

## Minutes of Nominations Committee meeting

**Date:** Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
**Time:** 2.30pm, Via Microsoft Teams

**Chair:** Professor Patrick Prendergast

**Attendees:** Professor Veronica Campbell  
 Mr Kevin Lewis  
 Ms Ruth Beadle

### In attendance under the Code of Governance:

Ms Elaine Sheridan, Vice President for Corporate Affairs & Finance  
 Mr Cormac O’Toole, Vice President for Corporate Affairs

### In attendance under Item 2.a

Ms Susan Green, Corporate Risk, Compliance & Internal Audit Co-Ordinator

**Secretariat:** Mary Clare Coogan

Item Title	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Chair’s Welcome:</u></b></p> <p><b>a.</b> <u>Chair’s opening notes</u>            NOTED The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Confirming the meeting was quorate, he commenced the business of the meeting.</p> <p><b>b.</b> <u>Approval of minutes: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023</u>            AGREED To approve the minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and upload to the website.</p> <p><b>c.</b> <u>Matters arising</u>            NOTED There were no matters arising.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Committee matters:</u></b></p> <p><b>a.</b> <u>Renomination of existing members to the Governing Body</u>            NOTED Ms Green was welcomed to the meeting and she outlined the actions required to complete the process of ensuring that the Governing Body membership is compliant with the TU Act as amended by the HEA Act 2022. These actions were laid out in Appendix 1 of the papers that were circulated to members. The committee were reminded that steps 1 to 10 are now complete and the purpose of this meeting was to progress with the next steps which was for the Nominations Committee to make the recommendation to the Governing Body to reappoint all members to the Governing Body to the end of their existing term. Ms Green advised that the Minister had approved the Transition Regulations 2023 and confirmed his three nominees namely Professor Patrick Prendergast, Mr Jim Bergin and Ms Ruth Beadle. However, in order to ensure that there was no conflict or perceived conflict of interest when it came considering the nominations of the</p>

Minister or the appointment of external members as appropriate, the members in attendance stepped out of the meeting at the appropriate time.

NOTED The Nominations Committee recommend the reappointment of the Minister's nominees to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Professor Prendergast left the meeting at this point.

NOTED The Nominations Committee recommend the reappointment of Professor Patrick Prendergast as Chairperson of the Governing Body to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Professor Prendergast was readmitted to the meeting at this point, and Mr Lewis left the meeting.

NOTED The Nominations Committee recommend the appointment of Mr Kevin Lewis as an external member of the Governing Body to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Mr Lewis was readmitted to the meeting at this point, and Ms Beadle left the meeting.

NOTED The Nominations Committee recommend the appointment of Ms Ruth Beadle as an external member of the Governing Body to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Ms Beadle was readmitted to the meeting.

NOTED The Nominations Committee recommend the reappointment of the following persons as external members of the Governing Body to the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

- Dr David Dempsey
- Ms Louise Grubb
- Professor Marie-Christine Ho Ba Tho
- Ms Pauline Oakes

Proposed by Professor P. Prendergast, seconded by Ms R. Beadle.

NOTED The Nominations Committee recommend the reappointment of the following persons as internal members of the Governing Body:

- Mr Claus Derenda to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024
- Dr Kathleen Moore Walsh to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024
- Mr Richard Lacey to the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Ms Sarah Clarke to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024
- Mr Ray Ryan to the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Proposed by Professor P. Prendergast, seconded by Mr K. Lewis.

NOTED The Nominations Committee recommend the appointment of the following persons as student members of the Governing Body, as nominated by the Students Union, for a term of one year:

- Mr Mark Dunne
- Ms Adele Mahon
- Ms Milena Lescova

Proposed by Professor P. Prendergast, seconded by Mr L. Lewis.

- b.** A query was raised as to whether the above included a postgraduate student. The VP for Corporate Affairs confirmed that this was not the case, and he advised that the requirement that one of the student nominees must include a postgraduate student was removed from the HEA Act and it was at the discretion of the Students Union who they nominate.

AGREED To make recommendations to the Students Union that the Nominations Committee would like to see reasonable campus distribution and representation across the range of courses including postgraduate among those nominated in the future.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Green for assistance with the process and she left the meeting.

Consideration of additional external member nomination

NOTED The Chairperson noted there was a remaining vacancy on the Governing Body and that he wished to put forward Ms Eileen Curtis, Chief Executive of Kilkenny and Carlow Education & Training Board for consideration by the committee, whose CV had been circulated.

AGREED The Nominations Committee recommend the appointment of Ms Eileen Curtis as a new external member of the Governing Body for a period of four years from the date of the next Governing Body.  
Proposed by Ms R. Beadle, seconded by Mr K. Lewis.