



NEWSLETTER November 2022

## **Official Launch of South East Technological University**

"The creation of South East Technological University, our new university in the south east of Ireland, has the potential to be the single-most transformative initiative in the region in several generations. SETU will put knowledge creation and learning at the heart of the region which will facilitate regional development - economically, socially and culturally." Prof Veronica Campbell, SETU President





"Today we proudly announce to the world that our new University is here and we are ready to take on the challenges of building a university that will deliver for the south east through cutting-edge educational programmes, advanced research and societal engagement." Prof Patrick Prendergast, SETU Governing Body Chair









"SETU is a university for the region but it can have a national and global reach. The vision has become a reality." Simon Harris TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

A recording of the official launch of South East Technological University is now available at www.setu.ie/launch and on SETU's YouTube channel.





# Updates from across the SETU programme

### **Corporate Affairs**

- The process of electing staff members to SETU Governing Body in line with the Technological Universities Act 2018 is nearing completion.
- Replacement of external signage continues across all campuses.
- All approved SETU policies can be found here <u>Statements and Policies – SETU</u>
- The first edition of joint Estates Office newsletter issued to all staff entitled 'Environment Matters'.

## **Identity and Branding**

- Legacy social media accounts have now been deactivated. Please follow
  @SETUIreland social channels and use the hashtags #InspiringFutures and #SETU.
- Work has commenced on labelling and cobranding guidelines.
- Trademarking of the SETU logo has been registered with the IPOI and is under review.
- UX design phase for the new SETU website is now completed.
- Development of new SETU branded collateral for units, functions and faculties is ongoing.

#### Academic and Student

 The first SETU conferring sessions will take place in Waterford, Carlow and Wexford during November, with further conferring sessions scheduled for January.

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- The university's new academic integrity training and support programmes, for staff and students, were launched in September, representing a unified and consistent approach to supporting and upholding academic integrity. Academic Integrity week took place on the 17-21 October.
- The initial phase of consultation with staff with regards the implementation of a unified VLE/LMS has taken place, with a similar student consultation phase due to commence later this month.
- A number of SETU student-related policies are undergoing various internal reviews in advance of Governing Body approval being sought for them.



Lifelong Learning integration meeting in Kilkenny







### **Programme Management Office**

- The PMO Change Network hosted two sessions, the first focusing on High Impact Projects in HR, Estates, TTO and IP, the academic integrity programme and progress on the new SETU website, and the second special meeting on the SETU Strategic Plan. If you would like to participate in the Change Network, please email pmo@setu.ie.
- Strategic Plan workshops continue across all campuses and SETU staff are invited to contribute by sharing insights and reflections <u>here</u>.
- The HEA have approved TUTF funding support for year 3 of the SETU project.
- The PMO are keen to support cross-campus in person meetings of SETU teams and communities of practice. Please email pmo@setu.ie with your suggestions.

#### **Research, Innovation and International**

- A singular set of SETU Graduate Studies Regulations have now been approved at Academic Council and a working group has begun work on the implementation of these. There will be information and training sessions tailored to students, supervisors and staff held in the coming weeks.
- The Graduate Studies Office begun their timetable of cross-campus hybrid events with a skills workshop based on the production of abstracts on Tuesday 18 October and an alumni career talk on the Thursday 20 October. Further events in this series are due in November and we would ask supervisors to encourage their students to attend.
- A Research Integration Lead will join the team on the 1 November 2022.

#### Lifelong Learning

 The teams from SETU Lifelong Learning campuses across part-time, flexible learning and Extended Campus came together on 7 October 2022 to work on the integration of Lifelong Learning. The meet and greet was an opportunity for staff from across campuses to get to know one another and to share their thoughts on the integration project. This event marked what will be the first of many outings for the combined SETU Lifelong Learning staff as they work to meet the needs of the university's parttime and flexible students.

For more information on the above or to share any ideas or concerns, please contact the SETU Programme Management Office at pmo@setu.ie