



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 24 February 2016.

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	Mr Dermot Frost made a statement in relation to a potential conflict of interest in relation to agenda item C.20 Board Elections 2016, as he was eligible to be a candidate for election. The Secretary to the College advised the Board that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Frost. The Secretary recommended to the Board that, as the timetable for Board elections was set down in the statutes, Mr Frost should remain in the meeting for that agenda item, unless a Board member asked for that item to be discussed. That recommendation was accepted.
A.1	Minutes Meeting of 27 January 2016. Joint Board and Council meeting of 20 January 2016	Board meeting of 27 January 2016. The following corrections to the draft minutes of the Board meeting of 27 January 2016 were noted and the minutes were approved as amended: Minute BD/15-16/128 Provost's Report (vi) <u>1916 and Decade of Commemorations</u> A Board member mentioned that a Trinity Engineering graduate had died in the 1916 Rising. With no further information available, it was noted that the issue could be explored further with the Decade of Commemorations Committee. A Board member mentioned that a Trinity Engineering graduate had played a prominent role in the 1916 Rising. With no further information available, it was noted that the issue could be explored further with the Decade of Commemorations Committee.

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A.1 contd		<p>(vii) <u>Notable Events</u> The LOFAR telescope was installed at the Birr Castle estate, enabled through the kind donation of land by the Earl of Rosse and with funding support from SFI. A LOFAR telescope will be installed at the Birr Castle estate enabled through the kind donation of land by the Earl of Rosse and with funding support from SFI.</p> <p>Joint Board and Council meeting of 20 January 2016. The minutes of the Joint Board and Council meeting of 20 January 2016 were approved and signed.</p>
A.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes	<p>BD/14-15/128 Quality – Implementation Plan for Accommodation and Catering Services Prof O’Neill commented on the issue of catering on campuses other than the main campus, which he had raised previously.</p> <p>BD/15-16/128 Provost’s Report (vii) Notable Events The Secretary to the College confirmed that the Director of Public Affairs & Communications will raise the point regarding the Trinity Engineering graduate who played a prominent role in the 1916 Rising with the Decade of Commemorations Committee.</p> <p>BD/15-16/133 Quality - Implementation Plan for the Disability Service The Chief Operating Officer confirmed that mental health is covered under Irish disability law and is a disability supported by the Disability Office for reasonable accommodation in the academic environment.</p> <p>The Chief Operating Officer informed Board that the Disability Service was not consulted on the mini-tender for the VLE provider. However, the mini-tender was run in full compliance with legislation, College Board approved governance and the Accessible Information Policy. The Disability Service will be consulted on future VLE tenders.</p>

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A.2 contd		<p>BD/15-16/136 Establishment of Al Maktoum Centre for Islamic Studies The Secretary to the College reported that the final legal agreement for the establishment of the Al-Maktoum Centre for Islamic Studies will be presented to the Board for approval at the meeting of 23 March 2016.</p> <p>BD/15-16/138 Acta of the University Council The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer informed the Board that the Revised Proposal for a Tenure–Track System for entry level academics was approved at the Board meeting of 27 January 2016, through the draft Acta of University Council of 13 January 2016 (Minute CL/15-16/083 Revised Proposal for a Tenure–Track System). However, the revised proposal had not been appended to the Acta. The revised proposal will be circulated as an A2 item at the Board meeting of 23 March 2016, to ensure full visibility for the Board.</p> <p>BD/15-16/143 Audit Committee As agreed, the Audit Committee findings on FIS were discussed by the Executive Officers Group. The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer and the Chair of the FIS Steering Group will discuss the findings with the Audit Committee directly at the next Audit Committee meeting. The FIS project would not be closed until such time as the Finance Committee and Board agree to its closure. The draft minute of the Finance Committee meeting of 15 February 2016 on this topic had been circulated to the Board meeting under agenda item B.18(ii).</p>
A.3	Provost’s Report	The Provost provided an update to the Board on the expected findings of the Cassells report on options for higher education funding in Ireland.
A.4	Annual Equality Monitoring Report 2014-15 Memorandum from the Chair of the Equality Committee, Professor Catherine McCabe, dated 16 February 2016.	The Board noted and approved the Annual Equality Monitoring Report 2014-15.
A.5	Planning Group Report #14 Memorandum from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer.	The Board noted and approved Planning Group Report #14.
A.6	Commercial Revenue Unit – Trinity Commercial Services Business Plan Business Plan and Presentation from the Commercial Director.	The Board noted the Trinity Commercial Services Business Plan. The Commercial Director to present the draft constitution of the company and the draft legal Agreements between Trinity and the company at the Board meeting of 23 March 2016 for approval.

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A.7	Estates Review Report from the Bursar/Director of Strategic Innovation.	The Board noted the Estates Review presentation by the Bursar. The Bursar to present the findings of the Turnbury Report at the Board meeting of 23 March 2016.
A.8	Statutes Report from the Registrar.	The Registrar reported that a majority of the Fellows had granted their Assent to the recent Ordinance to amend the Statutes. The proposed amendments had been forwarded to the Visitors for final consideration and approval.
A.9	Foundation Scholarship 2014/15 – Election to Scholarship Memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 28 January 2016.	The Board noted and approved the Memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, dated 28 January 2016, awarding one additional Non-Foundation Scholarship for 2014-15. As per the Statutes, the tenure of the new scholar should commence from 1 July 2016
A.10	Proposal for Tobacco Free Zones Memorandum from Dr David McGrath, Director College Health Service and Chair of the Trinity Tobacco Policy Committee, dated 16 February 2016.	This item was deferred to the meeting of 23 March 2016.
A.11	Fellowship 2016 Report from the Provost.	The Board approved the nominations for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship as presented by the Provost.
A.12	University Council Draft Acta of meeting of 10 February 2016.	The Board noted and approved the draft Acta of meeting of 10 February 2016.
A.13	Any Other Urgent Business	There were no items of urgent business.
Section A.2		
A.14	Draft Dignity and Respect Policy Memorandum from the Chair of the Equality Committee, Professor Catherine McCabe, dated 16 February 2016.	The draft Dignity and Respect Policy was referred to the HR Committee, and will be returned to Board for consideration at a later date.
A.15	Trinity Website URL Policy Circulated with draft minutes Library and Information Policy Committee (Agenda item B.17)	The Board noted and approved the Trinity Website URL Policy.

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Section B		
B.16	<p>Board Business</p> <p>(i) Callover for noting;</p> <p>(ii) Outcomes</p>	<p>(i) Noted</p> <p>BD/15-16/063 Global Brain Health Initiative In response to a query from a Board member, the Secretary to the College reported that a new set of guidelines in relation to whether Board needed to note large research projects would be brought to the Board meeting of 23 March 2016.</p> <p>BD/15-16/071 Human Resources Committee Mr Frost, Chair of the Committee, reported that a proposal in relation to contracts for Administrative and Support Staff had been considered by the Committee and would be forwarded to the Board for consideration.</p> <p>(ii) Noted</p>
B.17	<p>Library and Information Policy Committee Minutes of meeting of 7 December 2015 and Trinity Website URL Policy.</p>	<p>The Board noted and approved the draft minutes of the meeting of 7 December 2015.</p> <p>Under LIPC/15-16/13, Professor Ó Siochrú, Chair of the Committee, raised the issue of the Research Collections Reading Room. The Bursar responded that the options were under active consideration with the Librarian and College Archivist.</p>
B.18	<p>Equality Committee Draft Minutes of meeting of 21 January 2016.</p>	<p>The Board noted and approved the draft minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2016.</p>
B.19	<p>Finance Committee Minutes of meeting of 22 January 2016 Extract from Minutes of meeting of 15 February 2016.</p>	<p>The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meeting of 22 January 2016. The Board noted and approved the extract from minutes of meeting of 15 February 2016.</p>
B.20	<p>College Safety Committee Draft Minutes of meeting of 11 November 2015</p>	<p>The Board noted and approved the draft minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2015, and the change of the name of the Committee to the University Safety Committee.</p>
Section C		
C.21	<p>Board Elections 2016 to note and approve memorandum from the Secretary to the College dated 15 February 2016.</p>	<p>Noted and approved</p>

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C.22	<p>Higher Degrees to note Higher Degrees, approved by the sub-committee of Board and Council on 10 February 2016.</p>	Noted
C.23	<p>Senate Business - Recommendations for the award of the degree MA (jure officii) to note and approve memorandum from the Registrar, dated 17 February 2016.</p>	Noted and approved
C.24	<p>Prizes and Other Awards</p> <p>(i) School of Medicine Prizes and Medals 2014/2015 to note and approve memorandum from the Medical Student Coordinator Sophister Years, School of Medicine dated 20 January 2016.</p> <p>(ii) Patrick O’Sullivan Prize to note and approve memorandum from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer dated 15 February 2016.</p> <p>(iii) Visual and Performing Arts Fund 2015/2016 to note and approve memorandum from the Provost dated 12 February 2016.</p> <p>(iv) Taylor Exhibition to note and approve memorandum from the Professor of Music dated 8 February 2016.</p> <p>(v) Student Prizes in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences to note and approve memorandum from the Head of School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences dated 12 February 2016.</p> <p>(vi) Franz Fasenfeld Prize to note and approve memorandum from the Head of School of Computer Science and Statistics dated 1 February 2016.</p>	<p>(i) Noted and approved</p> <p>(ii) Noted and approved</p> <p>(iii) Noted and approved</p> <p>(iv) Noted and approved</p> <p>(v) Noted and approved</p> <p>(vi) Noted and approved</p>

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C.24 contd	<p>(vii) Minchin Bursary to note and approve memorandum from the Student Support Officer dated 9 February 2016.</p> <p>(viii) Jackie Akerele Fund to note and approve memorandum from the Student Support Officer dated 16 February 2016.</p>	<p>(vii) Noted and approved</p> <p>(viii) Noted and approved</p>
C.25	<p>Benefactions - Seamus Heaney Chair in Irish Writing to note and approve memorandum from the Head of School of English dated 30 October 2015.</p>	Noted and approved
C.26	<p>Approval of New Degree Title – Master in Pharmacy to note and approve memorandum from the Registrar dated 17 February 2016.</p>	Noted and approved
C.27	<p>Appeals Process for the decisions of the Review Committees for Administrative, Professional and Support Staff to note and approve memorandum from the Registrar dated 15 February 2016.</p>	Noted and approved
Section D		
D.28	Nominations for Appointment	Noted and approved
D.29	<p>Staff Matters – Early Retirements to note and approve memorandum from the University Pensions Manager dated 29 January 2016</p>	Noted and approved
D.30	<p>Selection Committees to note and approve memorandum from the Pensions Manager dated 17 February 2016.</p>	Noted and approved