

NOTES OF GOVERNING BODY MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 30th JULY 2018 AT 17.00

Declarations of Interest

Nil

- G.248.1 M.247 Minutes of the Meeting of 25th June 2018**
The minutes of the Governing Body of the 25th June 2018 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr. Paddy Matthews
Seconded by: Mr. Tomas Sharkey

- G.248.2 Matters Arising**
None.

- G.248.3 Correspondence**
None.

- G.248.4.1 Personnel Report**
Recent Appointments were noted and confirmed

At 17.15 Ms. Irene McCausland, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Communications & Development and Dr. Pat McCloughan, PMCA Economic Consulting joined the meeting to discuss the following item.

- G.248.5 DkIT AMBITION Consultation**
The GB Chairman introduced Ms. McCausland and Dr. McCloughan to the Governing Body and asked the VP for Strategic Planning Communications & Development to give a brief background prior to the presentation commencing. A hardcopy of the presentation was circulated at the meeting.

Following the presentation there was a Q&A session:

The President stated that going forward the focus is on three principal areas:

- Increasing part-time industry provision programmes;

- Northern Ireland market. The Institute recently hosted a visit from 14 Principals based in NI.
- Ensuring that undergraduate and taught post graduate programmes are fit for purpose and the VP AAR to give a presentation at a future meeting.

Members commented as follows:

- Information provided was useful;
- Re-designation/Alliances;
 - Ground to be made up whether part of a TU or not;
 - DkIT unlike ITs in Dublin – does not have a natural partner;
 - DkIT probably undersold, intend to address this in the future with the new Marketing unit.
 - Within the HUNT Report there are opportunities for Institutes on the Border. Unlike non-Border Institutes, DkIT could form an alliance in Northern Ireland with a University or other Colleges. DkIT currently actively advancing this.
- Funding
 - Currently students from NI are means tested, most avail of a loan scheme that students pay back after they commence work;
 - Not clear what the impact of Brexit will have;
 - The Department of Education & Skills currently treat students from NI as EU students;
 - The figures quoted in the presentation are as at 1st March (total population);
- Retention
 - Retention is extremely important and improved retention alone could substantially contribute to the targets proposed;
 - DkIT getting students enrolled in September but some may be gone by the 1st March;
 - Supports in the form of Centres of Excellence including Academic Writing should continue to be provided;
 - Most students don't differentiate between Institutes and Universities –“ just go to college”;
 - Focus on the students who come to DkIT – why do they come to DkIT?;
 - Would like a report on the 5,000 students that attend DkIT, it's their voices we should be listening too, these are our strengths.
 - There is an ISSE survey conducted every year;
 - Need further investment and resources.

The GB Chairman thanked Ms. Irene McCausland and Dr. Pat McCloughan for his presentation and look forward to further update later in the year.

Ms. McCausland and Dr. McCloughan left the meeting at 18.30.

G.248.6 Finance Audit & Risk Committee (FAR)

Minutes of Meeting MF176 dated 19th June 2018 (to be tabled)

The minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, M176 dated 19th June 2018 tabled at the meeting were noted.

Minutes of Special Meeting dated 25th June 2018 (to be tabled)

The minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, special meeting dated 25th June 2018 tabled at the meeting were noted.

Capital Reserve Fund

The FAR Chairman, Mr. Brian Harten stated that the HEA responded to our request for permission to transfer funding to a capital reserve fund. The HEA are requesting approval from the Governing Body for this transfer. This item was discussed at the FAR meeting prior to Governing Body meeting today and was approved for notifying the Governing Body. Governing Body concurred with FAR.

Proposed by: Ms. Maria Maguire;

Seconded by: Cllr. Cathy Bennett.

C&AG letter

The President informed the Governing Body that the C&AG have qualified the 2015/16 Accounts which had been previously advised. The Institute is currently working on the 2016/17 draft accounts.

G.248.7 THEA Code of Governance (G.248.7.1) Governing Body Self-Assessment Evaluation (Appendix N).

The Chairman requested the Governing Body to review Self-Assessment Evaluation before the next meeting, Monday 24th September. The Chairman instructed the Governing Body to submit their returns to the President's Office.

G.248.8 GB Gender Equality Sub Committee (G.248.8.1) Draft Terms of Reference

Following a brief discussion the Governing Body suggested this item would be held over until the next meeting.

G.248.9 Seal

The Institute's seal was applied to the following:

Raidio Teilifis Eireann
Nova Leah
Advanced Medical Parts Limited
Avail Support Ltd
Gecko
Kyvor Genomics
Celtic Testing

G.248.10 AOB

Bereavements

Recent bereavements were noted

Meeting concluded at 18.40.

**Chairman
Governing Body**

Date: