

Minutes of Nominations Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, 19th October 2022

Time: 3:30 pm, via Zoom

Chair: Professor Patrick Prendergast

Attendees: Ms Ruth Beadle

Professor Veronica Campbell (President)

In attendance by invitation of the Governing Body:

Ms Elaine Sheridan, Vice President for Corporate Affairs & Finance

Mr Cormac O'Toole, Vice President for Corporate Affairs

Apologies: Mr Kevin Lewis

Item Title

1. Chairs welcome:

a. Chairs opening welcome & notes

Professor Prendergast welcomed all to the meeting, confirming apologies had been received from Mr. Kevin Lewis and that the purpose of the meeting was to review the external applications received.

b. Approval of minutes: 29th July 2022

It was agreed to delay the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

2. Committee matters:

Review of External Applications to join the Governing Body

The Chairperson highlighted the high level of interest and quality of candidates that had applied to join the Governing Body. He further highlighted that consideration must now be given to the provisions of the HEA Bill which has been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas and is likely to be signed into law in the near future. Particular consideration, before making a final decision on Governing Body members, needs to be given to the requirement to ensure that the Governing Body should include persons who are competent in the Irish Language and that the membership of the Governing Body shall take account of the different locations of the campuses.

Following a detailed review and careful consideration of all the applications, guided by the legislation and the competency framework, it was decided to recommend, to the Governing Body, four candidates for appointment initially and to request the Chairperson and the President to consider the requirements of the HEA Bill as outlined above.

AGREED To recommend that Marie-Christine Ho Ba Tho (fulfilling the requirement to have an academic member from outside the state), David Dempsey, Louise Grubb, and Pauline Oakes are invited to join the Governing Body.

AGREED Chairperson and the President to consider inviting additional new applications to take account of the requirements of the HEA Bill.

3. <u>AOB</u>

It was confirmed that the staff elections are drawing to a close with the final elections to take place next week and thereafter a full report on all elections will be brought to the committee.

Signed: Date: 28 March 2023

Professor Patrick Prendergast