



The following are the outcomes of the discussions which took place at the Board meeting on 3 October 2018.

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

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

No	Item	Outcome
	<b>Statements of Interest</b>	The Secretary to the College advised that no statements of potential conflict of interest had been received.
	<b>Statutory Declaration</b>	The new member of the Board, Professor Fintan Sheerin, made the statutory declaration as required under the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.
<b>A.1</b>	<b>Minutes</b> To <u>approve</u> the Minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2018	The Board approved the minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2018.

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A.2	Matters Arising from the Minutes	<p>The following items were raised under Matters Arising:</p> <p><b>(i) BD/18-19/010 Athena SWAN Progress Update</b></p> <p>In response to comments from a Board member regarding issues around representation of all genders across various staff grades, the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer advised that the Gender Equality Report is due to be considered at the November Board meeting. The Provost suggested that a balanced discussion on gender equality could be had at a future meeting of the Board and it was noted that a proposal on this matter would be prepared for future consideration.</p> <p>The Provost welcomed Professor Jones and invited him to give the Board on update on resources which had been allocated to the schools in the Faculty to assist them in preparing submissions for Athena SWAN. Professor Jones advised the Board that Arts and Humanities disciplines would only become eligible to apply for Athena SWAN awards in November 2019. He advised the Board of the financial support which had been allocated to each of the 12 schools in the Faculty and that 9 of the schools had appointed Athena SWAN Champions to assist with the preparation of submissions. In addition, he informed the Board that there had been a significant amount of consultation on this matter including consultation with colleagues in Queen’s University Belfast, a Faculty Planning Day, discussions at Faculty Fora and several lunchtime workshops.</p> <p>The Provost informed the Board that the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science had advised that Athena SWAN Champions have been appointed in four of the schools in that Faculty. The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer advised the Board that there is a clear timeline now in place and that the University is on track to make an application for a silver award in due course.</p> <p><b>(ii) BD/18-18/011 Visitors</b></p> <p>The Registrar updated the Board on this item noting that if the University is to proceed with a change in nomenclature of students then the assent of the Fellows is required. She advised that it is proposed that this proposal would be combined with others in due course and taken as a suite of proposals to be progressed through the Fellows’ Assent process. The Provost advised that if being progressed then the proposed changes to the Statutes would be brought to Board for approval when appropriate.</p> <p>In response to a query from a Board member, the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer clarified that the appropriate changes had been made to the Calendar to ensure that its wording is fully compliant with the Statutes and that it is not intended to ask schools to revisit course handbooks which have already been published.</p> <p><b>(iii) College Safety Committee</b></p> <p>The Chief Operating Officer invited the Board’s attention to the Membership of the College Safety Committee document, which had been circulated in advance, noting that the proposed membership was in keeping with the Consolidated Statutes 2010.</p> <p><b>Action/Decision</b>  <b>032.1</b> The Board approved the membership of the College Safety Committee as had been circulated.</p>

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A.3	<b>Provost's Report</b>	The Provost provided the Board with overview of his proposed work programme for the year under the following headings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic and Philanthropic Activity including Alumni Engagement;</li> <li>• Innovation and the Innovation District Council;</li> <li>• Tangent, Trinity's Ideas Workspace Launch;</li> <li>• Rooney Prize for Irish Literature.</li> </ul>
A.4	<b>E3 Learning Foundry update</b> To <u>consider and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Bursar/Director of Strategic Innovation dated 25 September 2018.  <i>Professor Vinny Cahill, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics &amp; Science; Mr Paul Coote, Project Appraisal Manager; and Ms Edwina Hegarty, Programme Manager; attended.</i>	The Board considered and approved the document from Professor Vinny Cahill, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science; Professor Veronica Campbell, Bursar/Director of Strategic Innovation; Mr Paul Coote, Project Appraisal Manager; and Ms Edwina Hegarty, Programme Manager; and the funding requests contained within.
A.5	<b>European Investment Bank (EIB) Loan Financing</b> To <u>consider and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer, dated 26 September 2018.  <i>Mr Paul Coote, Project Appraisal Manager, attended.</i>	The Board noted and approved the memorandum from the Project Appraisal Manager, dated 26 September 2018 and the request for the Provost and the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer to finalise and sign the loan agreement with EIB contained within.  <b>035.2</b> It was agreed that in advance of any decision regarding the type of interest rate to be applied to the loan, variable or fixed, a further proposal on this matter would be brought to the Board for approval.
A.6	<b>State Funding Update: Understanding the Funding Needs in Higher Education</b> To <u>consider</u> the update from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, dated 27 September 2018.	The Board considered the update from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, dated 27 September 2018.
A.7	<b>Preparing for Strategic Plan 2019-2024</b> To <u>consider</u> the update from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer.	The Board considered the update from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer.

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A.8	<p><b>Anti-money laundering data request. Re-opening of Davy Select trading account</b></p> <p>To <u>consider and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, dated 26 September 2018.</p>	The Board considered and approved the memorandum from the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, dated 26 September 2018.
A.9	<p><b>University Council</b></p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the draft Acta of the Council meeting of 26 September 2018.</p>	The Board noted and approved the draft Acta of the Council meeting of 26 September 2018.
A.10	<p><b>Any Other Urgent Business</b></p>	<p><b>(i) Resignation of Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer</b></p> <p>The Provost advised the Board that the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer had tendered his resignation and is to leave Trinity to take up the position of Vice-Chancellor for Administrative and Financial Affairs at. He congratulated Mr Mathews on his new role and thanked him for his much valued service and contribution to the University.</p> <p><b>(ii) Finance Award</b></p> <p>The Provost advised Board members that Trinity's Financial Services Division (FSD) was awarded "Finance Team of the Year" at the annual British Accountancy Awards on Wednesday 26th September 2018. He congratulated Mr Mathews and all of the team in FSD on their recent success.</p>
A.2.11	<p><b>Draft Fitness to Study Policy</b></p> <p>To <u>consider and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Students dated 26 September 2018.</p>	The Board considered and approved the memorandum from the Dean of Students dated 26 September 2018 and the accompanying policy.
B.12	<p>Board Business</p> <p>(i) Callover</p> <p>To <u>note</u> the callover updated to 12 September 2018;</p> <p>(ii) Outcomes</p> <p>To <u>note</u> the Board outcomes from the meeting of 12 September 2018.</p>	<p>(i) Noted.</p> <p>(ii) Noted.</p>
B.13	<p><b>Estates Policy Committee</b></p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the draft Minutes of meeting of 22 June 2018.</p>	Noted and approved.

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C.14	<b>Sealings</b> To <u>note</u> the sealings.	Noted.
C.15	<b>Loan Request for Eleven Prints from the Manuscript Collections of the Library from the National Gallery of Ireland</b> To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Librarian and College Archivist dated 25 September 2018.	Noted and approved.
C.16	<b>Gender Representation among Fellows</b> To <u>consider and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Equality Officer, dated 26 September 2018.	Considered and approved.
C.17	<b>Prizes and Other Awards</b> (i) <b>Gold Medal Nominations 2018</b> To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Senior Lecturer/Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 24 September 2018. (ii) <b>School of Medicine Prizes and Medals 2017-18</b> To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum Christina Boccoardo, Administrative Officer, School of Medicine, dated 29 August 2018. (iii) <b>Establishment of the Cara O'Hagan Memorial Prize</b> To note and approve the Memorandum from Professor Mark Bell, Head of the School of Law, dated 6 September 2018.	Noted and approved.

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D.18	<p><b>Summary of Staff Appointments (see Actum CL/18-19/022 of 26 September 2018)</b></p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the following summaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences – August 2018;</li> <li>(ii) Faculty of Health Sciences – September 2018;</li> <li>(iii) Academic Services Division – June-July 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Noted and approved.</li> <li>(ii) Noted and approved.</li> <li>(iii) Noted and approved.</li> </ul>
D.19	<p><b>Selection Committees</b></p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the Memorandum from the Director of Human Resources, dated 25 September 2018.</p>	Noted and approved.