

NOTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd

OCTOBER 2017 AT 9.30AM IN THE BOARDROOM, DR. T.K. WHITAKER

BUILDING

Prior to the Governing Body meeting commencing, the President introduced Valerie Ward and stated that she would be taking the Minutes at the meeting. The Chairperson introduced Mr. Brendan Murtagh, a member of the Finance Audit & Risk Committee whom he invited to meet the new President.

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to Dr. Michael Mulvey and wished him every success and good health in his role as President in DkIT.

The President thanked the Chairperson for his kind words and stated that it's a privilege and honour to be President of DkIT at an auspicious time and very much looking forward to working with each and every member of staff, the Leadership Team and the Governing Body to advance the Institute by building on its achievements.

DkIT is an Institute that he has deep respect for. Has met a number of graduates/ students over the years and all, without exception, were very complimentary about the DkIT student experience.

Manifestly it has a magnificent campus, the best, or certainly one of the best higher education campuses in Ireland. The Governing Body and successive Leadership Teams have acquired properties and repurposed an iconic manufacturing facility for educational purposes and also providing room for expansion.

DkIT has at various times become involved in TU discussions. The Institute responded to a call by the DoES to become involved in grouping of Letterkenny, Limerick, Sligo, GM IT, Athlone TU 6. The President said he is aware that the Governing Body approved exploratory discussions. Athlone and Limerick have decided to withdraw therefore this consortium is no longer the very large scale nationally geographically distributed network of campuses that was envisaged.

In the President's view as he sees it in relation to advancing any TU designation for DkIT the needs of the region must have primacy. What form of Institution best advances the social, cultural and economic development and growth in the region?

In this regard the immediate region is Down, Armagh, Cavan, Meath, Monaghan, Louth reaching into North Dublin and towards Belfast. The extended region is therefore, the Belfast-Dublin Corridor and other partners.

The Institute has along established and acknowledged reputation and expertise in providing access to Higher Education to the offspring of families that hitherto who had no previous experience of third level. In this regard the Institute has contributed enormously to improving the lives of students and their families in this region and beyond.

In considering the region the IT has a long and distinguished record of working closely and in partnership with further education providers and all of the schools in the region. As with many complex societal challenges it is only through partnership, collaboration, a belief and sense of shared purpose the higher education can be provided universally across the region. The President has great admiration for the way that this has been done by all individuals concerned across the region and it is his earnest wish to continue with that approach and good work.

The President is looking forward to working with the Governing Body and Staff of DkIT.

The members of the Governing Body individually congratulated the President on his briefing and look forward to working with him.

G.240.1 Bank Mandate

The Bank Mandate was approved by the Governing Body.

Panel A Proposed by: Bill Sweeney
 Seconded by: Kitty Warnock
 Voted on and agreed.

Panel B Proposed by: Oliver Tully
 Seconded by: Paschal McGuire
 Voted on and agreed.

Panel C Proposed by: Margaret Swords
 Seconded by: Brian Harten
 Voted on and agreed.

G.240.2. Personnel Report

The appointments were noted and confirmed.

G.240.3. AOB

Mr. Bill Sweeney suggested a broader discussion on Technological University status at a future date and the Governing Body concurred.

The Chairperson thanked the Governing Body members for attending the meeting and reiterated that the Governing Body are looking forward to working with Dr. Mulvey.

Chairperson: _____

Date:_____