

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025 AT 12:00 NOON

VIA MS TEAMS & BOARDROOM, T.K. WHITAKER BUILDING

Participants in the Boardroom:

Prof. Thomas (Tom) Collins	Chair
Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan	President
Ms. Antoinette Rourke	
Ms. Ciara O'Shea	left at 13:50
Mr. Gerard O'Brien	
Mr. Patrick W. Malone	
Mr. Richard Hanlon	
Ms. Madeleine Thornton	joined at 12:04
Mr. Martin Long	joined at 12:04

Online:

Ms. Anna Shakespeare	left at 13:30
Dr. Jennifer Brennan	left at 13:37
Ms. Paula McCaul	
Prof. Paul Moynagh	
Mr. Tommy Fanning	
Ms. Tobi Bewaji	left at 13:36

Apologies:

Ms. Ann Marie Lacey

Attending:

Dr. Edel Healy	Secretary to the Governing Body
Ms. Caroline Pigott	Vice President for Finance & Corporate Affairs
Ms. Valerie Ward	President's Office

In attendance for Agenda Item 2 and joined at 12:05

Dr Breda Brennan	Head of School of Engineering
Dr Sheila Flanagan	Vice President for Academic Affairs & Registrar
Dr Patricia Moriarty	Head of School Business & Humanities
Ms Irene McCausland	Vice President of Strategic Planning, Communications and Development

Meeting commenced at 12:02

Declarations of Interest

None.

At the outset of the meeting the Chair welcomed Ms. Caroline Pigott, Vice President for Finance & Corporate Affairs.

SPG320(a).1 Appointments to Governing Body:

The terms of office for Mr. Bill Sweeney, Dr. Fiona Lawless and Mr. Fergus Grimes on the Governing Body ended on the 31 March 2025.

Ms. Paula McCaul was approved to replace Mr. Bill Sweeney at a previous meeting.

Staff

The following staff members have been nominated to fill the two vacant staff positions created by the ending of the terms of office of Dr. Lawless and Mr. Grimes on the Governing Body.

- Ms. Madeleine Thornton - Academic staff (Female) representative
- Mr. Martin Long - Non-academic staff representative

As the number of candidates nominated for election was equal to the number to be elected and the candidates nominated have, accordingly, been declared elected to be members on the DkIT Governing Body and presented for consideration at this meeting.

Proposed by: Richard Hanlon

Seconded by: Antoinette Rourke

Students

The three Student Union representatives finish their term on the 30 June 2025.

The proposed Student Union representatives to Governing Body for one year period commencing 01 July 2025 finishing on the 30 June 2026 which are presented for consideration at this meeting are:

Mr. Gerard O'Brien	Student Union President
Ms. Tobi Bewaji	Student Union Vice President for Student Engagement
Ms. Rosheen Hornby	Student Union Vice President of Welfare & Equality

The Governing Body approved the ratification of students to Governing Body commencing 01 July 2025.

Proposed by: Richard Hanlon

Seconded by: Antoinette Rourke

Ms. Madeleine Thornton and Mr. Martin Long joined the meeting as newly appointed members at 12:04.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Thornton and Mr. Long to their inaugural meeting.

SPG.320(a).2 Decision of Judicial Appeal

Executive Board Members Dr. Breda Brennan, Dr. Sheila Flanagan, Ms. Irene McCausland and Dr. Patricia Moriarty joined the meeting for this discussion at 12.05.

The Chair welcomed the Executive Board Members to the meeting too.

The Chair outlined that the President is asking the Committee to convene this meeting to review and discuss the decision on the Judicial Appeal.

The President outlined the reasons why the Governing Body needs to make a decision on this issue making reference to the THEA code of governance.

The Governing Body agreed that this was a reserved function of Governing Body to make this decision.

Proposed by: Paddy Malone
Seconded by: Antoinette Rourke

The President introduced a draft working memo to Governing Body which outlines the circumstances around a judicial review and the issues for consideration around reaching a decision on whether or not to appeal the decision. He stated that he would then request the opinions of Governing Body at this meeting prior to making a recommendation to Governing Body for a decision on same.

The Chair acknowledged the comprehensive overview provided by the President. The Chair of ARC gave an overview of the discussions at the ARC meeting which took place on the 28/4/25 making reference to the discussions which took place between the members in the presence and absence of Executive members.

Discussion took place.

The Chair thanked all for their time and the detailed discussion.

Meeting concluded at 14:14

Prof. Thomas Collins
Chair of the Governing Body

Date: