



University Council Agenda

Trinity Board Room | Trinity Business School Building

Wednesday 8 April 2026 | 11.15 – 13.00

Apologies

Declaration by New Member(s)

Statements of Interest

Section A.1 Policy Matters

		Indicative Timing
1.	Minutes To <u>approve</u> the minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2026	[11.15-11.20] (encl)
2.	Matters Arising from the Minutes To <u>raise</u> any matters arising	[11.20-11.25]
3.	Embedding Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Trinity Education – Update To <u>note and discuss</u> the presentation from the Head of Academic Practice/ESD Programme Director, Senior Academic Director and Strategic Initiatives Lead, and the Education Fellow (ESD), dated 31 March 2026 <i>Dr Pauline Rooney, Head of Academic Practice/ESD Programme Director, Dr Claire McAvinia, Senior Academic Developer and Strategic Initiatives Lead, Professor Cuisle Forde, Education Fellow (ESD), to join the meeting for this item</i> Strategic Plan Commitment(s): underpins all	[11.25-11.50] (to follow)
4.	Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer’s Report To <u>receive</u> a report from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer	[11.50-12.00]
5.	Provost’s Report To <u>receive</u> a report from the Provost	[12.00-12.10]
6.	Any Other Urgent Business	

Section A.2ⁱ

Policy Matters which have already been considered by Committees

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| 7. | <p>Proposal to add Framework Structure to the M.Sc. programme in Gerontological Nursing from 2026/27</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 30 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 8. | <p>Revised Postgraduate Research Supervision Policy</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 20 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 9. | <p>Revised Academic Awards Policy</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecture and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 30 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 10. | <p>Revised Dual and Joint Awards Policy</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecture and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 30 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 11. | <p>Revised Student Capacity Policy (formerly Fitness to Study)</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Students dated 30 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 12. | <p>Postgraduate Research National Student Survey Report 2025</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Students dated 30 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 13. | <p>School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies – Quality Review Report</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 29 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 14. | <p>School of Psychology – Quality Progress Report</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 29 March 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 15. | <p>Royal Irish Academy of Music – Academic Policies</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 5 March 2026</p> | (encl) |

ⁱ 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.

16. **Royal Irish Academy of Music – Institutional Quality Progress Report** (encl)
To note and approve the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 29 March 2026

Section B - Reports from Committees

17. **Graduate Studies Committee** (encl)
To note and approve the draft minutes of the meeting of 26 March 2026
18. **Quality Committee** (encl)
To note and approve the draft minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2026
19. **Research Committee** (encl)
To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of 17 February 2026
20. **Undergraduate Studies Committee** (encl)
To note and approve the draft minutes of the meeting of 24 March 2026

Section Cⁱⁱ - Matters for Noting and Approval

21. **University Council Membership – Students' Union**
(i) To note and approve that the following has been elected and will serve as a member of the University Council for the academic year 2026/27
Education Officer: Ms Eve Martin
22. **Higher Degrees—Reports of Examiners** (encl)
To note and approve the reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees (Higher Degrees List) for approval 8 April 2026
23. **Heads of Discipline**
To note and approve the following nominations:
(i) Professor Balázs Apor as the Head of the Discipline of Russian and Slavonic Studies, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
(ii) Professor Paul Conroy as the Head of the Discipline of Clinical Speech and Language Studies, School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
24. **Directors**
To note and approve the nomination of Professor Yvonne Lynch as the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, for a second term until 31 May 2028

25. Derogations for Examinations Outside the Formal 2025/26 Assessment Sessions – Trinity Access Programmes (encl)

To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Head of Assessment/Deputy Head of Operations dated 11 March 2026

26. Board and Council Meeting Dates 2026/27 (encl)

To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Secretary to the College/Director of Governance, and the Governance Manager dated 30 March 2026

Section Dⁱⁱ – Personnel Matters

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

ⁱⁱ 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.