



The following are the outcomes of the discussions which took place at the Board meeting on 19 April 2017

They are **not** a formal minute of the discussion.

Circulation: Board members and members of the Executive Officers Group.

AGENDA

No	Item	Outcome
	Statements of Interest	There were no Statements of Interest.
A.1	Minutes Meeting of 22 March 2017	The Minutes of the Board meeting of 22 March 2017 were approved subject to the attached amendments. It was noted that following consultation with a Board member further revisions to minute BD/16-17/179 Audit Committee Annual Report 2016/17 may be required and will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.
A.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes	<p>The following items were discussed:</p> <p>BD/16-17/180 Consolidated Financial Statements for year ended 30 September 2016 The Secretary to the College advised Board members that the possibility of issuing a communication to the relevant staff members in respect of the current treatment of the Model Pension Scheme in the Financial Statements was considered by the Chief Officers Group and it had been agreed that a communication was not required at this time. The Provost will consider whether to discuss this matter directly with the Chief Executive of the Higher Education Authority.</p> <p>BD/16-17/184 Rankings It was noted that the Research Excellence Strategy is to come to Board before the end of the Academic Year and will include reference to the rankings and research impact.</p> <p>BD/16-17/192 Finance Committee The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer advised the Board that, following input from the College Solicitor, the fee increases proposed by the School of Engineering will be introduced with Scholarships offered to those students who had applied and been accepted before the change to fees.</p>

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A.3	Provost's Report	<p>The Provost provided the Board with an update on his work in the past month under the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Income Generating Strategies (Global Relations Strategy 2 and Online Education); • Strategic Plan Mid-Term Review; • National Training Fund; • Higher Education Authority CEO; • Fundraising Campaign; • E3 • Trinity Education Project; • Relationship with St James's Hospital; • Trinity Technology and Enterprise Campus (TTEC); • League of European Research Universities (LERU); • Trinity Employability Awards; • Student Space in the Arts Block; • Trinity Week. <p>The Chief Innovation and Enterprise Officer would provide an update on the TTEC proposals at the next Board meeting.</p>
A.4	Five-year Income and Expenditure Forecasts	The Board considered and approved the memorandum from the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer dated 12 April 2017. The Five-year Income and Expenditure Forecasts were noted.
A.5	Risk Management Group Update and Risk Register	The Board considered and approved the memorandum from the Chief Operating Officer dated 11 April 2017 and the accompanying Risk Register. It was noted that the recruitment of a Chief Risk Officer was ongoing.
A.6	College Cultural Diversity Strategy	The Board discussed the memorandum from Professor Robbie Gilligan dated March 2017 (ref BD/16-17/086). The Provost and Professor Gilligan are to liaise further to consider the establishment of a Working Group, which is to include representation from the Academic Registry, to progress this strategy.
A.7	Science Gallery Annual Report 2016 <i>Chair of the Science Gallery Board, Mr Shay Garvey and Mr Ian Brunswick, Head of Programming, attended.</i>	The Board considered and approved the Science Gallery Annual Report 2016.
A.8	University Council	The Board noted and approved the draft Acta of the Council meeting of 5 April 2017 and memorandum from the Dean of Health Sciences dated 7 March 2017 (CL/16-17/134).
A.9	Any Other Urgent Business	<p>The following items were raised under Any Other Urgent Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nassau Street Entrance; • Industrial Relations matter; • Noise disruption caused by the Luas works.

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B.10	<p>(i) Board Outcomes</p> <p>(ii) Board Callover</p>	<p>(i) Noted.</p> <p>(ii) Noted</p>
B.11	<p>Equality Committee Draft Minutes of meeting of 22 March 2017.</p>	The Board noted and approved the draft minutes of the meeting of 22 March 2017
B.12	<p>Quality Committee Draft Minutes of meeting of 9 March 2017.</p>	The Board noted and approved the draft minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2017.
B.13	<p>Library and Information Policy Committee Draft Minutes of meeting of 6 February 2017.</p>	The Board noted and approved the draft minutes of meeting of 6 February 2017.
C.14	<p>Schedule of Board Meetings 2016-17 To note that the final Board meeting of the 2016-17 academic year will take place on Wednesday 14 June 2017, and that the meeting of 28 June 2017 will not now take place.</p>	Noted.
C.15	<p>Higher Degrees To <u>note</u> Higher Degrees, approved by the sub-committee of Board and Council on 22 March and 5 April 2017.</p>	Noted.
C.16	<p>Proctors' Lists for Spring Commencements To <u>note</u> that the Proctors' Lists were approved by the sub-committee of Board and Council on 18 April 2017.</p>	Noted.
C.17	<p>Committee of the Student Conduct and Capacity To note and approve the Memorandum from the Registrar dated 23 March 2017.</p>	Noted and approved.
C.18	<p>Sealings To note the sealings.</p>	Noted.
C.19	<p>Prizes and Other Awards</p> <p>(i) Leslie Bloomer Prize in Human Genetics and Dawson Prize in Genetics – change in values of prizes to <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Head of Genetics dated 30 March 2017.</p> <p>(ii) Visual and Performing Arts Fund 2016-2017 To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Provost dated 3 April 2017.</p>	<p>(i) Noted and approved.</p> <p>(ii) Noted and approved.</p>

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C.20	Committee Membership – Chair of the Audit Committee To note and approve the Memorandum from the Registrar dated 31 March 2017.	Noted and approved.
C.21	Heads of School (i) Psychology (2017-2022) To note and approve that Professor David Hevey has been elected as Head of School of Psychology for a five-year term from 3 July 2017.	Noted and approved.
C.22	Information Technology Services Annual Report 2015-16 and Service Plan 2016-17 To <u>note</u> the Report.	Noted.
C.23	Almanack 2017-18 term dates To note the memorandum from the Editor of the Calendar dated 12 April 2017.	Noted.
D.24	Summary of Staff Appointments (see Actum CL/16-17/168 of 5 April 2017) To note and approve the following summaries: (i) Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science – March 2017; (ii) Faculty of Health Sciences – March 2017.	(i) Noted and approved. (ii) Noted and approved.
D.25	Nominations for Appointment To approve the Nominations for Appointment.	Approved.
D.26	Staff Matters – Early Retirements To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Pensions Manager, Human Resources, dated 28 March 2017.	Noted and approved.
D.27	Administrative and Library Staff Review Committee To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Secretary to the Library and Administrative Staff Review Committee dated 23 March 2017.	Noted and approved.
D.28	Technical Staff Review Committee To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Secretary to the Technical Staff Review Committee dated 10 April 2017.	Noted and approved.

Proposed amendments to 22 March 2017 Board minutes

1. BD/16-17/177 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Record the last paragraph referring to minute BD/16-17/148 as the last paragraph referring to minute BD/16-17/142.

BD/16-17/148 The 2010 Consolidated Statutes – Assent of the Fellows

The Registrar advised the Board that the Visitors had approved the proposed amendments to the Statutes and that the new academic year structure is to come in to effect in the academic year 2018/19.

~~The Provost thanked Professor Ahern for her work on this item and advised that the Schedules Working Party would propose the required amendment to facilitate the establishment of the Remuneration Committee as a compliance committee of the Board.~~

BD/16-17/142 Proposed New Method for Strategic Hires

The Secretary to the College advised the Board that the amendments to the document as had been set out in the Board minutes had been incorporated. He also advised that a proposal to amend the Statutes and establish the Remuneration Committee as a Compliance Committee of the Board will be brought to the Board as quickly as possible.

The Provost thanked Professor Ahern for her work on this item and advised that the Schedules Working Party would propose the required amendment to facilitate the establishment of the Remuneration Committee as a compliance committee of the Board.

2. BD/16-17/178 Provost's Report

Correct the spelling of Berkeley in the paragraph on College events

- **College Events**

Several events were brought to the attention of the Board members including: The Berkeley @50, the Provost's address to the EIT Digital Conference and the move to the Stack B building of members of staff of Computer Science and Statistics and Engineering. Congratulations were also extended to the Philosophical Society for organising the awarding of the Trinity's Philosophical Society's Gold Medal to Mr Martin Scorsese and associated visit.

3. BD/16-17/179 Audit Committee Annual Report 2016/17

Amend the second last paragraph of minute to include the sentence shown below:

'Responding to queries from a Board member, the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer clarified the treatment of the pension asset in the financial statements. A degree of comfort arising from the unqualified audit opinion received from the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General was acknowledged. He further clarified that this was also an issue for the majority of the other Irish universities. It was noted that there has been a significant period of dialogue and engagement between the University and Higher Education Authority officials on this issue which is currently ongoing and to date, a guarantee in respect of the payment of the Model Pension Scheme has not

been received. The Internal Auditor advised that the Audit Committee had also considered this issue and had recommended the financial statements for approval on the basis that a true and fair view would not be given either if the alternative view of the asset is taken. He advised that the Committee considered the balance sheet as presented to be the better option in terms of presenting a fair view of the financial position.'

4. BD/16-17/180 Consolidated Financial Statements for year ended 30 September 2016

Amend the second last paragraph of minute to include the sentence shown below:

'In response to queries from a Board member, the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that the University had taken external advice on the audit qualification issue and that he would continue to engage with the Department of Education and Skills and the HEA on this matter. It was noted that further consideration is to be given to issuing a communication to the relevant staff members in respect of the current treatment of the Model Pension Scheme.