

NOTES OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

HELD ON MONDAY 27th MAY 2019 AT 16.00.

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

Declarations of Interest

None.

- G.258.1 M.257 Minutes of the Meeting of 7th May 2019**
The minutes of the Governing Body of Tuesday 7th May 2019 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr. Bill Sweeney;
Seconded by: Ms. Margaret Swords.

- G.258.2 Matters Arising**
None.

- G.258.3 Correspondence**
Letter dated 8th May 2019 re. Gender Balance on State Boards addressed to Cllr. Clifford Kelly, Dundalk Institute of Technology from Valerie Healion, Higher Education – Financial, Governance and Qualifications Section, Department of Education and Skills. The President responded to the letter.

- G.258.4.1 Personnel Report**
Recent appointments were noted and confirmed.

- G.258. 5 Finance Audit & Risk Committee (FAR)**
Minutes of Meeting MF188 dated 16th April 2019
The minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, MF 188 were noted.

Matters Arising: M.F. 185.8 DkIT Sport Ltd Financial Statements 2018
The Acting FAR Chairman referred to previous minutes re DkIT Sport Financial Statements. Due to confidentiality the Profit & Loss for DkIT Sport was tabled at the meeting and the breakdown of administrative expenses was outlined by the Acting FAR Chairman.

The DkIT Sport Financial Statements 2018 were agreed.

Bothar Maol and GAA

Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott sought clarification on Bothar Maol and the GAA. The Acting FAR Chairman stated that the Governing Body at the last meeting passed a motion to seek Senior Counsel advice on the title of land and we are awaiting same.

The Chairman and Acting FAR Chairman stated at the meeting that the recent letter to the GAA was to allow for planning permission to level the site that is owned by Louth County Council and DkIT (3 acres). The Chairman requested the Acting FAR Chairman to provide an update at the next meeting.

G.258.6 Academic Council
Academic Council Minutes No. 162 dated 1st March, 2019
The above Council Minutes were noted.

Motions agreed at Academic Council Meeting No. 162

The President read the motions agreed at Academic Council Meeting No.162 which was regarding the Academic Council confirming the appointment of External Examiners, off campus venue for programme delivery, quota for DARE, Student Success Strategy, Higher Education Access Route (HEAR), each Motion was agreed unanimously by Governing Body.

Academic Council Meeting dated 17th May

As the minutes of Academic Council Meeting of 17th May will not be available until a future Governing Body meeting, the President informed the Governing Body that a number of members of Council stated their intention to raise a dispute regarding Academic Council Agenda being a reserved function of Governing Body.

The Chairman to seek advice on this matter.

G.258.7 Seal
None

G.258.8 Presentation by Aidan Browne, Head of Innovation and Business Development on Industry Engagement

Mr. Aidan Browne joined the meeting at 17.20 to give a presentation on Industry Engagement.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Browne to the Governing Body meeting. Mr. Browne presented an oversight on Industry Engagement and the role of the Regional Development Centre (for the past thirty years) and our links with Industry and Enterprise Ireland.

>1600 Entrepreneurs
>315 Research Projects
> 200 Incubation Companies

- New Frontiers with Enterprise Ireland 155 bought through since 2016.
- We are consistently beating the International benchmark.
- Academic Research Community

- 2 spin out companies TAPA Healthcare and Nova Leah.
- Over 200 alumni – highlighted 2 success stories Statsports and Diaceutics
- Close links with Enterprise Ireland
- Funding:
 - Disruptive Technologies Innovation Funding (applied and were successful in getting funding for two applications)
 - Regional Enterprise Development Fund.
- Interreg Projects
- Corporate Partnership Programmes MOUs signed with Industry to date are: Creative Spark, Statsports, ABP Food Group and will be signing MOU with Cargotec next Friday.

Following the presentation, there was a Q&A session.

- The RDC is a great vehicle to raise the profile of DkIT across the entire region North and South.
- The Head of Innovation and Business Development works closely with the Research Manager and are aware of TU metrics.
- RDC predominately engages with companies and researchers are based in the Schools.
- The President acknowledged the work of the Head of Innovation and Business Development and referenced the recent very successful Industry Showcase attended by Minister Humphreys.

On behalf of the Governing Body the Chairman thanked Mr. Browne for a very interesting and informative presentation and commented on the wonderful relationship with Enterprise Ireland. He also congratulated Mr. Browne and the RDC team for winning the Enterprise Award recently.

The Head of Innovation and Business Development left the meeting at 17.00.

G.258.9 **AOB**
None.

Bereavements
Recent bereavements were noted.

Meeting concluded at 17.10.

Cllr. Clifford Kelly
Chairman

Date: