

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting – April 5, 2017

- Present:** David Holohan (Chairperson), Celine Blacow, Marie Carroll, Kieron Connolly, Helen Cullinane, Dr Annie Doona, Neil Kavanagh, Maeve McConnon, John McDonnell, Fiona McLoughlin, Joachim Pietsch, Aoife Ruane
- Apologies:** Dr Fionnuala Anderson, Alice Hartigan, Cllr Sorcha Nic Cormaic, Áine O’Sullivan, Cllr Barry Saul, Tom Taylor, Cllr Barry Ward
- In Attendance:** Bernard Mullarkey, Elizabeth Stunell

Members of the Governing Body offered condolences to Cllr. Sorcha Nic Cormaic on the death of her mother.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

Proposed: Fiona McLoughlin
Seconded: John McDonnell

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of March 1st 2017 (including Internal Publication)

The Minutes of the Meeting of March 1st 2017 were approved (including approval for internal publication).

Proposed: Marie Carroll
Seconded: Helen Cullinane

3. Matters Arising

- **Creative Arts Review** – The President notified the Governing Body that she will be meeting Dr Graham Love – CEO of the Higher Education Authority – in relation to the Review of the Provision for the Creative Arts in the Dublin Area. The meeting is expected to take place in the next few weeks.
- **National Design Forum** – following on from the launch of the National Design Strategy, a National Design Forum has been established by Minister Mary Mitchell O’Connor, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. David Smith – Head of Faculty of Film, Art and Creative Technologies – has been appointed as a member of this Forum.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Technical Approvals

5.1 Bank Accounts

None.

5.2 Property Rentals

The Governing Body approved the following Media Cube Licences:

- Cosmic Gate Ltd
- Thinscale Technology
- Score Music Interactive t/a Xhail
- Your Smile Direct
- CheckVentory

Proposed: Chairman
Seconded: Maeve McConnon

5.3 HR Appointments

1. Various Posts

Permission is being sought from the Governing Body for the President, subject to the satisfactory completion of the verification processes, to offer appointments on foot of the following competitions, which were Internal Competitions. The closing date for the competitions was Friday 24th March 2017. Interviews for the post took place 4th April 2017 as follows:

05/17 Pensions Officer

Proposed: Marie Carroll
Seconded: Joachim Pietsch

2. Recruitment

The Governing Body was advised that a number of posts will be advertised shortly including posts arising from Career Breaks etc. It is intended to hold all interviews for these positions as soon as possible. Procedures within the Institutes of Technology require that a member of the Governing Body sit on the interview panel for these posts and the assistance of Governing Body members was requested. The President and the Secretary/Financial Controller thanked members of the Governing Body for their ongoing support and participation in interview boards.

6. Governing Body Committees and Academic Council

6.1 Minutes of the Academic Council Meetings of 27th February 2017

The Minutes of the Academic Council meeting of 27th February 2017 were noted by the Governing Body. The President noted the work being undertaken by the Head of Creative Engagement and the Directorate of Creativity, Innovation and Research, which has led to an increase in the expressions of interest in Masters by Research titles from a very low number, to over 30 titles being submitted for consideration this year. These will now be reviewed and an advertisement for students to undertake these titles will be placed in the national press in the coming months. The President also noted that IADT is on target to meet requirements laid down by the Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) – the President and the Registrar will attend the yearly Quality Dialogue meeting with the QQI in the coming weeks.

(Neil Kavanagh joined the meeting at 9.25 am)

7. Governing Body Resolutions

7.1 The Governing Body Approves the 2017 Budget Allocations (3/2017)

Circulation of the provisional budget allocation for the Institute was noted. The Secretary/Financial Controller briefed the Governing Body regarding the

budget allocation and outlined a number of key expenditures contained within a number of the budget lines. It was noted that recent Pay Restoration announcements have been factored into the proposed Pay budget – the Secretary/Financial Controller also highlighted a potential back-pay issue which may arise due to a dispute being resolved at national level. A number of sources of self-generated income were also noted to the Governing Body, Work in relation to increasing the number of international students is ongoing and it is hoped that a cohort of students from Canada will study at IADT in the coming academic year arising from the partnership agreement with the George Brown College in relation to the MA in Interdisciplinary Design. Income generated from the Media Cube was noted – the Media Cube also celebrates its 10th year this month.

In relation to staff training and development, it was noted that IADT retains a budget equivalent to 3% of the Payroll budget to support ongoing staff training and development needs. This fund is divided into a central fund from which statutory and cross-institute training including financial and health and safety related training is funded, and a proportion of the budget that is retained within functional areas to support individual staff training and development requests.

Resolution 3/2017 was adopted by the Governing Body.

Proposed: Chairman

Seconded: Aoife Ruane

8. **President's Briefing**

A briefing was circulated by the President giving an overview of some of the student and staff achievements and awards and a number of key events which have taken place at IADT over the past month. The President highlighted a number of these to the Governing Body:

- **Sporting Achievements** – the first Sports Awards took place at IADT on March 28th last to recognise student achievements in the area of sports. Special guests on the night were Hannah Tyrrell and Robbie Henshaw. The importance of sports in contributing to both the student experience, and overall physical and mental health of students was noted.
- **Irish Film Board** – the President has been reappointed as Chairperson of the Irish Film Board.
- **Crawford Art Gallery** – Dr Josephine Browne – Head of Faculty of Enterprise and Humanities – has been appointed to the Board of the Crawford Art Gallery.
- **Fulbright Engage Video Competition** – the Governing Body congratulated Gary Boyd – 3rd year Film student – on his success in the recent Fulbright Engage Video Competition.
- **IFTA Awards** – IADT Entrepreneurship graduate Nicholas Murphy has been nominated for three IFTA awards in the area of VFX. The IFTA Awards take place on Saturday April 8th and a number of IADT graduates have been nominated for awards – the list of nominees is being collated at present.
- **BA (Hons) in Creative Music Production** – a Programme Validation Panel in relation to moving the BA in Creative Music Production – Level 7, to a BA (Hons) in Creative Music Production at Level 8, took place on March 30th last with a successful outcome.
- **Colleges Ontario** – the President and the Head of Faculty of Creative Engagement took part in an Enterprise Ireland-led visit to Canada as part of the St. Patrick's Day weekend. During the visit an event was held to officially launch the MA in Interdisciplinary Design – a postgraduate programme developed in

partnership between IADT and George Brown College Canada. This is also the first postgraduate programme to be developed through the Colleges Ontario initiative. It is hoped that a number of students from Canada will complete their studies on this programme at IADT commencing September 2017.

- **National Film School Lecture** – a guest lecture as part of the National Film School Lecture Series in association with Bord Scannán na hÉireann was given by graduate and director of 'Young Offenders' Peter Foott.
- **Department of Technology and Psychology Showcase** – the Graduate Showcase for the students in the Department of Technology and Psychology will take place on May 10th next.
- **Finbar Furey** – a recent video recorded by Finbar Furey and produced by students at the National Film School was noted by the Governing Body.
- **Athena Swan** – following the appointment of Dr Andrew Power as Vice President for Equality and Diversity, IADT has successfully applied for membership for the Athena Swan programme and is now working towards an application for Bronze Award status.
- **HEA Compact** – the HEA has issued confirmation of arrangements for completing the progress report on achievements against 2016 targets agreed in the Compact. The closing date for submissions is May 4th next.
- **IADT20** – a celebration event to mark IADT's 20th year will take place on April 5th – this event will also be used to launch the series of events including an exhibition of 20 of IADT's prolific graduates spanning the 20 years.
- **European Women Rector's Association** – the President has become a member of the European Women Rector's Association.
- **Technological Higher Education Association** – an event and conference to formally launch the Technological Higher Education Association (THEA) took place on April 3rd. THEA replaces the Institutes of Technology Ireland and includes Dublin Institute of Technology as a member.

9. **IADT: Financial Update**

See item 7.1.

10. **Presentation on Retention, Persistence and Success Rates**

The Chairman welcomed David Doyle – Academic Administration and Student Affairs Manager – to the meeting. David Doyle gave a presentation regarding retention, persistence and student success rates to the Governing Body. The Chairman thanked David Doyle for his presentation.

The next meeting of the Governing Body will take place on 3rd May 2017.

Signed: _____

David Holohan
Chairperson

Date: _____