

NOTES OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

HELD ON TUESDAY 31st MAY 2022 AT 10.00 A.M.

Via ZOOM

Meeting commenced at 10.07 a.m.

Declarations of Interest

Nil

The Chairman reminded all members they may declare declarations of interest at any stage during the meeting.

Chairman also advised members the format of the agenda was changing to facilitate the attendance of Dr Ruaidhri Neavyn, HEA Advisor.

G.295.1 M.294 Minutes of the Meeting of 3 May 2022

The minutes of the Governing Body of 3 May 2022 were approved.

Proposed by: Clifford Kelly

Seconded by: Bill Sweeney

G.295.2 Matters Arising

None.

G.295.3 Correspondence

None.

G.295.4.1 Personnel Report

The President read the following appointments at the meeting and recent appointments were noted and confirmed.

G.295.5 Finance & Audit Risk Committee (FAR)

Minutes of Meeting M.F. 220 dated 22 March 2022

The minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, M.F. 220 dated 22 March 2022 were noted.

Verbal Update on Meeting M.F. 221 dated 26 April 2022

FAR Chairman provided an update of matters discussed during the above meeting.

G.295.6 Land and Buildings Committee (L&B)
Verbal Update of Land and Buildings Committee Meeting L&B 22 dated 26 April 2022
Ms. Irene McCausland, VP SCD, provided an update on the meeting held on 26 April 2022. A discussion ensued on the current dilapidation of the North Building and numerous members raised concerns regarding the delay of sanctioning funds by the HEA. The President acknowledged the work of colleagues operating in these facilities. Dr. Tom Dooley also drew member's attention to increases in apprenticeship provision and the requirement of additional classroom space in a building nearing the end of its useful life.

G.295.7 Governing Body Strategy (TU) Project Governance and Oversight Committee
Verbal Update by Dr. Tom Dooley, Chairman, Governing Body Strategy (TU) Project Governance and Oversight Committee
Dr. Ruaidhri Neavyn joined the meeting at 10.18 and alongside Irene McCausland an update was provided to Governing Body members.

Dr. Dooley advised members of an upcoming Governing Body Strategy (TU) Project Governance and Oversight Committee meeting and would revert back to Governing Body in due course.

Numerous members expressed their opinions on the next best steps followed by a 'question and answers' session.

The Chairman of Governing Body thanked the members for their comments and assured them Dr. Dooley would consider these at the meeting planned for tomorrow, 1 June. The Chairman also wished to express his gratitude to those members of the Leadership Team and also to Dr. Neavyn.

G.295.8. HEA Compact Report for noting (HEA Strategy and Performance Dialogue 2018-2021 Self Evaluation Report Submissions)
Irene McCausland referred to a recent presentation provided to Governing Body members on the HEA Compact report. Members were advised the report included in meeting packs was the final self-evaluation submission.

The Chairman and Governing Body, as part of a discussion session, noted the recent excellent events organised by Institute involving the both the School of Informatics & Creative Arts and the School of Health and Science and wished to express his thanks to all those who had contributed to this.

G.295.9 AOB
The Chairman advised Governing Body of Dr. Tom Dooley's impending retirement from DkIT. The Chairman along with various other members acknowledged Dr. Dooley's excellent work and his contribution to DkIT and to the wider sector. Various members also acknowledged the excellent 50 years celebrations of the School of Engineering in DkIT and its importance over its long history.

The President thanked and commended Dr Dooley for his significant contribution and also noted that Tom was prominent externally for his research in renewable energy particularly marine based experiments. Also he spoke about Tom's profile nationally within the trade union movement and complimented him for his comprehensive contribution and impact on the sector.

Dr Dooley thanked the members for their kind words and wished to acknowledge the work of colleagues throughout his career and also Simon O'Neill and Jim Connolly in relation to the 50th year's celebrations.

The Chairman provided a brief overview of a current exhibition of D'Arcy McGee in acknowledgment of the work and contribution of D'Arcy McGee in Canadian Irish affairs.

The President echoed these comments encouraging members to visit the exhibition and also thanked both the Canadian Ambassador Nancy Smyth and the Museum of Canada for providing many of the exhibition pieces. He explained that the linkage of the institute with Canada is part of DKIT's internationalisation strategy to support the positioning of the institute as a cross border provider of Higher Education and Apprenticeships. Canada was a nation that had welcomed many Irish immigrants and a country where individuals from Ireland from all communities and persuasions had worked together. D'Arcy McGee was an exemplar in this regard. The naming of the De Chastelain Library and the continuing sponsoring of the D'Arcy McGee Summer School was an integral part of this internationalisation strategy.

Bereavements

Recent bereavements were noted and a minutes silence held.

Meeting of Governing Body Members excluding executive and staff representatives

Members of the executive, staff and student representatives left the meeting at 11.42 to facilitate a meeting of a private session of Governing Body as required by the THEA Code of Governance.

The Secretary to Governing Body was advised the meeting ended at 12.22.

Patrick W. Malone
Chairman

Date: