



University Council Agenda

Trinity Board Room | Trinity Business School Building

Wednesday 27 May 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. Minutes
To approve the minutes of the meeting of 8 April 2026 | [11.15-11.20]
(encl) |
| 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
To raise any matters arising | [11.20-11.25] |
| 3. Towards a Third Pillar for Lifelong Learning at Trinity College Dublin
An Institutional Strategic Plan – Aligned Case for Educational
Differentiation <ul style="list-style-type: none">For Council members only To note and discuss the memorandum from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer and the Executive Director, Academic Services Division, dated 20 May 2026
<i>Ms Fedelma McNamara, Executive Director, Academic Services Division, to join the meeting for this item</i>
Strategic Plan: Commitment 2 | [11.25-11.45]
(encl) |
| 4. Proposal for Heads of a New Trinity Access Plan 2026-2030
To consider and approve the documentation from the Registrar, Chair of the Extending Access Strategic Working Group, dated 19 May 2026
Strategic Plan: Commitments 2 & 3 | [11.45-12.00]
(encl) |
| 5. Senior Lecturer's Annual Report 2024/25
To consider and approve the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 15 May 2026
Strategic Plan: Commitments 2, 3 & 6 | [12.00-12.15]
(encl) |

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| 6. | The Library of Trinity College Dublin Annual Report 2024/25
To <u>note and discuss</u> the report from the Librarian and College Archivist dated 19 May 2026
Strategic Plan: Various Commitments | [12.15-12.30]
(encl) |
| 7. | Learning Innovation and Research Hub: Update
To <u>note and discuss</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 18 May 2026
Strategic Plan: Commitment 2 | [12.30-12.50]
(encl) |
| 8. | Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer's Report
To <u>receive</u> a report from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer | [12.40-12.50] |
| 9. | Provost's Report
To <u>receive</u> a report from the Provost | [12.50-13.00] |
| 10. | Any Other Urgent Business | |

Section A.2ⁱ

Policy Matters which have already been considered by Committees

Academic Policies, Regulations and Guidelines

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| 11. | Proposal to Introduce an Undergraduate Repeat-by-Module Framework
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 15 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 12. | Revision to HEAR Points Management
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 15 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 13. | Draft Policy on the Recording of Lectures
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 19 May 2026 | (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.

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| 14. | Updates to the College Statement on Artificial Intelligence and GenAI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 15. | Revised Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 16. | Revised Academic Integrity Policy
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 17. | Revised Assessment and Academic Progression Policy
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 18. | Revised Late Submission of Assessments (Extensions) Policy
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 19. | Library Digital Preservation Policy
To <u>note and approve</u> the documentation from the Librarian and College Archivist dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 20. | Linked Provider Policy Framework
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 21. | Calendar Changes 2026/27 - Revised Regulations for Higher Degrees by Research Only, and Clarification of Examination Outcomes
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 18 May 2026 | (encl) |
| <i>Programme Proposals</i> | | |
| 22. | Proposal for Graduate Entry Bachelor in Civil Laws Degree Programme
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 21 April 2026 | (encl) |
| 23. | Review of Year 2 of Undergraduate Medicine Curriculum
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 27 April 2026 | (encl) |

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| 24. | <p>Curriculum Revisions to the B.Sc. Programmes in Nursing, Midwifery, and Children’s and General Nursing</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 15 May 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 25. | <p>Cessation of Language Combinations in the European Studies Programme (German/Polish, German/Russian and Polish Russian)</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 15 May 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 26. | <p>Proposal to Change the Programme Title of Global Business (TR080) to Global and Sustainable Business (TR080)</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 15 May 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 27. | <p>Proposal for New Postgraduate Diploma in Garda Executive Leadership Programme</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 20 May 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 28. | <p>Removal of Strands from the Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Radiation Therapy and Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Radiation Therapy</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 20 May 2026</p> | (encl) |
| 29. | <p>Cessation of the M.Sc. in Clinical Speech and Language Studies (FT/PT) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Speech and Language Studies (Dysphagia) Programmes</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 20 May 2026</p> | (encl) |
| Quality Reports | | |
| 30. | <p>School of Education – Quality Review Report</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 19 May 2026</p> | (encl) |

Section B - Reports from Committees

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| 31. | <p>Graduate Studies Committee</p> <p>To <u>note and approve</u> the draft minutes of the meeting of 14 May 2026</p> | (encl) |
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- 32. Quality Committee** (encl)
To **note and approve** the draft minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2026
- 33. Research Committee**
To **note and approve** the following:
(i) Minutes of the meeting of 24 March 2026 (encl)
(ii) Minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2026 (encl)
- 34. Undergraduate Studies Committee**
To **note and approve** the following
(i) Minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2026 (encl)
(ii) Draft minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2026 (encl)

Section Cⁱⁱ - Matters for Noting and Approval

- 35. University Council Membership**
- (i) Faculty of Health Sciences (2026/27 – 2028/29)**
Senior Constituency: Professor Damien Brennan (Head of School)
Senior Constituency: Professor Brendan Kelly
Junior Constituency: Professor Philip Hardie
Junior Constituency: Professor Aisling O’Halloran
- (ii) Co-opted Members**
Dean of Students and Civic Engagement
Vice-President for Global Engagement
- (iii) Students’ Union**
To **note and approve** that the following have been elected as members of the University Council for the academic year 2026/27 and, if they are not current members, that they may attend to observe the Council meeting of 27 May 2026:

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences: Aaron Groome
Faculty of Health Sciences: Kate Grogan
Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: Sam Brooks
- 36. Administrative Procedures during the Summer Session**
To **note and approve** that the items of routine College business relating to Council will be dealt with by the Provost or Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer between the last Council meeting of 2025/26 (27 May 2026) and the first Council meeting of 2026/27 (14 October 2026), and a report will be made to Council at its meeting of 14 October 2026
- 37. Faculty Dean**
To **note** that Board approved the nomination of Professor Padraic Fallon as the Dean of Health Sciences from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2031

38. Heads of School

To **note** that Board approved the following nominations:

- (i) Professor Alison Dougall as the Head of the School of Dental Sciences/Dean of Dental Affairs from 26 March 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2030
- (ii) Professor Nicola Carr as the Acting Head of the School of Social Work and Social Policy from 20 January to 31 August 2026
- (iii) Professor Graeme Murdock as the Head of the School of Histories and Humanities from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2029
- (iv) Professor Gillian Wylie as the Head of the School of Religions, Theology, and Peace Studies, for a second term of one year, until the end of Trinity Term 2027

39. Heads of Discipline

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

- (i) Professor Angus Burns as the Head of the Discipline of Child and Public Dental Health, School of Dental Sciences, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
- (ii) Professor Matthew Campbell as the Head of the Discipline of Genetics, School of Genetics and Microbiology, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (iii) Professor Marta Martins as the Head of the Discipline of Microbiology, School of Genetics and Microbiology, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (iv) Professor Brendan O'Connell as the Head of the Discipline of English, School of English, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- (v) Professor Jennifer O'Meara as the Head of the Discipline of Film, School of Creative Arts, from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2029
- (vi) Professor Nicole Grimes as the Head of the Discipline of Music, School of Creative Arts, from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2029
- (vii) Professor Richard Hobbs as the Head of the Discipline of Physical, Computational and Materials Chemistry, School of Chemistry, from 5 June 2026 to 2 June 2029
- (viii) Professor Louise Daly as the Head of the Discipline of General Nursing, School of Nursing and Midwifery, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- (ix) Professor Michael Nash as the Head of the Discipline of Mental Health Nursing, School of Nursing and Midwifery, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- (x) Professor Rachel McLoughlin as the Head of the Discipline of Immunology, School of Biochemistry and Immunology, from 10 September 2026 to 9 September 2029
- (xi) Professor Vincent Kelly as the Head of the Discipline of Biochemistry, School of Biochemistry and Immunology, for a second term to 9 September 2029

40. Directors

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

- (i) Professor Noah Buckley as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (ii) Professor Jean Fletcher as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Biochemistry and Immunology, for a one-year extension to 31 August 2027
- (iii) Professor Ioannis Polyzois as Director of Global Engagement, School of Dental Sciences, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (iv) Professor Ortwin Hess as Director of Research, School of Physics, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (v) Professor Kate Maguire as Director of Global Engagement, School of Physics, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (vi) Professor Lewys Jones as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of Physics, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (vii) Professor Graham Cross as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Physics, for a second term to 1 July 2028
- (viii) Professor Matthias Moebius as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Physics from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
- (ix) Professor Evangelia Rigaki as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Creative Arts, for a one-year extension to 31 May 2027
- (x) Professor Colin Flynn as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (xi) Professor Irena Yanushevskaya as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, for a second term to 31 May 2027
- (xii) Professor Emer Guinan as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Medicine, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (xiii) Professor Eavan Brady as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Social Work and Social Policy, from 3 June 2026 to 3 June 2027
- (xiv) Professor Breiffni Fitzgerald as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Engineering, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (xv) Professor Gavin Doherty as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Computer Science and Statistics, for a one-year extension to 31 August 2027
- (xvi) Professor Michael John Dolan as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Genetics and Microbiology, from 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2029
- (xvii) Professor Russell McLaughlin as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Genetics and Microbiology, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (xviii) Professor Nicky O'Boyle as Director of Research, School of Genetics and Microbiology, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029

- (xix) Professor Siobhán O'Brien as Director of Global Engagement, School of Genetics and Microbiology, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028
- (xx) Professor Máire Ní Leathlobhair as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of Genetics and Microbiology, from 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2029
- (xxi) Professor Patrick Walsh as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Histories and Humanities, from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2028
- (xxii) Professor Susan Flavin as Director of Research, School of Histories and Humanities, from 1 July 2026 to the end of June 2028
- (xxiii) Professor Monica Gale as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of Histories and Humanities, from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027
- (xxiv) Professor Iouri Gounko as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Chemistry, from 3 June 2026 to 2 June 2028
- (xxv) Professor Valeria Nicolosi as Director of Research, School of Chemistry, from 3 June 2026 to 2 June 2028
- (xxvi) Professor Julie Byrne as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Social Work and Social Policy, from 3 June 2026 to 3 June 2027
- (xxvii) Professor Michelle D'Arcy as Director of Research, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (xxviii) Professor Lisa Keenan as Director of Global Engagement, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (xxix) Professor James Hanrahan as Director of Research, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, for a second term to 31 May 2028
- (xxx) Professor Andrea Mulligan as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Law, from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2028
- (xxxi) Professor Sarah Hamill as Director of Global Engagement, School of Law, from 1 June 2026 to the end of Michaelmas Term 2026, to cover the sabbatical leave of the incumbent
- (xxxii) Professor Roisin Costello as Director of Global Engagement, School of Law, to return to the role, from January 2027 to the end of Trinity Term 2027
- (xxxiii) Professor Caoimhin MacMaolain as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of Law, from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2027
- (xxxiv) Professor Micha Ruhl as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Natural Sciences, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (xxxv) Professor Melissa Corbally as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Nursing and Midwifery, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (xxxvi) Professor Catherine McCabe as Director of Research, School of Nursing and Midwifery, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (xxxvii) Professor Jacqueline Whelan as Director of Global Engagement, School of Nursing and Midwifery, for a one-year extension to 31 May 2027
- (xxxviii) Professor Claire Gillan as Director of Research, School of Psychology, for a second term to 30 June 2028
- (xxxix) Professor Olive Healy as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Psychology from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028

- (xl) Professor Paul Dockree as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Psychology, for a second term to 30 June 2028
- (xli) Professor Ruth Byrne as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of Psychology, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028
- (xlii) Professor Martha O'Hagan Luff as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), Trinity Business School, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (xliii) Professor Catherine Welch as Director of Research, Trinity Business School, for a one-year extension to 30 June 2027
- (xliv) Professor Fáinche Ryan as Director of the Loyola Institute, School of Religions, Theology, and Peace Studies, from 30 May 2026 to 31 December 2027
- (xlv) Professor Ema Vyroubalova as Director of Global Engagement, School of English, from 1 June 2025 to 1 June 2027
- (xlvi) Professor Pádraic Whyte as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of English, from 1 June 2025 to 1 June 2027
- (xlvii) Professor Ashish Kumar Jha as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Trinity Business School, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027
- (xlviii) Professor Kirk Soodhalter as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Mathematics, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
- (xlix) Professor Larisa Florea as Director of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, School of Chemistry, from 18 September 2025 to the end of Trinity Term 2028
- (l) Professor Alexandra Grieser as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Religions, Theology, and Peace Studies, for a one-year extension to 6 June 2027
- (li) Professor Jude Lal Fernando as Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Religions, Theology, and Peace Studies, for a one-year extension to 6 June 2027
- (lii) Professor Niamh O'Boyle as Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, from 1 July 2026 to 30 May 2028
- (liii) Professor Carsten Ehrhardt as Director of Global Engagement, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, from 1 July 2025 to 30 May 2027
- (liv) Professor Stephanie Van de Peer as Director of Research, School of Creative Arts, from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- (lv) Professor Melissa Sihra as Director of Global Engagement, School of Creative Arts, for a one-year extension to 31 May 2027

41. Higher Degrees—Reports of Examiners

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To **note and approve** the reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees (Higher Degrees List) for approval 27 May 2026

42. Membership of the Academic Appeals Committee

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To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Registrar dated 6 May 2026

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| 43. | Consolidated List of External Examiners for Undergraduate Programmes 2026/27
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 14 May 2026 | (encl) |
| 44. | Consolidated List of External Examiners for Postgraduate Taught Programmes 2026/27
To <u>note and approve</u> the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 27 April 2026 | (encl) |
| 45. | Revised Board Dates 2026/27
To <u>note</u> the memorandum from the Secretary to the College/Director of Governance, and the Governance Manager dated 19 May 2026 | (encl) |

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.