall seek to ensure that, in so far as possible, representation on Council pursuant to section 4(1)(f) of the Chapter and presence at Council pursuant to section 4(4)(b) of the Chapter, shall rotate equally over time among the several Faculties.

9. Scholars

(1) On election, the name of the Secretary to the Scholars shall be communicated to the Secretary to College by the Scholars.

10. Replacement

(1) Any student representative who ceases to be the holder of a position referred to in section 4 of the Chapter, shall thereupon cease to be a member of Council, and the name of any duly elected replacement shall be communicated to the Secretary to College.

Part 5 - Election of Senate Representatives

11. Meeting
(1) At the first meeting of Senate held in Hilary Term of each year, the members
of Senate eligible to represent Senate upon Council shall be nominated, each
being proposed by one member and seconded by another member of Senate
present at such meeting.

(2) In the event of the number of persons so nominated being not greater than the
number of members of Council to be elected, the persons so nominated shall
be declared elected and the names of such persons shall be communicated by
the Registrar to the Senior Lecturer.

12. Postal ballot

(1) In the event of the number of persons so nominated being greater than the
number of members of Council to be elected, the Registrar shall, within
fourteen days, send to each member of Senate a voting-paper, in a form to be
approved by the Chancellor, dated on the day on which such voting-paper is
issued by the Registrar, and containing the names of all the persons so
nominated.

(2) Each member of Senate shall

(a) mark, in the space provided in such voting-paper, a cross opposite the
name of each person nominated for whom such member of the Senate
desires to vote; and
(b) sign such voting paper so marked, and return it to the Registrar within
ten days after the date thereof.

(2) Each member of the Senate shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the
number of members of Council to be elected by the Senate at such election,
and may give all such votes or some of them to the persons nominated, but may
not give more than one vote to any one person nominated.

13. Count

(1) The Registrar shall deliver all returned voting-papers to two scrutineers
appointed by the Chancellor; provided that only members of the Senate shall
be eligible to be appointed scrutineers.

(2) The said scrutineers shall count the votes given by such voting-papers, and
shall make a report to the Chancellor of the result of such counting of votes.

(3) The Chancellor shall, in writing addressed to the Registrar, declare duly
elected the number of persons nominated equal to the number of members of
Council to be elected, who shall have received the greatest number of votes.

(4) If in any case an equality of votes renders it necessary, the Chancellor shall
choose between the candidates receiving an equal number of votes, and shall
declare the person so chosen to be duly elected as aforesaid.
Part 6 - Transitional Provisions

14. Faculty of Health Sciences

(1) The terms of office of members of Council elected to represent the members of the Faculty of Health Sciences shall terminate according to the provisions of the Consolidated Statutes, 1966 which were in force at the time of their elections.

(2) This Part shall have no further force and effect immediately upon the termination of the terms of office of such members, and it shall be omitted from every official text of these Statutes published after their successors have been elected.