

Technological University Dublin Governing Body

MINUTES

MEETING 37: Wednesday 22nd February 2023 (08.00 – 11.00)

PRESENT: Dr C Larkin (Chair), Professor D FitzPatrick (President), Ms V Biscany, Dr M Carr,
Mr B Jordan, Ms L Kavanagh, Ms P Kelly, Ms A O'Toole, Dr E Maher, Ms J Perez

Electronic Attendance:

Dr N Burns, Ms E Carroll, Dr C Duffy, Mr J Grant, Ms C Clune-Mulvaney,
Mr C O'Donovan, Dr S O'Shaughnessy, Ms M Ryan,

APOLOGIES: Full attendance

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms B Elliott (University Secretary & Head of Governance and Compliance)
Mr D Murphy (Chief Operations Officer), Mr C Whelan (Head of Finance) [Agenda Items 37.B.02/C.03/C.04]
Dr Brendan Jennings (Vice President, Research and Innovation) [Agenda Item 37.B.03]

SECRETARIAT: Ms Y Cooke, Ms S Donovan

DOCUMENTATION: **Circulated prior to meeting**

1. Draft Agenda Governing Body Meeting 37 (22nd February 2023)
2. Draft Minutes - Governing Body Meeting 36 (23rd November 2022)
3. Ratification of DFHERIS Sanction – Grades/Salaries of 2 Senior University Posts
4. Governing Body Action Log (22nd February 2023)
5. Correspondence: Protected Disclosures Act (DPER Key Messages for Employers)
6. Correspondence: OC&AG Letter of Engagement (Financial Statements YE 31.08.22)
7. HEA Act 2022 - Transitional Arrangements for Governing Body Membership 2023
8. University Executive Report
9. University Financial Report (Management Accounts)
10. Strategic Plan Report – Research and Innovation Presentation
11. Draft Collaborative Research With External Partners Policy
12. TU Dublin/HEA Oversight Agreement 2023
13. Draft External Work, Research, Engagement & Consultancy Policy
14. Procurement Contract – TU Dublin Unified Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
15. Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022
16. Draft University Safety Statement
17. TU Dublin Chief Risk Officer Role
18. TU Dublin Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2022
19. TU Dublin CINNTE Review Institutional Action Plan
20. Electronic Approval – Eight TU Dublin Policies
21. Electronic Approval – Academic Council Membership Amendment
22. Electronic Approval – TU Dublin Insurance Renewal 2023
23. University Seal Register Report
24. Proposed Amendments to revised EDIC Terms of Reference
25. Proposed Renewal of Term of Office for External (Independent) GBARC Member
26. Appendix 37.A.05 – Ratification of DFHERIS Sanction – Grades/Salaries of 2 Senior University Posts
27. Appendix 37.A.10 – HEA Act 2022 - Transitional Arrangements for Governing Body Membership 2023
28. Appendix 37.B.01 – University Executive Report (22nd February 2023)
29. Appendix 37.B.03 – Strategic Plan Report - Research and Innovation Presentation (22nd February 2023)
30. Appendix 37.C.01 – Draft Collaborative Research With External Partners Policy
31. Appendix 37.C.02 – TU Dublin/HEA Oversight Agreement 2023
32. Appendix 37.C.03 – Draft External Work, Research, Engagement & Consultancy Policy
33. Appendix 37.C.04 – Procurement Contract – TU Dublin Unified Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
34. Appendix 37.C.05 – Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022
35. Appendix 37.C.06 – Draft University Safety Statement

DOCUMENTATION:

Circulated prior to meeting (cont/d)

- 36. Appendix 37.C.07 – TU Dublin Chief Risk Officer Role
- 37. Appendix 37.D.01 – TU Dublin Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2022
- 38. Appendix 37.D.02 – TU Dublin CINNTE Review Institutional Action Plan
- 39. Appendix 37.E.01 – Proposed Amendments to revised EDIC Terms of Reference
- 40. Appendix 37.E.03 – FPC Annual Report 2020-2022
- 41. Appendix 37.E.04 – Academic Council Meeting Report 19 (7th December 2022)
- 42. Appendix 37.E.05 – ARC Report Meeting 19 (7th December 2022)
- 43. Appendix 37.E.06 – ARC Report Meeting 29 (8th February 2023)
- 44. Appendix 37.E.07 – Academic Council Minutes – Meeting 18 (4th October 2022)
- 45. Appendix 37.E.08 – FPC Minutes – Meeting 15 (9th November 2022)
- 46. Appendix 37.E.09 – FPC Minutes – Meeting 16 (13th December 2022)

DOCUMENTATION:

Documents circulated at the meeting

- 01. Agenda Item 37.D.03 – IA Draft Report – Procurement & Contracting Arrangements for OD Consultancy

REF	ITEM	DECISION
Section A – Standard Items		
37.A.01	WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES The Chair welcomed everyone and noted full attendance for this meeting.	NOTED
37.A.02	MEETING AGENDA The Agenda for the meeting, as had been circulated, was approved and adopted.	APPROVED Proposed: L Kavanagh Seconded: P Kelly
37.A.03	DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST The Chair noted there were no conflicts of interest declared by members present.	NOTED
37.A.04	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The revised draft Minutes of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Governing Body held on 22 nd November 2022, as had been circulated were approved.	APPROVED Proposed: A O’Toole Seconded: V Bistany
37.A.05	MATTERS ARISING Ratification of DFHERIS Sanction – Grades/Salaries of 2 Senior University Posts Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet Request ‘ <i>Ratification of DFHERIS Sanction in respect of two TU Dublin Senior Post Grades/Salaries (9th February 2023)</i> ’, and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated members. Governing Body approved the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That the salary pay-points of the Registrar & Deputy President and the COO roles within TU Dublin are mapped to the comparable roles in DCU. ○ In the implementation of the sanctioned salary and the above recommendation, pay will be back dated to the date of appointment. 	NOTED APPROVED Proposed: P Kelly Seconded: A O’Toole
37.A.06	Governing Body Action Log Governing Body noted Action Log items on track, delayed and for closure.	NOTED
37.A.07	CORRESPONDENCE RELEVANT TO GOVERNING BODY Protected Disclosures Act (DPER Key Messages for Employers) Governing Body noted the Protected Disclosures Act (DPER Key Messages for Employers) as circulated to Governing Body.	NOTED
37.A.08	Office of the Auditor and Comptroller Letter of Engagement (Financial Statements YE 31.08.22) Governing Body noted correspondence received from the Office of the Auditor and Comptroller General in respect to the forthcoming Audit of Technological University Dublin Financial Statements (Year End 31.08.2022)	NOTED

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Section B – Executive Reports		
37.B.02	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT (MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS) Governing Body noted the Cover Sheet <i>Finance Report (Management Accounts) Year Ended 31st August 2022</i>, as had been circulated to members. The Chair welcomed Mr D Murphy (Chief Operations Officer) and Mr C Whelan (Head of Finance) who joined the meeting to update members on a number of items relating to this report. Following discussion Governing Body noted the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The University Financial Accounts 2021 were signed off in November 2022 following a protracted technical clarification on the PPP's with the DFHERIS and C&AG. 2) C&AG have commenced the University Financial Accounts for 2022. 3) The University finance reporting schedule is aligned to the HEA approvals/ requests for submission and internal reporting. Quarterly management accounts will be prepared in line with this schedule for quarters December, April and August and these reports will be presented to Governing Body at its nearest meeting date. 4) Work on completing the University Programmes and Budgets documents is ongoing and will be presented for approval to the Governing Meeting on 29th March 2023 for submission to the HEA by 31st March 2023. 5) As part of the Programmes and Budgets exercise quarterly management accounts up to YE 31st December 2022 will be completed and following a review by the FPC will be presented to the Governing Body on 29th March. This review will include an analysis of the University's working capital, scenario planning (e.g. student numbers and energy costs), resource model and income and expenditure for programmes. 6) Programme costings and programme models are continuously reviewed to ensure their viability. <p>Following discussion the Chair thanked Mr Murphy and Mr Whelan for their update.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p>
37.B.03	<p>STRATEGIC PLAN EXECUTIVE REPORT Governing Body noted the report on <i>Research in TU Dublin: Opportunities and Challenges</i> as part of the Strategic Plan Update and had been circulated to members. The Chair welcomed Dr Brendan Jennings, (<i>Vice President, Research and Innovation</i>), who joined the meeting to brief members on this report. Following discussion Governing Body noted the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The decrease of female PI's in 2022 reflects a number awards in discipline areas such as STEM which have fewer female PI's. Overall the gender representation within the research community is very positive in comparison to other TU's. 2) Through OD an individual has been appointed to the pre-award office to focus on European funding which is predominately Horizon Europe. 3) It takes a long time to develop the expertise in-house on how to network successfully across Europe, become a member of the right consortia and how to lead bids. The University has recently appointed an experienced bid co-ordinator to support the research community in these areas. 4) Career progression for research staff within TU sector is not on an equal footing with their peers in other Universities which has created challenges and constraints in meeting the legislative requirements set down in the TU Act 2018. 5) The University and the TU sector have been advocating for a system change in relation to the research challenge through a number of platforms and groups over long period. 6) The University has put a number of in-house supports in place to assist the research community such as recruiting specialist support research staff, infrastructure investment and streamlining bureaucracy as much as possible. 7) University supports to increase the number of TU staff to complete a PhD. 8) The challenges associated with recruiting staff with a PhD at an assistant lecturer grade. Possible reduction in initial workload of new staff with PhD's to free up time to continue their research. 9) The effect of not having an associate professorship or full professorship scales to attract senior individuals with the necessary expertise to build specialist University research teams due to inequitable playing field. 10) TU Dublin Research Academy to develop support, linkages and engagement across the internal disciplines. 11) Impact of uncompetitive stipend on research students nationally. <p>Following discussion the Chair thanked Dr Jennings for his briefing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p>


Section C – Items For Approval		
37.C.01	<p>TU DUBLIN DRAFT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS POLICY Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet ‘TU Dublin Draft Collaboration Research with External Partners Policy (9th February 2023)’; and the draft policy contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. Governing Body also noted consultation has taken place with the social partners and that this item has been reviewed, considered and recommended by ARC on 8th February 2023 for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body approved the draft TU Dublin Collaboration Research with External Partners Policy</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>APPROVED Proposed: E Maher Seconded: B Jordan</p>
37.C.02	<p>TU DUBLIN/HEA OVERSIGHT AGREEMENT 2023 Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet ‘TU Dublin/HEA Oversight Agreement 2023 (9th February 2023)’; and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. This item had been reviewed, considered and recommended by ARC on 8th February 2023 for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body noted the following text agreed by the five Technological Universities would be included in the cover note to accompany the TU Dublin/HEA Oversight Agreement 2023 to the HEA:</p> <p><i>“Please see attached the Oversight Agreement signed by the TU Dublin Governing Body Chair and President. We would like to note the attached Oversight Agreement includes reference to ‘The Higher Education Systems Performance Framework’ which is yet to be finalised by the HEA and shared with the University. There is also reference to the University’s ‘adherence to the Departures Framework’, a framework which we understand was introduced under the Universities Act 1997 and does not apply to TU Dublin.”</i></p> <p>Governing Body approved TU Dublin enter into and signature of TU Dublin/HEA Oversight Agreement 2023.</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>APPROVED Proposed: V Bistany Seconded: M Ryan</p>
37.C.03	<p>TU DUBLIN DRAFT EXTERNAL WORK, RESEARCH, ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTANCY POLICY Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet ‘TU Dublin Draft External Work, Research, Engagement and Consultancy Policy (9th February 2023)’; and the draft policy contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. This policy unifies three internal procedures to create one University process. Governing Body also noted consultation has taken place with the social partners and that this item has been reviewed, considered and recommended by ARC on 8th February 2023 for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body approved the draft TU Dublin External Work, Research Engagement and Consultancy Policy.</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>APPROVED Proposed: A O’Toole Seconded: L Kavanagh</p>
37.C.04	<p>PROCUREMENT CONTRACT – TU DUBLIN UNIFIED VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (VLE) Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet ‘Procurement Contract - TU Dublin Unitary Virtual Learning Environment – VLE (15th February 2023)’; and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. This item had been reviewed, considered and recommended by the FPC on 15th February 2023 for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body noted that a technical clarification query raised by a member would be responded to by the TU Dublin project team managing this project.</p> <p>Governing Body approved TU Dublin enter into a contract (via the HEAnet framework) with D2L to deliver one VLE (Brightspace) across the University. Governing Body approved the 5-year spend for Brightspace over the period commencing September 2024 as outlined in the supporting documentation.</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>APPROVED Proposed: E Maher Seconded: L Kavanagh</p>

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Section C – Items For Approval		
37.C.05	<p>TU DUBLIN DRAFT SAFETY STATEMENT Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet ‘<i>Draft University Safety Statement (10th January 2023)</i>’, and the draft University Safety Statement contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. Governing Body noted that this Statement replaces the initial TU Dublin Safety Statement 2019 and is recommended by the UET. This Statement had been reviewed, considered and recommended by FPC on 10th January 2023 for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body noted that it is the responsibility of the Governing to ensure there is a Safety Statement in place and the responsibility of the Executive to manage the health and safety within the University. Governing Body acknowledged the work and extensive consultation that had taken place in order to put produce this Statement.</p> <p>Governing Body agreed that it would be useful to incorporate a quarterly review of the implementation of health and safety in the President’s University Executive Report.</p> <p>Governing Body approved the draft University Safety Statement.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGREED PRESIDENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED Proposed: P Kelly Seconded: L Kavanagh</p>
37.C.06	<p>TU DUBLIN DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AGS) 2021/2022 Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet ‘<i>Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 (9th February 2023)</i>’, and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. This item had been reviewed, considered and recommended by ARC on 8th February 2023 for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body approved the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2021/22 for signature by the President and Chair for submission to the HEA by 28th February 2023 subject to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Circulation of completed AGS 2021/2022 to Governing Body members to include outstanding response to AGS Q4(ii), ‘<i>Details of the engagement and associated costs of external consultancy firms and investigators contracted to carry out investigations and enquiries on internal matters</i>’. 2) In future completed draft Annual Governance Statements for presentation to Governing Body. 	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED Proposed: E Maher Seconded: V Bistany</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRETARIAT UNIVERSITY SECRETARY</p>
37.C.07	<p>CHIEF RISK OFFICER (CRO) Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet ‘<i>Chief Risk Officer Role, (9th February 2023)</i>’, and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. This item had been reviewed, considered and recommended by ARC at its meetings on 2nd November 2022 and 8th February 2023 for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body noted the CRO role was currently assigned to COO on an interim basis. Governing Body noted this assignment had been necessary in order to implement a number of immediate functions relating to this position including Chairing the Risk Management Committee which manages the work connected to the University Risk Register and Appetite Statement, and the Risk Management Policy and Framework, and review and address issues raised by the Audit and Risk Committee.</p> <p>Governing Body approved the proposal to extend the assignment of the CRO role to the COO on an interim basis subject to review by the Audit and Risk Committee at the end of the second quarter of 2023 and further work undertaken by the IPA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED Proposed: A O’Toole Seconded: B Jordan</p>

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Section D – Items For Noting		
37.D.01	<p>TU DUBLIN PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ANNUAL REPORT 2022 Governing Body noted that the Protected Disclosure (Amendment) Act 2022 had come into effect from 1st January 2023. This had set a new reporting deadline of 1st March for an expanded Protected Disclosures Report to be provided to the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform. It also requires bodies to publish a Report on the respective aegis body websites by 31st March (the previous deadline being 30th June). The Governing Body noted the report to be published relates to Protected Disclosures for the preceding year 2021.</p> <p>Governing Body noted the Cover Sheet '<i>Protected Disclosure Report 2022, (14th February 2023)</i>', and the Protected Disclosure Report for the calendar year 2022 contained in the accompanying Appendix as recommended by the Executive and circulated to Governing Body members.</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p>
37.D.02	<p>TU DUBLIN CINNTE REVIEW INSTITUTIONAL ACTION PLAN Governing Body noted the Cover Sheet '<i>TU Dublin CINNTE Review Institutional Actions Plan, (9th December 2022)</i>', and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>
37.D.03	<p>UPDATE – OD PROCUREMENT Governing Body noted a draft Internal Audit Report '<i>Review of Procurement and Contracting Arrangement for Organisation Design Consultancy Services</i>' circulated at the meeting. Governing Body noted that this document is a draft report, confidential and issued to a limited circulation for discussion only. Governing Body noted that the purpose of the review was to undertake a desktop review of the procurement and contracting processes undertaken to appoint a contractor to support TU Dublin in its Organisation Design (OD) transformation.</p> <p>Following discussion Governing Body noted the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice (VEAT), had been published in relation to this contract with the standstill period for this notice completed by 5.00pm on 22nd February 2023. This process will ensure the University is fully compliant with the OGP procurement process. This contract concluded in December 2022. 2. The Executive will formally respond to this draft report on receipt of same and therefore some details may change between this draft and the final report. The Executive are to include proposals on project management and internal controls in their response. 3. The procurement office have implemented new processes and systems to monitor and signal when a contract expenditure has reached 80% of its approved procurement figure. 4. The next phase of this OD review will be determined by the Audit and Risk Committee based on the Executive response. 5. Governing Body noted the University Communications office were aware of this matter. 6. The secretariat will liaise with Governing Body members to view this a mutually convenient time and location. 	<p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p>
37.D.04	<p>INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW – GOVERNING BODY REPORTING Governing Body noted the Internal Audit Review '<i>Governing Body Reporting, (January 2023)</i>', and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated to members. The Chair noted that this was an iterative process and welcomed member's feedback on these templates.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>

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Section D – Items for Noting		
<p>37.D.05</p>	<p>ELECTRONIC APPROVAL REQUEST – EIGHT TU DUBLIN DRAFT POLICIES Governing Body noted electronic approval for eight TU Dublin Draft Policies (listed below) was received by 30th November 2022 as requested in the documentation circulated to members on 24th November 2022.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TU Dublin Draft Data Classification Policy 2. TU Dublin Draft Password Policy 3. TU Dublin Draft Remote Access Policy 4. TU Dublin Draft Third Party Access Policy 5. TU Dublin Draft Cloud Services Policy 6. TU Dublin Draft University Risk Management Policy & Framework 7. TU Dublin Draft Visiting Scholars, Adjunct Staff and Emerita/Emeritus Fellows Policy 8. TU Dublin Draft Supporting Staff with Disabilities Policy 	<p>NOTED</p>
<p>37.D.06</p>	<p>ELECTRONIC APPROVAL REQUEST – ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT Governing Body noted electronic approval was received by 9th December 2022 as requested in the documentation circulated to members on 5th December 2022.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>
<p>37.D.07</p>	<p>ELECTRONIC APPROVAL REQUEST – TU DUBLIN ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL 2023 Governing Body noted electronic approval was received by 19th December 2022 as requested in the documentation circulated to members on 15th December 2022.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>
<p>37.D.08</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY SEAL REGISTER REPORT Governing Body noted the University Seal Register Report from the University Legal Counsel (3rd February 2023), confirming documents to which the seal of TU Dublin had been applied during the period 4th November 2022 to 3rd February 2023.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>
Section E – Chair and Committee Reports		
<p>37.E.01</p>	<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EDI COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet Request ‘<i>Proposed Changes to EDIC Terms of Reference (8th February 2023,</i>’ and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated members. This item had been reviewed, considered and recommended by EDIC on 8th February for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body approved the EDIC request to reduce the membership of its Committee in line with the reduction in Governing Body membership under the <i>Higher Education Authority Act 2022</i> and to allow for the President to nominate a substitute if unable to attend meetings.</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>APPROVED Proposed: M Carr Seconded: B Jordan</p>
<p>37.E.02</p>	<p>PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TERM OF OFFICE FOR ARC EXTERNAL (INDEPENDENT) MEMBER Governing Body noted the Approval Cover Sheet Request, ‘<i>Renewal of Term of Office for Governing Body Audit and Risk Committee Member – Ms Mirenda O’Donovan – External Independent Member (6th February 2022)</i>’, and the supporting documentation contained in the accompanying Appendix as circulated members. This item had been reviewed, considered and recommended by the ARC Chair for Governing Body approval.</p> <p>Governing Body approved the renewal of Ms Mirenda O’Donovan’s (External Independent Member of ARC) first term of office up to February 2026, in accordance with Section 3(i) of the Governing Body Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>APPROVED Proposed: M Carr Seconded: B Jordan</p>
<p>37.E.03</p>	<p>COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT Governing Body noted the FPC Annual Report 2020-2022.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>

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Section E – Chair and Committee Reports		
37.E.04	<p>COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS Governing Body noted the AC Report for Meeting (19) on 7th December 2022 as circulated to members. The AC Chair informed members that Academic Council held its first meeting with its new membership on 21st February 2023.</p>	NOTED
37.E.05	<p>Governing Body noted the ARC Report for Meeting (29) on 8th February 2023 as circulated to members. The ARC Chair informed members that two Protected Disclosures were both closed.</p>	NOTED
37.E.06	<p>Governing Body noted the FPC Report for Meeting (17) on 10th January 2023 as circulated to members. The FPC Chair informed members that a presentation to the FPC from the GDA introduced a new concept of a “property exchange transaction” model. This model introduces the concept of a different procurement model to achieve the construction of the West Quad and sale of Aungier St as an integrated transaction. This model would result in GDA/TU Dublin contracting with one entity for the sale of Aungier St and the construction of the West Quad with the University not requiring to source an interim accommodation solution.</p> <p>Governing Body noted a presentation on this proposed model for activating the sale of Aungier St and the construction of the West Quad would be brought to a future Governing Body meeting.</p>	NOTED
	<p>COMMITTEE MINUTES</p>	SECRETARIAT
37.E.07	<p>Governing Body noted the following approved Committee Minutes as circulated to members.</p>	
37.E.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Minutes – Meeting (18) held on 4th October 2022. 	NOTED
37.E.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FPC Minutes – Meeting (15) held on 9th November 2022. • FPC Minutes – Meeting (16) held on 13th December 2022. 	NOTED
Section F – Standard Items		
	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS The following was noted under this item.</p>	
37.F.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mazars External Governing Body Review Update – February/May Governing Body noted that an External Governing Body Review would be conducted by Mazars commencing in February and scheduled for completion in May 2023. 	NOTED
37.F.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Internal Governing Body Review 2023 – November 2023 Governing Body noted that the annual Internal Governing Body Effectiveness Review would take place in November 2023. 	NOTED
37.F.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCED Report Governing Body noted the OECD study commissioned by the Technological Higher Education Association (THEA) Council to examine the best representative model for Technological Universities (TU) and Institutions covered by the TU Act 2018 within the higher education landscape is ongoing. Governing Body would be notified as soon as it is published. Governing Body noted that the Presidents and Chairs of the five TU's continue to meet to discuss TU matters. 	NOTED

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Section F – Standard Items		
	<p>GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS The following was noted under this item.</p> <p>37.F.04 Schedule of Governing Body Meetings 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair informed members that an additional Governing Body meeting will be held to consider, review and approve the Financial Statements. This would be a single item agenda meeting only with the date to be confirmed with the COO's office. • Members agreed that the current timeslot for Governing Body meetings (08.00-11.00) will move to 10.00-13.00 with meetings followed by lunch (13.00-14.00). This change will come into operation at the next meeting scheduled on Wednesday 29th March 2023. • Governing Body note a Strategy Day would be held in the final quarter of 2023 with the date to be agreed by members. <p>37.F.05 Next Governing Body Meeting Members noted that the next Governing Body meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 29th March 2023, between 10.00-13.00 and followed by a light lunch. This meeting will be held on the Grangegorman Campus.</p> <p>The Chair thanked members for their attendance and participation.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <p>SIGNED _____ DATE: 29th March 2023. Charles Larkin, Chair.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGREED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTED</p>