

Technological University Dublin Governing Body MINUTES

MEETING 27: Wednesday 13th October 2021 (08.00 – 11.00) – Electronic Meeting

PRESENT: Mr D Carson (Chair), Professor D FitzPatrick (President), Ms L Barrett, Mr N Beecher,

Dr N Burns, Dr M Carr, Ms E Carroll, Dr C Duffy, Ms É Finan (Deputy Chair), Mr J Grant Ms P Kelly, Dr C Larkin, Dr E Maher, Mr J McCarthy, Ms C Clune-Mulvaney, Mr M O'Donnell,

Dr S O'Shaughnessy, Ms A O'Toole, Ms M Ryan

APOLOGIES: Ms V Bistany, Ms A Cañizares-Bejarano, Mr C O'Donovan

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr M Meaney (Registrar & Deputy President), Mr D Murphy (Chief Operations Officer & University Secretary)

INVITED: Minute Item [27.01.08(1)] Professor Y Galligan, (Director, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)

SECRETARIAT: Ms M Holden

DOCUMENTATION: Circulated prior to meeting

Agenda - Governing Body Meeting 27(13th October 2021)
Draft Minutes Governing Body Meeting 26 (25th August 2021)

27.01.08 1. i Memo giving background to Child Protection Policy-131021 GB
Child Protection Vulnerable Adults Policy-Governing Body-Oct 21

5. 27.01.08 1. iii Memo to Presidents Group - Documentation for approval recommendation to GB August 21

6. 27.01.08 2. a) University Seal Register (Memorandum 6th October 2021)

7. 27.01.10 1 University Executive Report - Summary - President's Report 13.10.21

27.01.10 2.a) i. Approved Minutes - Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 17 (11th August 2021)
 27.01.10 2.a) ii Approved Minutes - Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 18 (16th August 2021)

10. 27.01.10 2.b) i Approved minutes - GB EDI Comm-11.05.21-Final - signed

11. 27.01.10 2.b) ii EDIC Update Report for GB 13 Oct 2021

12. 27.01.10 2.b) iii TUDublin-Gender-Identity-and-Gender-Expression-Guidelines

13. 27.01.10 c) MEMO - Governing Body 13.10.21 Note re FPC items 12.10.21 V1 GB

DOCUMENTATION: Circulated at meeting

14. 27.01.10 Presentation/slides from President



REF	ITEM	DECISION
	Section A – Standard Items	
27.01/01	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	NOTED
27.01/02	APOLOGIES The Chair noted apologies for this meeting.	NOTED
27.01/03	MEETING AGENDA The Agenda for the meeting, as had been circulated, was approved and adopted. Dries to approved it was guested as to why Migutes of Academic Council was not an the Agenda.	APPROVED Proposed: D Carson Seconded: A O'Toole
	Prior to approval, it was queried as to why Minutes of Academic Council were not on the Agenda. It was agreed that there will be one Combined Document containing all papers relevant to Governing Body Agenda. Governing Body Committee Minutes, including minutes of Academic Council, will be included in the Combined Document as an appendix and will be posted to the Portal. The Report of the Governing Body Committee Chairs, including Academic Council, will highlight significant items from the respective meetings and Minutes	Noted
	Governing Body Committee Minutes form part of Governing Body Records.	NOTED
	It was agreed that the contents of the Governing Body Portal will be rearranged to reflect the discussion.	NOTED
27.01/04	DECLARATION OF CONFLICTOF INTEREST The Chair noted there were no conflicts of interest declared by members present	Noted
27.01/05	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The draft Minutes of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Governing Body held on 25th August 2021, as had been circulated, were approved.	APPROVED Proposed: N Beecher Seconded: E Finan
27.01/05	MATTERS ARISING The Governing Body Meeting Action Log will be updated for presentation at the next meeting.	DEFERRED
27.01/05	CORRESPONDENCE None	NOTED
5	Section B – Approval and Compliance Items	
27.01/08	1. APPROVALS	
	a) TU Dublin Policy on Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Professor Yvonne Galligan, Director EDI presented on this issue.	Noted
	Professor Galligan noted that this was an Integrated Policy for all TU Dublin and highlighted the following points regarding the background:	Noted
	 The work was begun and progressed by Dr Noel O'Connor and an extended committee. Specialist legal advice and guidance was obtained. A copy of this document was given to all social partners. The Document takes into consideration GDPR issues. 	



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27.01/08	 Due to Organisational Design the ownership of this policy has yet to be resolved. The Committee will remain the owners of the policy and will guide the policy in its implementation pending the implementation of the Organisational Design process. The Policy will be reviewed at least every 2 years, or in the meantime as required due to/depending on practice developments/legal requirements. 	
	The Policy is made up of Three main Parts:	NOTED
	A. Principles B. Responsibilities C. Reporting And Recording Procedures	
	It was noted that the President's Group has also considered this Policy and that this should be noted in the Policy.	NOTED
	The Chair and Members of Governing Body thanked the Director Yvonne Galligan.	NOTED
	The Safeguarding & Protection of Children, Young Persons and Vulnerable Adults Policy, incorporating the Safeguarding Statement was approved.	APPROVED Proposed: J McCarthy Seconded: P Kelly
27.01/08	2. COMPLIANCE	
	a) University Seal Register (Memorandum 6th October 2021) Governing Body noted the Memorandum from the University Secretary, (confirming documents to which the TU Dublin seal had been applied during the period 18th August 2021 to 6th October 2021	NOTED
	b) Update on Fee Deposit Correspondence	
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	The Governing Body noted that ARC does not believe that there is a Governance issue.	NOTED



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	Section C - Strategic Items	
27.01/09	STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE Governing Body noted that this item would be covered under the University Executive Report, [Agenda Item 27.01.10(1)].	Noted
	Section D - Executive and Committee Reports	
27.01/10	 UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE REPORT Governing Body noted the University Executive Report as had been circulated to members, which incorporated an update on the strategic plan. A number of areas were further discussed at the meeting including: 	
	 i) Organisational Design (OD) Governing Body noted the progress on the design, composition of the Steering Committee (President, Registrar, COO and VP for Organisational Change & Culture) and the timeline showing change impact. ii) Strategic Plan Update The President discussed the Strategic Intent for 2030 noting the focus on; - Completing the transformation of TU Dublin to become an internationally recognised high-performing technological university - Offering quality higher education, through a new Education Model - Working closely with partners to deliver real impact for society and the planet - Achieving the necessary cornerstones of organisation design, infrastructure and resources and he also noted the alignment and assignment of the UET Members responsibilities. iii) Academic Council The President noted that at Academic Council (AC) Meeting of 6th October 2021 and that AC agreed to initiate the review of AC membership, structure and performance as had been indicated at the time of formation. The President's Report continued "A working group, Chaired by the Head of Academic Affairs and drawn from relevant stakeholders across the university will be formed and will report to AC such that recommendations can be assessed in time for implementation ahead of 2022/23 academic year. Notwithstanding the review process, recognising the fact that OD has created roles that were not in place at the time of formation, AC supported the recommendation from the President that the Head of Academic Affairs would become a member of AC as one of 	NOTED
	the Presidents three nominees. Following discussion, AC proposed and unanimously agreed that the five Faculty Deans would be co-opted as members of AC, as an interim step ahead of any outcome from the review process. Further to the discussion, AC also agreed to the proposal that the VP Research & Innovation and the VP Partnerships would become members of AC as the two remaining President nominees". The Chair questioned whether the AC had the authority to carry out the review in question and the authority to appoint new members. Quoting S16 of the 2018 Act, he noted the Academic Council did not appear to have such authority. The Governing Body discussed this issue and agreed that a Report and Proposal would come back to Governing Body at the next meeting.	NOTED NOTED



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27.01/10	2. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORTS AND UPDATE	
	The Chair reaffirmed that approved Committee Minutes, including Academic Council will be listed on future Governing Body Agendas for reference and noting. The Chair advised members that Committee Chair's Reports will continue to be circulated with the main Governing Body pack and will now include an Academic Council Report.	Noted
	a) ARC Chair Report Governing Body noted the ARC approved minutes as had been circulated to members.	NOTED
	b) EDIC Chair Report Governing Body noted the EDIC approved minutes as had been circulated to members.	NOTED
	c) FPC Chair Report Governing Body noted the Report that had been circulated to members relating to the meeting of 12th October. The FPC chair updated the meeting on a number of specific items discussed at that meeting;	NOTED
	FPC request is to get GB support to include as matter for strategic consideration by GB and to highlight the merit of a "Build now" in order to provide critical	
	 The HEA have (6th October) forwarded to TU Dublin their annual financial reporting requirements. There is an annual report required the deadline for which is consistent with TU Dublin's draft financial statements preparation 31st December 2021. However, it includes interim financial reporting deadlines of 6 weeks after the end of the reporting period. This will be problematic for TU Dublin in the coming year and the executive are reverting to the HEA on this issue. 	NOTED
	The FPC noted that the new UET is now in place. FPC noted that the executive committee structure beneath the UET for Property and Estate Facilities Management have yet been implemented. This "design in progress" state is causing some issues on the effectiveness and capability of the executive to manage Property and Facilities. To release any bottle necks and delays arising the FPC asked that there be specific support for a speedy implementation of the target operating model within the Organisational Design from UET and embedded into the executive across the university.	NOTED
	Section E – Standard Items	
	1. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	a) Appointment of Head of Communications and Marketing The Chair confirmed that this appointment has been approved.	NOTED
	b) Cinnte/QQI GB Committee Members The Chair noted the recent meeting that members of Governing Body had with the Cinnte/QQI review group and that the self-evaluation report will be forwarded to all members of Governing Body.	Noted



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	c) New Members - Governing Body Committees The Chair noted that he had communicated with Committee Chairs on the membership of their committees and also the need to be aware of the gender balance requirements.	Noted
	d) Meeting of External Members of Governing Body 22nd September 2021 The Chair noted that this meeting had taken place and that the major discussion item was regarding reserved matters and their delegation where appropriate.	Noted
	e) Governance Consultancy Update The Chair informed the meeting that, after a tender process, Mazars have been appointed.	NOTED
	f) Convene Enterprise Forum It was noted that this Forum was attended by the Chair and Charles Larkin.	NOTED
	g) Governing Body Away Day It was noted that there is a small working group that is currently working on this agenda and they will be reporting to the members.	Noted
	h) Portal and issue of Documents for Governing Body The Portal presentation is to be reviewed and updated.	Noted
	2. MEETINGS	
	a) Proposed Governing Body Tour of Aungier Street and Bolton Street (Wednesday 10th November 2021) Governing Body noted that Dr S O'Shaughnessey is arranging same.	NOTED
	b) Next Governing Body Meeting Governing Body noted its next meeting would take place on Wednesday, 24th November 2021 between 8.00-11.00am.	NOTED
	The Chair thanked members for their attendance and participation.	
	SIGNED David Carson, CHAIR. David Carson, CHAIR.	