

NOTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2018 AT 16.00

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

Declarations of Interest

Nil

G.247.1 M.246 Minutes of the Meeting of 28th May 2018

The minutes of the Governing Body of 28th May 2018 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr. Bill Sweeney;

Seconded by: Mr. Paddy Matthews.

G.247.2 Matters Arising

None.

G.247.3 Correspondence

None.

Presentation by the President

The President gave a presentation to the Governing Body. The President told Governing Body that he met Staff on the 19th June 2018 and gave a presentation re future direction and update since he took up his position of President on October 2nd 2017. He mentioned that he was struck by the energy, enthusiasm and professionalism within DkIT.

The President highlighted the following points:

- DkIT Leading and Serving the North Leinster-South Ulster Region on the Belfast Dublin corridor.
- Our Student Body: DkIT Learners – 98% undergraduate; 2% postgraduate; 2% labour market activation; 8% part-time/flexible; 16% mature students; 9% International Students from 24 countries; 25% Target Soci-economic groups.

- Graduate Survey 2017/18: 900 work placements and 90% graduates in employment or fulltime study within 9 months.
- 4 Academic Schools.
- DkIT Research Themes, 6 Centres, Ageing, Regulated Software, Smooth Muscle, Freshwater, Renewable Energy, Creative Arts & Media. Research Track Record since 2008 has secured >€52M in external research funding from National and EU sources; 2 high potential start ups launched in 2016.
- Vision: DkIT will be recognised as a cross-border Higher Education Institute achieving scale commensurate with the profile of the region and will be the Institute of first choice for learners, employers and community in the North Leinster-South Ulster region.
- Strategic Focus: Part-time provision; Portfolio planning; Northern Ireland.
- Key outcomes by 2020/2021: 16% growth in overall student whole time equivalent numbers; 68% growth in part-time student whole-time equivalent numbers; 87% growth in postgraduate whole-time numbers (taught and research); 16% growth in the number of registered non-EU International Students; 35% growth in the number of apprenticeships.
- €16m capital investment in refurbishment of North & South Building (submitted proposal).
- The President visited Schools, Industry etc to become au fait with the region and promote DkIT. He met graduates from DkIT on his visits to industry within the region.
- The International office is exploring opportunities in new countries i.e. Nigeria, India and Jordan.
- More resources have been allocated to marketing. The Institute has some ground to make up.

Areas of particular strategic focus for the next 12-18 months are:

- Part-time provision including short programmes for industry;
- Undergraduate market building on success in Research & Engagement in Northern Ireland;
- Portfolio planning - ensuring that all undergraduate and post graduate taught programmes are fit for purpose.

In response to a number of queries the President commented:

- The landscape of education is changing. TU would require a merger and DkIT does not have a natural partner. DkIT is committed to collaboration through the Midlands, East North Dublin (MEND) Cluster, its alliance with Further Education Colleges, Higher Education

Alliance (NEFHEA) and its alliance with DCU. Alliances in Northern Ireland are being progressed. As the National Strategy for Higher Education 2030 allows for Institutes on the border to develop alliances with both Higher Education Colleges and Universities.

- elearning is being incorporated as much as possible in the programmes to achieve blended learning.
- The capital investment of €16m is significant, parts our infrastructure needs to be refurbished and all the indications to date are positive. If we are unsuccessful with our application we would have to look to alternative ways.

In relation to TU, DkIT doesn't have a natural merger partner. However, the President requested permission from the Chairman to invite Dr. Pat McCloughan, PMCA Economic Consulting to conduct a consultation with the Governing Body at the next meeting in July.

G.247.4.1 Personnel Report

Recent Appointments were noted and confirmed.

G.247.5 Finance Audit & Risk Committee (FAR)

Minutes of Meeting MF175 dated 22nd May 2018

The minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, M.F.175 dated 22nd May 2018 were noted.

Proposed by: Cllr. Oliver Tully

Seconded by: Mr. Paddy Matthews

Minutes of Special Meeting dated 28th May 2018

The minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, Special Meeting dated 28th May 2018 were noted.

Proposed by: Mr. Paddy Matthews

Seconded by: Cllr. Oliver Tully

Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 and Statement of Internal Control 20 16/17

The Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 and Statement of Internal Control 2016/17 were tabled at the meeting. Both Statements were reviewed by FAR and recommended to Governing Body.

Proposed by: Mr. Paddy Matthews

Seconded by: Ms. Margaret Swords

Programmes and Budgets Submission 2018

Mr. Bill Sweeney Acting FAR Chairman informed Governing Body that a special FAR meeting took place prior to the Governing Body meeting and FAR reviewed in detail the Programmes and Budgets submission for 2018 to the HEA. The President gave a brief outline on student number forecasts.

The FAR committee recommended the Programmes and Budgets submission (tabled) for adoption by the Governing Body.

Proposed by: Mr. Paddy Matthews
Seconded by: Cllr. Cathy Bennett.
Voted and all in favour.

G.247.6 Academic Council Minutes 157.

The Academic Council Minutes No. 157 dated 11th May 2018 were noted.

G.247.7 Seal

None.

G.247.8 AOB

Bank Mandate

The Bank Mandate for Dundalk Institute of Technology was approved by the Governing Body.

Proposed by: Cllr. Cathy Bennett
Seconded by: Ms. Margaret Swords
Voted on and agreed.

The Bank Mandate for Dundalk Institute of Technology Sport Limited was approved by the Governing Body.

Proposed by: Cllr. Cathy Bennett
Seconded by: Ms. Margaret Swords
Voted on and agreed.

Meeting concluded.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____