

NOTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JUNE, 2020 AT 14.00

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

Declarations of Interest

Nil

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed the new Governing Body members to their inaugural meeting followed by a brief introduction by each of the attendees.

G.270.4 Governance Training Mr. Seamus Given, Arthur Cox joined via TEAMS at 14.15

The Chairman introduced Mr. Seamus Given, Partner Head of Employment Group, Arthur Cox who was invited to give a presentation on Governance to the Governing Body via TEAMS.

Mr. Given delivered the presentation “Dundalk Institute of Technology – Governance” that was circulated at the meeting followed by a brief Q&A session. Mr. Given emphasised the importance of the THEA Code of Governance to the Governing Body.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Given for the informative presentation.

G.270.5 Presentation by Ms. Irene McCausland, Vice President of Strategic Planning, Communications and Development (VP SCD)

Ms. Irene McCausland, Vice President of Strategic Planning, Communications and Development (VP SCD) joined the meeting at 15.25 and was introduced by the Chairman. The VP SCD gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan which was recently launched and each member received a copy of the Strategic Plan 2020 brochure. The presentation forms part of the minutes of the meeting addressing the strategic goals:

- **Strategic Goal 1:**

To achieve Technological University status under the Technological Universities Act 2018.

- **Strategic Goal 2:**
To enhance the Institute’s positioning within the North Leinster-South Ulster Region of Learning.

- **Strategic Goal 3:**
To maintain a high-quality, inclusive learner experience that supports all our learners, holistically and in their diversity, to achieve their potential.

- **Strategic Goal 4:**
To foster the development of learners as graduates, personally and professionally, who can contribute positively to society.

- **Strategic Goal 5:**
Focus and drive research and innovation excellence in an enabling environment, which is internationally competitive and has societal and economic impact which informs our teaching and learning environment.

- **Strategic Goal 6:**
Sustain existing and build new collaborative research and innovation networks, nationally and internationally, of scale so as to increase the visibility and impact of our research and innovation.

- **Strategic Goal 7:**
To increase the level of responsiveness to external organisations focusing on areas of academic excellence, flexible learning provision, research and innovation strengths.

- **Strategic Goal 8:**
To enhance and widen learner experience and global awareness by sustained development of inbound and outbound internationalisation.

- **Strategic Goal 9:**
To enhance the Institute’s reputation as an organisation committed to sustainable excellence, equality and wellbeing for all learners and staff.

The presentation was followed by Q&A session. During this session a number of questions were raised about the status of TU for DkIT. The President stated that it is the intention to look at this in further details at the next meeting and documentation will be circulated outlining background information. The Chairman informed the Governing Body that the Leadership Team would be invited to attend this meeting too and will provide a summary of pros and cons for a recommended partner. Ultimately the decision is with the Governing

Body and the Chairman stressed that a decision does not have to be agreed at the next meeting and it was more important that the right decision was made.

The Chairman thanked the VP SCD for her excellent presentation.

Due to COVID-19 and timeframe for meetings, the Chairman thanked the Governing Body for attending the meeting in the Institute and asked the Governing Body to contact the President's Office with their availability for meeting the week beginning Monday 6th July.

At the next meeting the following will be discussed:-Technological University Status; Establish Sub Committees i.e. Finance Audit & Risk (FAR), Gender Equality, Land and Buildings.

G.270.1 M.269 Minutes of Remote Meeting (via Microsoft TEAMS) of 30th March 2020

The minutes of the Governing Body of Monday 30th March 2020 (via Microsoft TEAMS) were approved.

Proposed by: Mr. Bill Sweeney;
Seconded by: Mr. Patrick W. Malone.

G.270.2 Matters Arising

None.

G.270.3 Correspondence

The President referenced the letter from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills dated 4th June 2020 to Mr. Martin O'Brien, CEO, LMETB regarding recommendations by the Louth and Meath Education Training Board of various appointees as ordinary members to Governing Body of Dundalk Institute of Technology. The term of the office is 5 years apart from student representatives, 1 year.

Meeting concluded at 16.30.

Patrick W. Malone

Chairman

Date: