

## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Governing Body meeting

**Date:** Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022  
**Time:** 4.00pm, via MS Teams  
**Chair:** Professor Patrick Prendergast  
**Attendees:** Mr. Jim Bergin  
 Ms. Ruth Beadle  
 Mr. Kevin Lewis

**In attendance:** Ms. Elaine Sheridan  
 Mr. Cormac O'Toole  
 Professor Veronica Campbell

Item Title	
1.	<p><b><u>Chairs Welcome &amp; Opening Statement</u></b></p> <p><i>a.</i> The Chair opened the first meeting of Governing Body of SETU and welcomed the members Mr. Jim Bergin, Ms. Ruth Beadle and Mr. Kevin Lewis to the meeting on this historic day May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, when the first university of the South East has been established. He acknowledged the attendance of Mr. Cormac O'Toole and Ms. Elaine Sheridan as joint Secretary to the Governing Body and outlined that he expected Prof. Campbell will join the meeting later.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b> It was confirmed by members that they did not have any particular conflicts of interests or conflicts of loyalty to report.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b> Prof. Prendergast acknowledged with heartfelt thanks and appreciation all of those whose efforts have brought us to this day including the former Presidents of ITC and WIT, Dr. Patricia Mulcahy and Prof. Willie Donnelly, the outgoing Chairs Mr. John Moore and Mr. Jim Moore, the combined Senior Executive and Management teams, the Steering Group and Governing Bodies.</p> <p>He also acknowledged the overwhelming extent of ambition for SETU as the only university in the region. While he outlined that there was much work to conclude on corporate governance over the next number of meetings, he noted that the Governing Body will also concentrate on delivering a strategy for the university with the President.</p> <p>The board took the opportunity, on the invitation of the Chair, to introduce themselves to each other formally and outline their high-level ambitions for SETU.</p> <p><i>b.</i> <b><u>Approval of the Appointment of the first President of South East Technological University</u></b></p> <p><b>NOTED</b> The Chair outlined the unique legislative provision for the designation by the Minister and the appointment by the Governing Body of the first President. The terms and conditions of the appointment were also outlined.</p> <p>He outlined the recruitment process including the role of the oversight committee chaired by Prof. Jim Browne and interview panel chaired by Prof. Brian McCraith and noted thanks to both of them for their assistance in the process along with thanks to the interview panel members.</p>

He confirmed that Prof. Veronica Campbell was recommended by the interview panel and designated by the Minister and therefore before the board for formal appointment. He noted that Prof. Campbell's CV has been distributed to members for information purposes.

**AGREED** Mr. Jim Bergin proposed the appointment of Prof. Campbell; his proposal was seconded by Ms. Ruth Beadle and unanimously accepted by the Board. It is understood that Prof. Campbell will take up her position on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Introduction to 1<sup>st</sup> President of SETU**

Prof. Campbell joined the meeting. The members extended their congratulations to Prof. Campbell and wished her all the best for her new role. Prof. Campbell took some time with the members to discuss plans and ambitions for SETU outlining some of the key initial priorities including the development of the strategic plan and a clear concentration on Engagement, Research and Innovation and Teaching and Learning/Academic Planning.

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**NOTED** Prof. Prendergast drew the member's attention to a matter that will be dealt with at the next meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May which he has received correspondence about. He informed members that he would discuss the matter of staff and student representation in full at the next meeting.

There being no other business to conclude on this the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Governing Body of SETU Prof. Prendergast thanked all for making themselves available to attend and closed the meeting.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12 May 2022

**Professor Patrick Prendergast**