

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 @ 4PM.**

**IN THE BOARDROOM, DR. T.K. WHITAKER BUILDING**

**PRESENT**

Cllr. Clifford Kelly, Acting Chairperson  
Mr. Ann Campbell, President  
Mr. Paschal McGuire  
Mr. Brian Harten  
Cllr. Oliver Tully  
Ms. Rebecca Somers  
Ms. Síle O'Connor  
Ms. Kitty Warnock  
Ms. Margaret Swords  
Ms. Antoinette Rourke  
Cllr. Cathy Bennett  
Cllr. Tomás Sharkey  
Mr. Richard Crowley

**APOLOGIES**

Mr. Paddy Matthews  
Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott  
Mr. Fergal Smyth  
Mr. Aaron Lawless  
Mr. Bill Sweeney

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Peter McGrath, Vice President for Finance & Corporate Affairs

## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

Bereavements were noted

### **G.232.1 M.231 Minutes of the Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

The minutes of the Governing Body of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved subject to the following amendment;

#### **G.231 .8 AOB**

#### **The HEA National Review of Gender Equality in Irish Higher Education Institutions**

Table 3 IoT's Governing Authority/Body by Gender page 106, incorrectly shows DkIT with 10 females and 7 males, it should be 7 female and 10 males.

The Vice President for Finance & Corporate Affairs is to write to the HEA to inform them of this.

**Proposed by:** Antoinette Rourke

**Seconded by:** Kitty Warnock

Voted and agreed.

The Minutes were approved.

**Proposed by:** Oliver Tully

**Seconded by:** Paschal McGuire

Voted on and agreed.

### **G.232.3 Correspondence**

1. Email from Niall O'Connell, HEA, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 re Devolved Grant 2016.

2. Email from Niall O'Connell, HEA, dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 re proposed visit to DkIT Campus.

3. Letter to LMETB re approval of Mr Aaron Lawless as Male Student Representative on Governing Body.

4. Letter to LMETB re approval of Ms Siobhán Whyte as Female Student Representative on Governing Body.

5. Letter from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, re Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 and costs to be paid by IOT sector.

#### **G.232.4.1 Personnel Report**

Recent appointments were noted and confirmed.

The Chairman is recommending that the Governing Body delegate the authorisation of posts to the President and this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **G.232.4.2 President's Report**

##### **1. Strategic Plan**

Consultation is underway in the Institute as part of the preparation of a new Strategic Plan for 2017/19.

##### **2. School Restructuring**

Mr. John Vickery has been appointed as External Facilitator to assist in the School Restructuring process.

##### **3. Meeting AIT**

The Institute was invited by the President of Athlone Institute of Technology to a meeting to discuss the possibility of exploring a joint application for Technological University status. It was agreed to:

- Set Terms of Reference for the process
- Look for funding from the Department for an External Facilitator and Regional Impact Study
- Complete by year end

The question was asked regarding how this affects the alliance with DCU. The President reported that DCU had been informed and will be kept updated. Phase II of the Graduate School is currently under discussion with DCU. It was noted that both institutions are working closely in the MEND Cluster.

##### **4. Student Numbers**

As at 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the number of registered Students was 4668, which is 139 fewer than the SRS figure at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015. This excludes 30 Post Graduates, 24 Repeat and Attend Students and a number of other unregistered Students. It is expected that the final number at the 31 October 2016 will be approx. 60 lower than last year.

## 5. HEA Devolved Grant

The Institute received €750k of Devolved grant for 2016. This can only be applied to expenditure between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

It was pointed out that at the last meeting of the last Governing Body, Meeting GB217 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, Ref G.217.9, a motion was passed to do a feasibility study about the repair, replacement or renewal of the North Block. This should be borne in mind in discussions with the HEA and the TBLU DES at their visit on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016. (This visit will involve a campus walkthrough and an update on DKIT current and future capital priorities and plans).

## 7. Upcoming Events

- QQI visit scheduled for Tuesday, 25th October, 2016.
- Conferring on Thursday, 3rd and Friday 4th November, 2016.
- Campus Careers Fair on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.
- Open Day on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### G.232. 5 Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

#### Minutes of Meeting MF154 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

The minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, MF154 of 21st July 2016 were noted.

### G.232. 6 Academic Council Minutes

Minutes No 148, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were noted

#### **Motion**

**148.08 English Language Entry Requirements (Motion 148.06, As Amended)**

#### **Motion 148.06, As Amended**

That the Academic Council agrees that the programme entry requirements for non-native English speakers who have not completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> level education through English shall be IELTS 5.5 for Level 6 and 7; 6.0 for Level 8 and 6.5 for Level 9 or equivalent CEFR band B2.

**Proposed by Kitty Warnock**

**Seconded by Oliver Tully**

Voted on and agreed

**G.232 .8 Seal**

The Institute Seal was applied to Slimmer's Mist, Learntask and Gecko.

**G.232. 7 Presentation by Ms. Irene Mc Causland, Vice President of Strategic Planning And Development on DkIT Strategic Planning Process**

The meeting concluded and the Vice President of Strategic Planning and Development joined the meeting. There followed a consultation as part of the DKIT Strategic Planning process.

Next meeting is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 @ 4pm.

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_