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A meeting of the University Council was held on 27th May 2026 at 11.15am in Trinity Board Room, Trinity Business School.

Present Provost, Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer, Registrar, Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dean of Graduate Studies, Dean of Research, Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Dean of Students, Senior Tutor, Professor D. Brennan, Professor V. Colasanti, Professor D. Geary, Professor C. Kenny, Professor AM. Malone, Professor L. O'Driscoll, Professor H. Siljak, Professor M. Stock, Professor G. Watson, Dr N. O'Dwyer, Ms D. Alexander, Mr M. McAndrew, Mr B. Whaley, Ms G. Villa.

Apologies Vice-President for Global Engagement, Chief Operating Officer, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Dean of Health Sciences, Professor K Neenan, Professor D. Nolan, Professor P. O'Grady, Prof G O'Hare, Ms E. Martin, Ms Kate Grogan, Mr A. Zafar, Ms L. Mpofu, Ms C. Persello.

In attendance Secretary to the College/Director of Governance, Librarian and College Archivist, Academic Secretary, Ms E Kampinga, Mr A Groome.

Observers

SECTION A.1: Policy Matters

The Provost welcomed members to Council and noted the apologies that had been given in advance.

CL/25-26/183 **Statement of Interest**

The Secretary to the College/Director of Governance noted that conflicts of interest had been reported as follows:

Prof Ciarán Kenny: for item A29, Cessation of the MSc and PgDip programmes in Clinical Speech and Language Studies (Prof. Kenny is Course Director). It was agreed that Prof. Kenny did not need to leave the meeting for this item.

The Secretary to the College/Director of Governance advised that item C35 (iii), University Council Membership, would be taken next.

CL/25-26/184 **University Council Membership**

(iii) Students' Union

Council noted and approved that the following had been elected as members for the academic year 2026/27, and that they may attend the Council meeting of 27 May 2026 to observe, if they are not current members:

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences: Sam Brooks
Faculty of Health Sciences: Kate Grogan
Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: Aaron Groome

Mr A Groome joined the meeting

Council welcomed Aaron Groome, the incoming Faculty of STEM Representative for Trinity College Dublin Students' Union TCDSU/AMCLT, to observe the meeting.

See also CL/25-26/219 below.

Dean of STEM joined the meeting.

The Provost noted that this was the last Council meeting of this academic year and therefore thanked all members of Council for their work, particularly those for whom this would be their last meeting (members completing their terms in their current roles and members who are retiring).

CL/25-26/185 Minutes

Action/Decision:

CL/25-26/185: The minutes of the meeting of Council on 8th of April 2026 were approved with no corrections noted.

CL/25-26/186 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Ms Fedelma McNamara, Executive Director, Academic Services Division, joined the meeting.

CL/25-26/187 Towards a Third Pillar for Lifelong Learning at Trinity College Dublin

XX Council considered a memorandum from the Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer and the Executive Director, Academic Services Division, seeking approval to progress development of a proposal for an institutional pillar in Lifelong Learning, aligned with commitment 2.1. A new model for supporting Lifelong Learning, Strategic Plan 2025-2030 *Thrive.*

The Vice-Provost and Executive Director outlined the strategic, pedagogical context and rationale for the proposal including evolving learner needs, demographic change, increasing demand for flexible and modular learning opportunities, and national and European policy priorities relating to skills development, upskilling and reskilling. It was noted that current structures and systems do not adequately support flexible lifelong learning provision at scale.

The proposal envisages the establishment of a dedicated entity (Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) recommended) to provide central supports to Schools who in the first instance wish to deliver Continuing Professional Development (CPD), Microcredentials, and other short learning opportunities aligned with market needs. Academic ownership of educational content would remain solely with the Schools. From a systems perspective, the entity will need a dedicated digital platform to manage the full Lifelong Learner cycle, while retaining SITS as the “single source of truth”. A secure Application Programming Interface (API) integration between the two will automate data exchange, remove manual processes, and support efficient operations. This model would build on existing strengths, support and scale innovation where beneficial, operate within established quality assurance frameworks, and address identified risks associated with maintaining the status quo.

Council welcomed the proposal and fully endorsed the pedagogical imperative of establishing a third pillar of educational provision. Council noted that this project will meet the expectations of a modern University, will further widen access to Trinity and will ensure readiness for potential changes in student or learner profiles. Members agreed that there is a need to address systems and process challenges, and to consider pathways from small awards with pathways to (NFQ) minor and major awards to ensure the university is poised to respond to needs. Further discussion sought to clarify the relationship between Schools and the proposed entity, ensure an appropriate learner support services model, recognise lifelong learning activity within the academic promotion structure, and develop a sustainable staffing and delivery model.

In response, the Vice-Provost and Executive Director confirmed that these matters would be addressed through the development of a comprehensive business case and implementation plan. The Provost thanked Council members for their comprehensive discussion and enthusiastic support.

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/187: Council approved that the proposal should proceed to the development of a Business Case.

Ms Fedelma McNamara, Executive Director, Academic Services Division, left the meeting.

CL/25-26/188 Proposal for Heads of a New Trinity Access Plan 2026-2030

Council noted the memorandum and documents received from the Registrar, Chair of the Extending Access Strategic Working Group.

The Provost introduced the item, noting that it addresses commitments in the Strategic Plan 2025-2030 *Thrive* through a holistic, planned approach to Access, across College. The Provost noted Trinity's impressive record on widening access, over the last 40 years, and that a renewed commitment is now warranted. The Provost thanked the Registrar for his leadership of the Extending Access Strategic Working Group and clarified that the circulated document included the proposed Section Headings for a new institutional Access Plan.

The Registrar made a short presentation, noting that in formulating a new Plan, Trinity is first and foremost aware of its national commitments to Access and to its legal obligations in relation to supporting students with declared Learning Educational Needs.

Professor L. O'Driscoll joined the meeting.

The Registrar highlighted that the Plan would seek to address the following aspects:

- The views of external stakeholders and community-based actors.
- "Myth-busting"; work to counter perceptions that Trinity is elitist institution which is not suitable for or accessible to many.
- Enhanced and more effective communication of the access pathways that do exist and that have real, positive impacts on individuals.
- The realities of the financial cost of Higher education.
- A move from Access (i.e. entry), to Access, Belonging and Inclusion as wider remit and holistic approach.
- Identification and reduction of duplication of work across currently uncoordinated services.
- Recommend an appropriate model for Access governance in Trinity.
- Review existing Access pathways, University of Sanctuary practices and so on, to identify opportunities for enhancement.
- Identify and build new Frontiers of Access, such as increasing diversity and access to Trinity postgraduate provision and noting the proposed new Third Pillar for Lifelong Learning as a new Frontier in its own right.

The Registrar highlighted October 2026 as the proposed timeline for completion of the Plan, with an institutional Implementation Plan to follow in November 2026. He expressed thanks to the Academic Secretary and to Ms Anna Kucieba in ASD for their work with the Extending Access group and Plan.

The Provost thanked the Registrar for his presentation and noted that a phased approach might be appropriate for the implementation plan. This would be similar to the College Estates' Masterplan, which acknowledges that subject to available resources, initiatives and changes will be implemented time.

Council members noted their approval of the Registrar's proposed holistic view to extending Trinity Access. The following discussion points were noted:

- The Plan could usefully address the current system for Schols exams, in relation to Access students.
- The increasing trend whereby students are engaged in part-time or fulltime work and/or have long commute times, due to cost-of-living crises and high rents in Dublin area. These pressures exacerbate the need for measures to extend Access and support Belonging and Inclusion.
- Extending access is vital for the university.
- There are concerns that when graduates enter the workplace, their resilience may be tested as Employers and work environments are not expanding Access or supporting employees in the same ways that universities do.
- Questions were raised on the possibility of increasing overall course places, with commensurate increase in places reserved for Access students. It was noted as important to understand how this would impact on standard CAO entrants.
- Definitions for Access, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging will need to be sought based on data and lived experience.

The Provost thanked the Registrar and Council members, noting that many Access activities are already occurring locally but these may not be "named" as Trinity Access.

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/188: University Council considered and approved the Proposal for draft Heads of a new Trinity Access Plan 2026-2030.

CL/25-26/189 **Senior Lecturer's Annual Report (SLAR) 2024/25**

The Provost introduced the report, commending the Senior Lecturer and the Trinity Teaching & Learning team on a report that is richer in strategic context and with improved presentation.

The Senior Lecturer confirmed that a more strategic approach had been adopted, focusing on highlights and innovations in Teaching and Learning, alongside the necessary data reporting on the undergraduate student lifecycle across the College.

The Senior Lecturer presented highlights from 2024/25, including:

- Key strategic initiatives such as Academic Year Restructuring, the expansion of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), the publication of the College Generative AI Statement and resources, the creation of the feasibility phase of the Learning Innovation & Research Hub, the upgrade of LMS system to Blackboard Ultra, the development and launch of the Map My Future Career Development tool, and successful application process for the TrustEd International Education Mark.
- The stability of the undergraduate student body of 15,500 students, noting that 70% are Irish-domiciled students of which the majority are from Dublin. He noted that the USA provides the largest proportion of international undergraduate students.
- 20% of the overall undergraduate student body entered through alternative access pathways.
- Student retention rates are the best in country at 97.9% and academic attainment also increased. The number of student appeals has dropped in both Courts of First Appeal and Academic Appeals Committee.
- Pressures felt in 2024/25 included the number of non-standard disability accommodations and the increased exam volumes.

The Senior Lecturer also noted ongoing initiatives during 2025/26 that include a review of Trinity Electives, new policies and frameworks for Modular Repeats and the Recording of Lectures, and several curriculum renewals across schools. He also expressed thanks to all Schools and School Managers (in particular) for their efficient migration of modules to Blackboard Ultra.

The Provost thanked the Senior Lecturer and urged Council members to share the report with School staff and across units. A short discussion ensued during which the following points were noted:

- Schools need support to deal with requirements arising from increased DARE students.
- The growth in volume of exams and in-class assessments is concerning. The Senior Lecturer/Dean of UG Studies and the Dean of Graduate Studies are planning to establish a Working Group to look at changing assessment patterns and formulate actions.

The Provost thanked all involved in the SLAR for 2024/25.

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/189: University Council considered and approved the Senior Lecturer Annual Report 2024/25.

CL/25-26/190 **The Library of Trinity College Dublin Annual Report 2024/25**

The Librarian and College Archivist presented on the Library Annual Report for 2024/25. It is the annual update on the Library's long-term Strategy, comprising the Library Strategy Plan 2015-20 and the Library Development and Continuity Strategy to 2026. The Librarian noted this is roughly three-quarters through the Strategy.

Highlights included:

- Long-term Library developments are now underway, including actions to address Sustainability and Climate Action, and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, together with collaborations, outreach and cultural diplomacy, Communications, Training & Development and Operations.
- Pillar 1: Integrated Space includes the Old Library Redevelopment Project and the development of the new Laidlaw Library in Trinity East.
- Pillar 2: Integrated Digital Library includes rebuilding shared digital infrastructure with the British Library post-cyber-attack, a pilot Digital Preservation Programme and upgrades to Trinity's Open Access Institutional Repository.
- Pillar 3: Teaching, Learning and Research includes navigating AI through ground-up experimentation, Open Scholarship and improved working with primary source material through the facilities of the interim Research Collections Study Centre
- Pillar 4: Prioritised Funding includes the donation of the Robert and Nelofer Pazira-Fisk Archive and philanthropic support for Medieval Manuscript component of the Virtual Trinity Library Programme.
- Pillar 5: Policies and Programmes. This pillar resulted in the Open Licensing Policy as previously approved by Council, for example, enabling sharing digitised Book of Durrow images via Creative Commons Licensing.

The Librarian and College Archivist also highlighted a range of activities from the report, such as the renaming to the Eavan Boland Library; Sustainability and EDI-related activities. She highlighted some of the operational data on the Library and expenditure on resources (print books, journals and e-resources) per faculty.

The Senior Tutor left the meeting.

The Librarian and College Archivist closed by thanking all Library staff. The Provost thanked the Librarian and College Archivist for her presentation.

Due to meeting time constraints, the report was not discussed by Council members however, on behalf of Council, the Provost commended the Librarian and her team on an impressive report.

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/190: University Council noted the Library of Trinity College Dublin Annual Report 2024/25.

CL/25-26/191 **Learning Innovation and Research Hub: Update**
This item was deferred to the next academic year.

CL/25-26/192 **Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer's Report**
The Vice-Provost noted that given the extent of academic items on the Council agenda, she would not make an additional report at this time.

CL/25-26/193 **Provost's Report**
The Provost noted that given the volume of discussion at the meeting and in view of time constraints, she would not make an additional report at this time.

CL/25-26/194 **Any Other Urgent Business**
There was no other urgent business.

SECTION A.2: Policy Matters which have already been considered by Committees

Academic Policies, Regulations and Guidelines

CL/25-26/195 **Proposal to Introduce an Undergraduate Repeat-by-Module Framework**
The Senior Lecturer noted that the academic case had now been fully considered but the implementation has not yet begun; the Working Group awaits information on costs for SITS upgrade to facilitate student fees billing and progression within a Repeat-by-Module framework. Consequently, the final operational framework will return for consideration by University Council.

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/195: University Council noted and approved the academic proposal to Introduce an Undergraduate Repeat-by-Module Framework.

CL/25-26/196 **Revision to HEAR Points Management**

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/196: University Council welcomed and approved the revision to HEAR Points.

CL/25-26/197 **Draft Policy on the Recording of Lectures**
The Secretary to the College/Director of Governance noted that issues of Data Protection will be important for the implementation of the new policy. The Senior Lecturer and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies confirmed that collaboration with the Data Protection Officer and the College Solicitor is ongoing.

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/197: University Council noted and approved the draft Policy on the Recording of Lectures.

CL/25-26/198 **Updates to the College Statement on Artificial Intelligence and GenAI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research**

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/198: University Council noted and approved the updates to the College Statements on Artificial Intelligence and GenAI in Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Research.

CL/25-26/199 Revised Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/199: University Council noted and approved the revised Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy.

CL/25-26/200 Revised Academic Integrity Policy

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/200: University Council noted and approved the revised Academic Integrity Policy.

CL/25-26/201 Revised Assessment and Academic Progression Policy

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/201: University Council noted and approved the revised Assessment and Academic Progression Policy.

CL/25-26/202 Revised Late Submission of Assessments (Extensions) Policy

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/202: University Council noted and approved the revised Late Submission of Assessments (Extensions) Policy.

CL/25-26/203 Library Digital Preservation Policy

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/203: University Council noted and approved the Library Digital Preservation Policy.

CL/25-26/204 Linked Provider Policy Framework

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/204: University Council noted and approved the Linked Provider Policy Framework.

CL/25-26/205 Calendar Changes 2026/27 – Revised Regulations for Higher Degrees by Research Only, and Clarifications of Examination Outcomes

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/205: University Council noted and approved the revised Regulations for Higher Degrees by Research Only, and Clarifications of Examination Outcomes.

Programme Proposals

CL/25-26/206 Proposal for Graduate Entry Bachelor in Civil Laws Degree Programme
The Provost noted that this is the University's first graduate-entry programme, which aligns with strategic ambition to create new frontiers for Access.

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/206: University Council noted and approved the proposal for Graduate Entry Bachelor of Civil Laws Degree Programme.

CL/25-26/207 Review of Year 2 of Undergraduate Medicine Curriculum

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/207: University Council noted and approved the review of Year 2 of Undergraduate Medicine Curriculum.

CL/25-26/208 Curriculum Revisions to the B.Sc. Programmes in Nursing, Midwifery, and Children's and General Nursing

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/208: University Council noted and approved the curriculum revisions to the B.Sc. Programme in Nursing, Midwifery, and Children's and General Nursing.

CL/25-26/209 Cessation of Language Combinations in the European Studies Programme (German/Polish, German/Russian and Polish Russian)

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/209: University Council noted and approved the cessation of Language Combinations in the European Studies Programme (German/Polish, German/Russian and Polish Russian).

CL/25-26/210 Proposal to Change the Programme Title of Global Business (TR080) to Global and Sustainable Business (TR080)

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/210: University Council noted and approved the proposal to change the programme title of Global Business (TR080) to Global and Sustainable Business.

CL/25-26/211 Proposal for New Postgraduate Diploma in Garda Executive Leadership Programme

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/211: University Council noted and approved the proposal for new Postgraduate Diploma in Garda Executive Leadership Programme.

CL/25-26/212 Removal of Strands from the Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Radiation Therapy and Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Radiation Therapy

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/212: University Council noted and approved the removal of strands from the Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Radiation Therapy and Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Radiation Therapy.

CL/25-26/213 Cessation of M.Sc. in Clinical Speech and Language (FT/PT) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Speech and Language Studies (Dysphagia) Programmes

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/213: University Council noted and approved the cessation of M.Sc. in Clinical Speech and Language (FT/PT) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Speech and Language Studies (Dysphagia) Programmes.

Quality Reports

CL/25-26/214 School of Education – Quality Review Report

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/214: University Council noted and approved the School of Education Quality Review Report.

SECTION B: Reports from Committees

CL/25-26/215 Graduate Studies Committee

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/215: The draft minutes of 14 May 2026 were noted and approved.

CL/25-26/216 Quality Committee

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/216: The draft minutes of 7 May 2026 were noted and approved.

CL/25-26/217 Research Committee

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/217.1: The minutes of 24 March 2026 were noted and approved.
CL/25-26/217.2: The minutes of 21 April 2026 were noted and approved.

CL/25-26/218 Undergraduate Studies Committee

Action/Decision:
CL/25-26/218.1: The minutes of 21 April 2026 were noted and approved.
CL/25-26/218.2: The draft minutes of 12 May 2026 were noted and approved.

SECTION C

CL/25-26/219 University Council Membership

(i) Faculty of Health Sciences (2026/27 – 2028/29)
The Council noted that the following have been elected and will serve as members of the University Council for the academic years 2026/27 to 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
The Council noted and approved that the following have been co-opted and will serve as members of the University Council for the academic year 2026/27.

Dean of Students and Civic Engagement
Vice-President for Global Engagement

See also CL/25-26/184 above.

CL/25-26/220 Administrative Procedures during the Summer Session

The Council noted and approved 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.

CL/25-26/221 Faculty Dean

The Council noted that Board had approved the nomination of Professor Padraic Fallon as the Dean of Health Sciences from 1 June 2026 to the end of Trinity Term 2031.

CL/25-26/222 Heads of School

The Council noted 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.

CL/25-26/223 Heads of Discipline

The Council noted and approved 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.

CL/25-26/224 Directors

The Council noted and approved 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 Caoimhín Mac Maoláin 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 Padraic 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.

CL/25-26/225 Higher Degrees – Reports of Examiners

The Council noted and approved the circulated reports of examiners on candidates for higher degrees (Higher Degrees List) dated 27 May 2026.

LL.D.	Peter Mitchel Andrew Charleton
M.D.	Brian Richard James Bird; Eva Carter; Niall Patrick Connolly; Michelle Horan
Ph.D.	Aoife-Marie Buckley; Oran Cathal Cassidy; Seyma Celik; Ella Clarke; Emmet Coleman; Sarah Connolly; Francesca Diletta Spagnuolo; Evangelos Dimos; Cillian Doyle; Ann Marie Duff; Harry Dunne; Angela Marcela Garcia Gallardo; Minyeong Ha; Vivienne Ann Howard; Magdalena Imiolek; Shunyu Ji; Willy Robert Laborde; James Larkin; Edel Lynn; Mimma Maggio; Rebecca Maher; Isobel Mahon; Gearóid Manning; Katie May Marquand; Peter McCarthy; Eimear McKenna; Conall Dermot McNamara; Rafael Alexandre Mendes Silva; Eoin Monaghan; Kim Doreen Murray; Matt Murtagh-White; Róisín Ní Chuaig; Méabh Margaret Ní Choileáin; Lukasz Niezabitowski; Gabriel Nkansah Opare; Claire Frances O'Reilly; Chengfeng Pan; Claire Alexandra Poynton-Smith; Qing Qi; Shaocong Qin; Kate Roche; Travis Justin Romany; John Gerard Scanlan; Mohamed Suliman; Áine Travers Dineen; John Walsh; Huayu Yang; David Young.
D.Mus.Perf.	Brian Murphy.
M.Sc.	Filip Tymoteusz Bukowski; Órla Crowley; Orla Connell; Lion Alexander Frangoulis; Luke Hamilton; Bozhong Liu; Peter James McGuire; Ciara O'Sullivan; Robert Parker; Michael Pitts; Andrew Anthony Roche.
M.Litt.	Rongzhen Xue.

CL/25-26/226 Membership of the Academic Appeals Committee

The Council noted and approved the circulated memorandum from the Registrar dated 6 May 2026.

CL/25-26/227 Consolidated List of External Examiners for Undergraduate Programmes 2026/27

The Council noted and approved the circulated memorandum from the Senior Lecturer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies dated 14 May 2026.

CL/25-26/228 Consolidated List of External Examiners for Postgraduate Taught Programmes 2026/27

The Council noted and approved the circulated memorandum from the Dean of Graduate Studies dated 27 April 2026.

CL/25-26/229 Revised Board Dates 2026/27

The Council noted the circulated memorandum from the Secretary to the College/Director of Governance, and the Governance Manager dated 19 May 2026.

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