

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting – March 2, 2016

Present: Kieron Connolly, Jane Dillon Byrne, Annie Doona, Tim Jackson, Neil Kavanagh, Derek Larkin, Maeve McConnon, Sorcha Nic Cormaic, Díóg O’Connell, Eleanor Roche, Clíodhna Shaffrey, Cormac Shaw, Tom Taylor

Apologies: Barry Dignam, Pat Hand, Jade Hogan, Teresa McGrane,

In Attendance: Bernard Mullarkey, Elizabeth Stunell

The chairperson welcomed all to the last scheduled meeting for the current Governing Body.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

Proposed: Díóg O’Connell

Seconded: Jane Dillon Byrne

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of February 10th 2016 (including Internal Publication)

The Minutes of the Meeting of February 10th 2016 were approved (including approval for internal publication).

Proposed: Tim Jackson

Seconded: Derek Larkin

3. Matters Arising

- **Boundary Issue** – in response to a query raised in relation to costs associated with resolving the boundary issue with one of IADT’s neighbours, the costs to date are in excess of €80K, with a final invoice for legal fees yet to be received.
- **Governing body Membership** – it was noted that following the General Election, one of the ordinary members appointed to IADT’s Governing Body due to take office on April 1st, has become ineligible due to his election to Dáil Eireann. A replacement member will be requested from the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board.
- **Award of IADT Honorary Fellow** – a number of nominations have been received for the Award of IADT Honorary Fellow – these will be considered and a proposal presented to the next meeting of the Governing Body.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Technical Approvals

5.1 Bank Accounts

None.

5.2 Property Rentals

The Governing Body approved the following Media Cube Licences:

- J. Green Consulting
- Your Smile Direct

Proposed: Sorcha Nic Cormaic

Seconded: Tom Taylor

5.3 HR Appointments

1. Completed Interview Board Recommendations

The President has received the following recommendations. Subject to the satisfactory completion of the verification processes the President is prepared to recommend the appointment from the panel of the nominated candidate with effect from the date of their taking up duty in the particular post. Such sanction to appoint is conditional on the President being satisfied, following review, that the necessary funding arrangements and compliance with Employment Control Ceilings are in place to support appointments on a case by case basis.

a) Permanent Posts:

24/15 Head of Creative Engagement

25/15 Student Experience Manager

01/16 Pension Officer (Acting) (GV)

b) 5 year Fixed Term by Ref No. Fixed Term

23/15 Marketing Manager

2. Updates:

02/16 HR Assistant (GIV)

Short Listing for this post is in progress

Post of Registrar

We will be advertising the post of Registrar over the coming weeks

Proposed: Derek Larkin

Seconded: Clodhna Shaffrey

6. Governing Body Committees and Academic Council

6.1 Minutes of the Audit Sub-Committee of Governing Body Meeting – 9th December 2015

The Minutes of the Audit Sub-Committee of Governing Body Meeting of 9th December 2015 were noted by the Governing Body. An update regarding matters considered by the Audit Sub-Committee during this time was given by members of the Audit Sub-Committee. In addition an update regarding the Audit Sub-Committee meeting held on February 24th – the last meeting of the current Audit Sub-Committee – was given. As no members of the current Audit Sub-Committee will be returning to the Governing Body taking office on April 1st next, the Minutes of the February 24th 2016 meeting will be circulated to members of the Audit Sub-Committee for approval prior to the end of their term of office. Members of the Governing Body thanked Cormac Shaw for his work as Chairman of the Audit Sub-committee and members/former members of the Audit Sub-Committee for their work on behalf of the Governing Body.

7. Governing Body Resolutions

7.1 The Governing Body Resolves to reverse the decision (14/2013) made on 4th December 2013 to authorise the President to enter into an agreement for the installation of a telecommunications mast on the roof of the Atrium Building on the IADT Campus (3/2016)

In the light of significant publicity, some of which is adverse to the Institute, regarding the proposal by Vodafone to erect a telecommunications mast on the roof of the Atrium Building, the Governing Body considered it appropriate to offer members the opportunity to discuss the matter further and to consider if they wish to reverse the decision taken on December 4th 2013 in relation to the mast. A copy of the legal advice received from IADT's solicitors was circulated to members for use during the meeting. A number of inaccurate statements being made by campaigners opposed to the mast were addressed by the President. The President noted that support for the installation of the mast has also been expressed on social media as well as opposition to it. In speaking to staff, the President noted an approximate 50:50 support for and against the installation of the mast. It was also noted that the appeal against the granting of planning permission by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is now a matter for consideration by An Bord Pleanála with a decision due by the end of the summer. In addition it was noted that the term of office for the current Governing Body expires on March 31st. The legal implications of a reversal of the December 2013 decision, legal requirements regarding the licensing of equipment and the absence of definitive evidence of harm in relation to mast emissions were again outlined to the Governing Body.

Following a lengthy discussion and expressions of differing views both for and against the Resolution as proposed. It was suggested that a resolution to rescind the decision of December 2013 should be deferred to the new Governing Body pending the outcome of the appeal to An Bord Pleanála, and an amendment to the Governing Body Resolution was proposed to and accepted by the Governing Body as follows:

The Governing Body resolves that a decision whether to reverse the decision (14/2013) made on 4th December 2013 to authorise the President to enter into an agreement for the installation of a telecommunications mast on the roof of the Atrium Building on the IADT Campus (Resolution 3/2016) be deferred to after the outcome of the Appeal to An Bord Pleanála (5/2016).

A vote on Resolution 5/2016 was taken – the outcome was as follows:

In Favour of the Resolution	8
Against the Resolution	5

Resolution 5/2016 was adopted by the Governing Body by way of majority decision.

Resolution 3/2016 was deferred to a future meeting of the Governing Body pending the outcome of the appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

The Chairperson thanked all members of the Governing Body for their contributions on his matter.

(Jane Dillon Byrne left the meeting at the conclusion of Item 7.1 – 10.40 am)

7.2 The Governing Body Approves the Regulations for the Election of Student Representatives to the Governing Body (4/2016)

Resolution 4/2016 was adopted by the Governing Body.

Proposed:	Niall Kavanagh
Seconded:	Chairperson

8. President's Briefing

A short written briefing regarding a number of events and staff/student achievements was circulated to the Governing Body.

- **Budget Meeting with the HEA** – IADT's annual Budget meeting with the HEA will take place in early May. The formal 2016 budget proposal will be presented to the Governing Body prior to this meeting.
- **1916 Commemorative Events** – a number of 1916 commemorative events are in planning at present – information on these will be available shortly on the IADT Website. In addition a flyer regarding the events is being produced and will be circulated to the Governing Body.
- **NCAD** – it was noted that Bernard Hanratty has been appointed as Interim Director of NCAD. The Governing Body wished him well in his new role.
- **Conferences & Opinion Pieces** – the President noted that she has accepted invitations to speak at a number of upcoming film and educational conferences, and in addition, has written an opinion piece for national press.
- **Award of IADT Honorary Fellow** – a number of nominations for the Award of IADT Honorary Fellow have been received. A proposal regarding possible awards of IADT Honorary Fellow will be presented to a future meeting of the Governing Body.
- **Student Union Elections** – the Student Union is currently holding elections for the Student Union Officers for 2016/2017.
- **New Frontiers** – the proposal for continued funding for the New Frontiers Programme has been successful and funding is now in place for the next 5 years.
- **Campus Development Plan** – the Executive is currently considering a number of possible projects in relation to campus developments. The Governing Body will be kept informed of any planned developments.

9. IADT: Financial Update

Circulation of the Management Report for January 2016 was noted by the Governing Body. The Secretary/Financial Controller noted that the process to prepare the budget allocations for each Functional Area is underway and a proposed budget allocation will be presented to the Executive by the President and the Secretary / Financial Controller shortly. This will in turn be presented to the Governing Body for approval. IADT is also currently preparing the Programmes and Budgets submissions for 2016 which will be presented to the HEA in the coming weeks. The need to continue to grow self-generated income and to increase student numbers in order to maintain IADT's budget share within the sector were again highlighted, as was the need to find creative ways to achieve this within current resources and infrastructure.

10. Presentation: Research, Innovation, Development and FÍS Projects Update
The Chairperson welcomed Dominic Mullan – Innovation, Commercialisation and Development Manager, Dr Mark Riordan – Head of Department of Strategic and Postgraduate development and Linda O'Sullivan – FÍS Creative Director – to the meeting. A presentation regarding Research, Innovation, Development and FÍS Projects was given by Dominic Mullan, Dr Mark Riordan and Linda O'Sullivan.

At the end of the meeting the Chairperson thanked members of the Governing Body for their work on behalf of IADT over their term of office and wished all well for the future. The President and the Secretary/Financial Controller echoed these sentiments, and thanked the Governing Body for their support.

Signed: _____
Eleanor Roche
Deputy Chairperson

Date: _____