



Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
Trinity College Dublin

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The following are the outcomes of the discussions which took place at the Board meeting on 7 October 2015.

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

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AGENDA

No	Item	Outcome
	Statements of Interest	Professor Liam Dowling, as Head of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, made a statement of interest in relation to Agenda item A.4. It was agreed that he should remain in the room and take full part in the discussion on this item.
A.1	Minutes Meeting of 16 September 2015	The minutes of 16 September 2015 were approved and signed subject to the following amendment: BD/15-16/006 Provost's Report Amend the last sentence in the third last paragraph to read: "He also advised that the Irish Universities Association (IUA) had prepared a position paper on behalf of the seven universities and that the IUA was actively engaging with political parties to communicate a consistent message, building on the symposium on funding held in September 2014."
A.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes	Matters Arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising.
A.3	Provost's Report	The Provost provided an update to the Board on the following items: (i) Nobel Prize winner – Professor William C. Campbell; (ii) The Decade of Commemorations – unveiling of the Hall of Honour memorial stone;

		<p>(iii) Trinity Fundraising Campaign;</p> <p>(iv) Specific strategic projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trinity Business School; • E3; • Oisín House. <p>It was agreed that the Provost is to write, on behalf of the Board, to extend congratulations to Professor Campbell for jointly winning the 2015 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine with Satoshi Omura for their work against parasitic diseases and for sharing the prize with Youyou Tu.</p> <p>It was noted that the Provost is to further liaise with Trinity Development and Alumni to ensure that the case for support for the Trinity Library is appropriately resourced.</p>
A.4	<p>Lease of Stack B Building Memorandum from the Bursar /Director of Strategic Innovation, dated 1 October 2015.</p>	<p>The Board noted and approved the Memorandum from the Bursar/ Director of Strategic Innovation, dated 28 September 2015.</p> <p>It was noted that the Dean of Students is to present an update on the Oisín House project to a future meeting of the Board.</p> <p>It was agreed that a briefing for Board members on the joint initiative between Trinity and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) on the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI) would be arranged for a future meeting of the Board.</p>
A.5	<p>(i) Associate Dean of Undergraduate Science Education Memorandum from the Provost, dated 1 October 2015.</p> <p>(ii) Annual Office</p>	<p>(i) The Board noted and approved the establishment of the Annual Office of Associate Dean of Undergraduate Science Education as per the memorandum from the Provost, dated 1 October 2015.</p> <p>(ii) The Board noted and approved the nomination of Professor Kevin Devine, School of Genetics and Microbiology as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Science Education as</p>

		presented by the Provost.
A.6	Acta of the University Council Minutes of the meeting of 23 September 2015.	The Board confirmed the Acta of the meeting of 23 September 2015.
A.7	<p>Any Other Urgent Business</p> <p>(i) Science Gallery International: Revised Company Constitution Memorandum from the Secretary to the College, dated 1 October 2015.</p> <p>(ii) Trinity Ranking and Implementation Strategy <i>The Director of Trinity Research and Innovation and the Director of Public Affairs and Communications attended.</i></p>	<p>(i) Science Gallery International: Revised Company Constitution The Board noted and approved the memorandum from the Secretary to the College, dated 1 October 2015 and approved the revised company constitution, including the revisions to Science Gallery International’s Board composition.</p> <p>(ii) Trinity Ranking and Implementation Strategy The Board noted the presentation by the Director of Trinity Research and Innovation, the Director of Public Affairs and Communications and the Dean of Research as presented.</p> <p>The existing contribution of staff members and of Schools in ensuring that accurate data is captured for the university was also noted.</p> <p>The following actions were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A communication is to be issued by the Provost to all members of staff outlining actions which can be taken to improve the accuracy of the data for submission by Trinity to the ranking agencies. 2. An initial exercise to examine the baseline data is to be conducted and an action plan for the University prepared. 3. Renewed efforts to galvanise support across the university are to be conducted and proposals to address medium to long-term issues are to be developed. 4. A Steering Group is to be established which will meet monthly and provide regular reports to the Board.

		5. The Secretary to the College, the Director of Trinity Research and Innovation and the Director of Public Affairs and Communications are to prepare an action plan for the implementation of the Rankings Strategy.
Section A.2	Policy Matters for discussion which have already been considered by Principal Committees	
A.8	Statement of Governance and Internal Control Memorandum from the Treasurer/CFO and Secretary to the College, dated 30 September 2015.	Noted and approved.
B.9	Board Business (i) Callover for noting; (ii) Outcomes	(i) Noted (ii) Noted
B.10	Finance Committee Draft Minutes of meeting of 25 September 2015.	The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2015.
C.11	Board Membership (i) Fellows' and Fellow Professors' Constituency to note the resignation of Professor Peter Coxon with effect from 24 September 2015 and to further note that Professor Robert Gilligan is to be a member of the Board for the remainder of Professor Coxon's term of office, to the end of the academic year 2017-18. Professor Gilligan fulfils the criteria, set out in the Statutes, as the person who achieved the highest number of votes in the most recent Board election, without being elected. (ii) External Members to note that the Minister for Education and Skills had appointed Mr Tony Keohane as a member of the Board from the date of this meeting to the end of the academic year 2018-2019.	(i) Noted. (ii) Noted.

C.12	Higher Degrees to note Higher Degrees, approved by the sub-committee of Board and Council on 23 September 2015.	Noted.
C.13	Prizes and Other Award (i) Gold Medals to note and approve a memorandum dated 6 October 2015 as tabled from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies. (ii) Establishment of Genetics Educational Endowment Fund to note and approve a memorandum from Professor Tony Kavanagh dated 29 September 2015.	(i) Noted and approved. (ii) Noted and approved.
C.14	Disability Act 2005, Section 39 (1) to note the nomination of Ms Sheena Brown as Disability Inquiry Officer for complaints for staff and the general public under Section 39 (1) of the Disability Act 2005, in place of Ms Monica Alcock, with effect from 1 October 2015.	Noted.
C.15	School of Business – Name Change to note and approve the memorandum from the Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, dated 30 September 2015.	Noted.
C.16	Naming Convention for Trinity Research Centres to note and approve memorandum from the Registrar, dated 30 September 2015.	Noted and approved.
C.17	Update on Organisational Structure of the Provost’s Directorate to note and approve memorandum from the College Secretary, dated 30 September 2015.	Noted and approved.
C.18	Committees – Administrative and Library Staff Review Committee to note and approve the memorandum from the Acting Secretary of the Committee, dated 29 September 2015.	Noted and approved.

C.19	Senior Promotions – Ad Hoc Appeals Committee to note and approve the memorandum from the Manager, Staff Performance and Review on behalf of the Ad Hoc Appeals Committee, dated 29 September 2015	Noted and approved.
D.20	Summary of Staff Appointments (see Actum CL/15-16/020 of 23 September 2015) to note and approve the following summaries: Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, dated August 2015.	Noted and approved.
D.21	Nominations for Appointment	Noted and approved.
D.22	Selection Committees to note and approve memorandum from the Deputy Director of Human Resources, dated 30 September 2015.	Noted and approved.