Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

University Council Agenda

Trinity Board Room | Trinity Business School Building
Wednesday 18 November 2026 | 11.15 – 13.00

Apologies
Declaration by New Member(s)
Statements of Interest

Section A.1 Policy Matters

		Indicative Timing
1.	**Minutes** To **approve** the minutes of the meeting of 27 May 2026	[11.15-11.20] (encl)
2.	**Matters Arising from the Minutes** To **raise** any matters arising	[11.20-11.25]
3.	**Trinity Electives Review Report** To **note and discuss** the memorandum and report from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 5 October 2026 *Professor Mark Sweetnam, former Associate Dean of Undergraduate Common Architecture to join the meeting for this item*	[11.25-11.45] (encl)
4.	**Draft Sustainability Action Plan 2027-2030** • **For Council members only** To **consider and approve** the memorandum from the Vice-President of Biodiversity and Climate Action dated 13 November 2026 *Professor Jane Stout, Vice-President for Biodiversity and Climate Action to join the meeting for this item* **Strategic Plan: Foundational to all Commitments**	[11.45-12.00] (encl)
5.	**Consolidated Annual Faculty Quality Report 2024/25** To **consider and approve** the memorandum from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer dated 6 October 2026	[12.00-12.15] (encl)
6.	**Taught StudentSurvey.ie 2026 Institutional Findings Report** To **note and discuss** the memorandum from the Dean of Students and Civic Engagement dated 5 October 2026	[12.15-12.25] (encl)

7.	**Alignment of Admissions Higher and Ordinary Level Points** To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 5 October 2026	[12.25-12.30] (encl)
8.	**EMPOWER Working Group Recommendations** • **For Council members only** To **receive** a report from the Dean of Research dated 17 November 2026	[12.30-12.35] (encl)
9.	**Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer's Report** To **receive** a report from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer	[12.35-12.45]
10.	**Provost's Report** To **receive** a report from the Provost	[12.45-12.55]
11.	**Any Other Urgent Business**	

Section A.2[i]

Policy Matters which have already been considered by Committees

12.	**Semester One Assessment Period Derogation 2026/27** To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and the Dean of Graduate Studies, dated 9 November 2026	(encl)
13.	**Proposed new M.Sc. Programme in Human Factors and Ergonomics (Online)** To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 5 October 2026	(encl)
14.	**Amendment of M.Sc. Programme in Economic Policy – Addition of a Full-time Study Route** To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 6 October 2026	(encl)
15.	**Cessation of Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Sustainable Energy and the Environment** To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 10 November 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.

16. **Revised Student Alcohol Policy** (encl)
To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Dean of Students and Civic Engagement dated 24 September 2026

17. **Quality Progress Report for the Trinity Business School** (encl)
To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 5 October 2026

18. **Quality Review Reports**
(i) School of English (encl)
To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 5 October 2026
(ii) School of Social Work and Social Policy (encl)
To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Academic Secretary dated 5 October 2026

Section B - Reports from Committees

19. **Global Engagement Committee**
To **note and approve** the following:
(i) Minutes of the meeting of 14 April 2026 (encl)
(ii) Minutes of the meeting of 26 May 2026 (encl)
(iii) Draft minutes of the meeting of 29 September 2026 (encl)

20. **Graduate Studies Committee**
To **note and approve** the following
(i) Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2026 (encl)
(ii) Minutes of the meeting of 1 October 2026 (encl)
(iii) Draft minutes of the meeting of 5 November 2026 (encl)

21. **Quality Committee** (encl)
To **note and approve** the draft minutes of the meeting of 1 October 2026

22. **Research Committee**
To **note and approve** the following:
(i) Minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2026 (encl)
(ii) Minutes of the meeting of 9 June 2026 (encl)
(iii) Minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2026 (encl)
(iv) Minutes of the meeting of 20 October 2026 (encl)

23. **Undergraduate Studies Committee**
To **note and approve** the following:
(i) Draft minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2026 (encl)
(ii) Draft minutes of the meeting of 3 November 2026 (encl)

Section C[ii] - Matters for Noting and Approval

24. University Council Membership and Attendance

(i) Research Representative, member

To **note** that Dr Natalie Hudson has been elected and will serve as a member of Council for a two-year term, 2026/27 and 2027/28

(ii) Postgraduate Student Representatives

To **note and approve** that the following have been nominated to Council to represent postgraduate students for 2026/27:

(Abigail) Diana Stokes (Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)
Marjia Siddik (Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

(iii) Heads of Schools Representative, in attendance

To **note and approve** that Professor Ann Devitt shall be in attendance at Council meetings for 2026/27 as the representative of the Heads of Schools

25. Administrative Procedures during the Summer Session (encl)

To **note** the memorandum from the Secretary to the College/Director of Governance and the Governance Manager dated 10 November 2026

26. Council Business Approved by the Written Procedure

(i) To **note** that the following items were approved by Council on 15 October 2026:

- (a) Proposal to Amend the P.Grad.Dip. Programme in French for Teachers (encl)
- (b) Revised Terms of Reference – Committees of Council (encl)
- (c) Higher Degrees – Reports of Examiners, dated 14 October 2026 (encl)
- (d) Membership of Committees of Council (encl)
- (e) Directors (encl)
- (f) Summary of Staff Appointments (encl)
- (g) Junior Academic Progress Committee – Final Tenure Review (circulated for members only) (encl)
- (h) Senior Academic Promotions – Update to Committee Memberships (encl)

(ii) To **note** that the following item on Higher Degrees – Reports of Examiners, dated 29 October 2026, was approved by Council on 3 November 2026 (encl)

27. Derogations to hold Examinations Outside the Formal Assessment Sessions in 2026/27 (encl)

To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Head of Assessment/Deputy Head of Operations dated 10 November 2026

28. Membership of Committees of Council (encl)

To **note and approve** the memorandum from the Registrar dated 9 November 2026

29. Higher Degrees – Reports of Examiners (encl)

To **note and approve** the reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees (Higher Degrees List) for approval 18 November 2026

30. **Heads of School**

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

(i) Professor Murat Şiviloğlu as the Head of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies from 18 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2029

(ii) Professor Derek Nolan as the Head of the School of Biochemistry and Immunology from 1 October 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2029

(iii) Professor Gregory O'Hare as the Head of the School of Computer Science and Statistics from 18 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2029

(iv) Professor Nicola Carr as the Head of the School of Social Work and Social Policy for second term to the end of Trinity Term 2028

31. **Heads of Discipline**

To **note and approve** the nomination of Professor Jonathan Bond, as the Head of the Discipline of Haematology, School of Medicine, for two-terms, from 19 October 2026 to 18 October 2031, as the incoming Professor of Haematology (2010), as per Schedule 2 to the Chapter on Units, in the Consolidated Statutes, 2010

Section D[ii] – 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.