

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting – 9 February, 2024

Present: David Holohan (Chairperson)*, David Smith (President)*, Ruth Barry, Turlough Conway, Bernadette Costello, Dr Cormac Deane, Cllr. Anne Ferris, Lavender Jane Gartlan, Sean Kelly, Dr Gráinne Kirwan, Siobhan Lynch, Crow Mullen, Brian Mulligan, Peter O'Brien, Colm O'Callaghan, Eva Perez,

Apologies:

**Absent without
Apology:**

In Attendance: Bernard Mullarkey*, Elizabeth Stunell, Dr Josephine Browne*, Emma Leahy*, Dr Daithí Mac Síthigh*, Dera McLoughlin (Senor Partner, Mazars)

**Executive
Apologies:** Rónán O Muirthile, Dr Andrew Power

*In attendance on-line from the Boardroom, Roisin Hogan House

This meeting took place via MS Teams – Governing Body Group. Attendance for the meeting was monitored throughout the meeting by the Secretary to the Governing Body, and the Recording Secretary to the Governing Body. The meeting commenced at 12.00 pm, and concluded at 1.15 pm.

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that Dera McLoughlin – Senior Partner, Mazars, was in attendance via Teams. In addition, Dr Daithi McSithigh – Director of Strategic Projects, Dr Josephine Browne – Head of Faculty of Enterprise and Humanities, and Emma Leahy – Vice President for RDI, were in attendance for the meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

Proposed: Chairperson
Seconded: Cllr Anne Ferris

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were reported regarding items for discussion on the agenda for this meeting.

3. Governing Body Resolutions

3.1 The Governing Body Approves the IADT Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (1/2024)

The Chairperson noted that the draft Strategic Plan presented to the Governing Body for adoption, was a culmination of work undertaken over the past year, and acknowledged the contributions made by all stakeholders who participated in the extensive consultation process underpinning the development of the new Strategic Plan. The Chairperson acknowledged the contribution made by former members of the Governing Body in the early stages of the development of the new Strategic Plan. The Chairperson also put on record his appreciation for the work undertaken by Mazars in managing the consultation process, and collating the feedback and inputs from the stakeholder consultation processes. This was echoed by the President and members of the Governing Body.

It was noted that the President and Director of Strategic Projects took the opportunity to consult with senior staff within the HEA on the draft of the Strategic Plan which is being presented to the Governing Body, and that the HEA has written a letter of endorsement for the new Strategic Plan. The Chairperson read the letter to the Governing Body. It was stressed to the Governing Body that receiving a written endorsement for a draft Strategic Plan from the HEA was very unusual and significant. In addition, the letter provides assurance that IADT will receive an allocation under the Technological Sector Advancement Fund (TSAF) initiative following approval of the Strategic Plan, to support the next steps in IADT's development.

The President welcomed the auspicious day which has been arrived at following a long journey to develop an ambitious vision for IADT, to become a University for the Creative Industries. The President also noted a strong view that following the extensive consultation process, this is the right time for the Institute to make this decision. The President commended the Strategy to the Governing Body for approval, and thanked members of the Institute's Executive for their support in developing the new Strategic Plan for IADT. The President noted that members of the Executive are unanimous in their support and approval of the new Strategic Plan. The recent publication of the Government's Digital Creative Industries Roadmap was welcomed by the President, as it closely aligns with IADT's new Strategic Plan.

Ahead of proposing Resolution 1/2024 for adoption, the Chairperson invited members of the Governing Body to put forward any comments they wished to raise. A significant discussion took place with both issues of support and concerns being raised by members including: the support of the HEA, the associated legislative issues, potential additional funding and the development of an action plan and KPIs.

The Chairperson brought discussion on the Strategic Plan to a close, and Proposed Resolution 1/2024 for adoption, the Proposed Resolution was seconded by the President. The Chairperson indicated that he considered that there was a broad level of support for the Strategy among the Members and requested members of the Governing Body to use their 'raise hand' function to indicate support for the approval of the new Strategic Plan.

Proposed: Chairperson
Seconded: President

A vote on the Resolution was called. The Secretary/Financial Controller polled the members of the Governing Body, and responses were recorded as 'In Favour' or 'Against' or "Abstained" the Resolution as follows:

In Favour

David Holohan, Chairperson
David Smith, President
Ruth Barry
Bernadette Costello
Cllr Anne Ferris
Lavender Jane Gartlan
Sean Kelly
Siobhan Lynch
Crow Mullen
Cllr Peter O'Brien
Colm O'Callaghan

Against

Turlough Conway
Dr Cormac Deane
Dr Grainne Kirwan
Eva Perez

Abstained

Brian Mulligan

Totals:

Number of Votes Cast 16

In Favour 11

Against 4

Abstention 1

Resolution 01/2024 was carried by a vote of 11 votes in favour of the resolution, 4 votes against the resolution with one abstention. Resolution 01/2024 was adopted by the Governing Body.

4. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

No Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications were noted.

The Chairperson thanked members of the Governing Body for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

Signed: _____
David Holohan

Date: _____