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MEABHRÁN | MEMORANDUM

Chuíg | To Fellows' Constituency

Ó | From Secretary to the College/Director of Governance

Dáta | Date 27 April 2026

Tagairt | Reference Board Elections 2026

Following a Board decision of 28 January 2026 and in accordance with Section 10 of Schedule 1, Elections and Appointments to Board, of the Chapter on Board of the 2010 Consolidated Statutes of Trinity College Dublin and of the University of Dublin¹, I attach a Nomination Paper for candidates in your constituency.

Staff members may only nominate candidates to, and vote in, the constituency of which they are a member. The Board has defined a number of constituencies from which candidates will be elected, and you are a member of the **Fellows'** constituency. (See overleaf for Regulations defining the Fellows' Constituency and the election procedure.)

With regard to the reference to part-time staff in the Regulations, part-time staff are defined in accordance with the terms of the Protection of Employees (Part-Time Work) Act, 2001, viz:

‘part-time employee’ means an employee whose normal hours of work are less than the normal hours of work of an employee who is a comparable employee in relation to him or her.²

There are two positions to be filled in this Constituency. The Board members from this constituency who are coming to the end of their term this year are eligible to seek re-election for a second term.

¹ See <https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/secretary/pdfs/board-elections/Board-Election-Regulations.pdf>

² See <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/act/45/enacted/en/pdf>, p.7

The Board has approved a [Skills and Experience Matrix](#) to apply to the Board membership as whole.

The nomination form must be received by the Secretary's Office by **12 noon on Thursday 7 May 2026**. Completed forms should be signed by hand and either scanned and submitted by email to board.elections@tcd.ie, or delivered (by post or by hand) to

Secretary's Office
West Chapel
COLLEGE

There will be a period of one hour until 1.00pm on 7 May 2026 during which nominees may withdraw their nomination by emailed application to board.elections@tcd.ie. No new nominations will be accepted during this period. (See section 11, subsection 5.)

Validly nominated candidates will be facilitated in sending two e-mail messages to their constituencies, on application to this Office after 7 May 2026.

In the period prior to 12 noon on 7 May 2026, all valid nominations will be available for inspection in the Secretary's Office and will be available on <https://www.tcd.ie/secretary/governance/board/board-elections/>. As soon as possible after 1.00pm on 7 May, the final list of nominations will be emailed to those in the electorate and will also be available on <https://www.tcd.ie/secretary/governance/board/board-elections/>.

The Board-approved timetable for the election of Board members is as follows:

Publication of Electoral Register	10 March 2026
Election of Fellows on Trinity Monday	20 April 2026
Call for nominations to all constituencies	27 April 2026
Deadline for receipt of Nominations	12 noon on 7 May 2026
Publication of Nominations	7 May 2026

If the number of valid nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies:

Circulation of electronic ballot papers	14 May 2026
Closing date for electronic receipt of votes	12 noon on 22 May 2026
Counting of votes	26 May 2026
Board noting and approval	17 June 2026

A full set of the Regulations governing this election may be found at <https://www.tcd.ie/secretary/governance/board/board-elections/>. Please send any queries to board.elections@tcd.ie.

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Victoria Butler

Secretary to the College/Director of Governance

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Section 5 of Schedule 1 (Elections and Applications to Board) defines the Fellows' Constituency and the number of Board members it shall elect:

- "5. The Fellows' Constituency
- (1) This constituency comprises all Fellows.
 - (2) The Vice-Provost/Chief Academic Officer *ex officio* shall be one of the Fellow members on Board for the duration of her or his term of office.
 - (3) Five other members shall be elected from this constituency.
 - (4) At least two men and at least two women shall be elected from this constituency."

Section 11, subsection (5) of Schedule 1 (Elections and Applications to Board) defines the receipt and publication of nominations:

- "(5) (a) There shall be a one-hour period following the closing date and time for the receipt of nominations during which clarifications in relation to nominations received may be requested by the Secretary and during which nominated candidates may withdraw their nominations.
- (b) No new nominations will be accepted during this period
 - (c) One hour after the expiration of the period for nominations the Secretary to the College will publish the list of those nominated for election in each constituency."

Section 13, subsections (5), (6) (a) and (b), and subsection (7), defines the procedure for conducting the election to the Fellow and Fellow Professors Constituency:

- "(5) The counting of votes shall be in accordance with the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Acts 1947 and 1954 with specific provisions that the count be conducted on a basis that ensures that in each constituency the gender and grade criteria are met.
- (6) With appropriate variations the following process shall apply:
 - (a) In the Fellows and Academic Staff (Non Fellow) Constituencies if the elimination of male candidate(s) would mean that the requisite number of male candidates could not be elected, then the remaining male candidate(s) shall be deemed to be elected without reaching the quota.
 - (b) In the Fellows and Academic Staff (Non Fellow) Constituencies if the elimination of female candidate(s) would mean that the requisite number of female candidates could not be elected, then the remaining female candidate(s) shall be deemed to be elected without reaching the quota.
 - (7) Following the election of candidates under sub-section (6), the count shall continue in the normal way to fill any vacant positions."