



# University Council Agenda

Trinity Board Room | Trinity Business School Building

Wednesday 11 February 2026 | 11.15 – 13.00

## Apologies

## Declaration by New Member(s)

## Statements of Interest

### Section A.1 Policy Matters

#### Indicative Timing

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| 1. | <b>Minutes</b><br>To <u>approve</u> the minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2025  | [11.15-11.20]<br>(encl) |
| 2. | <b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b><br>To <u>raise</u> any matters arising  | [11.20-11.25]           |
| 3. | <b>Trinity Global Update to Council</b><br>To <u>note and discuss</u> the presentation from the Vice President for Global Engagement dated February 2026<br><i>Ms Niamh Burke, Associate Director, Partnerships and Global Mobility, and Mr Declan Coogan, Associate Director, Recruitment, to join the meeting for this item</i> | [11.25-11.50]<br>(encl) |
| 4. | <b>Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer's Report</b><br>To <u>receive</u> a report from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer  | [11.50-12.00]           |
| 5. | <b>Provost's Report</b><br>To <u>receive</u> a report from the Provost  | [12.00-12.10]           |
| 6. | <b>Any Other Urgent Business</b>  |                         |

### Section A.2<sup>i</sup>

#### Policy Matters which have already been considered by Committees

<sup>i</sup>Section A2 items have been fully considered by the relevant Committee. Council members are asked to inform the Secretary's Office if they wish discussion on any of the items in Section A2 by 5pm on the Monday before the meeting. If not, the Chairperson will propose that they be noted and, where appropriate, that the action proposed or reported be approved as presented.

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| 7.  | <b>Revised Appeals Policy (Academic Progress), with new Procedures for the Conduct of Courts of First Appeal and Procedures for the Conduct of School Postgraduate Appeals Committees</b> | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and the Dean of Graduate Studies, dated 3 February 2026                             |        |
| 8.  | <b>Proposal Related to Changes to Colombia Majors for Dual Degree Programme</b>   | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 30 January 2026  |        |
| 9.  | <b>Proposed New Generic Postgraduate Certificate Award</b>  | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 4 February 2026   |        |
| 10. | <b>School of Mathematics – Quality Review Report</b>  | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 3 February 2026   |        |
| 11. | <b>School of Social Sciences and Philosophy – Quality Implementation Plan</b>   | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 3 February 2026   |        |
| 12. | <b>School of Engineering - Quality Implementation Plan</b>  | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 3 February 2026   |        |
| 13. | <b>School of Linguistic, Speech and Communications Sciences – Quality Implementation Plan</b>   | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 3 February 2026   |        |
| 14. | <b>Marino Institute of Education – Academic Policies</b>  | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 3 February 2026   |        |
| 15. | <b>Annual Quality Report 2024/25 to QQI</b>   | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 3 February 2026   |        |

## Section B - Reports from Committees

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| 16. | <b>Graduate Studies Committee</b>  | (encl) |
|     | To <u>note and approve</u> the draft minutes of the meeting of 29 January 2026 |        |

**17. Quality Committee**

To **note and approve** the following:

- (i) Minutes of the meeting of 27 November 2025 (encl)
- (ii) Draft minutes of the meeting of 29 January 2026 (encl)

**18. Research Committee**

To **note and approve** the minutes of the meeting of 2 December 2025 (encl)

**19. Undergraduate Studies Committee**

To **note and approve** the draft minutes of the meeting of 27 January 2026 (encl)

**Section C<sup>ii</sup> - Matters for Noting and Approval****20. Higher Degrees—Reports of Examiners**

To **note and approve** the reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees (Higher Degrees List) dated 10 February 2026 (encl)

**21. Change of Discipline Title, Centre for Language and Communication Studies to Discipline of Linguistics**

To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences dated 3 February 2026 (encl)

**22. Revised Policy Management Framework – Record Sheets**

To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Secretary to the College/Director of Governance dated 21 January 2026 (encl)

**23. Heads of Discipline**

To **note and approve** the following nominations:

- (i) Professor Michael Kelly, Professor of Surgery (1848), as the Head of the Discipline of Surgery, School of Medicine, for two terms, from 5 January 2026 to 4 January 2031, as the incoming holder of an Established Chair.
- (ii) Professor Mark Bell as the Head of the Discipline of Law, School of Law, from 2 January 2026 to 1 January 2029
- (iii) Professor Mary Cosgrove as the Head of the Discipline of German, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, for a second term, from 26 November 2025 to 31 May 2027
- (iv) Professor Davide Romelli as the Head of the Discipline of Economics, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029

**24. Directors**

To **note and approve** the following nomination:

- (i) Professor Xiaoning Liang as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), Trinity Business School, 1 February 2026 to 30 June 2027

**25. University Council Membership – Students’ Union**

To **note and approve** that Ms Kate Grogan has been elected as the Faculty of Health Sciences undergraduate representative on the University Council for the remainder of the 2025/26 academic year, replacing Ms Grace McNally

**Section D<sup>ii</sup> – Personnel Matters**

**In compliance with the Data Protection Acts, this information is restricted.**

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<sup>ii</sup> Items in Sections C and D are, in the opinion of the Senior Lecturer/ Dean of Undergraduate Studies, of a routine nature and he will propose that they be taken as read and approved on the basis stated. If any member of Council wishes discussion on a particular item, the Senior Lecturer/ Dean of Undergraduate Studies asks that his office or the Secretary’s office be informed before 5.00 pm on Tuesday.