

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting – 29 April, 2025

- Present:** David Smith (President), Bernadette Costello, Dr Cormac Deane, Anne Ferris, Dr Gráinne Kirwan, Owen Laverty, Brian Mulligan, Peter O’Brien, Colm O’Callaghan, Eva Perez
- Apologies:** David Holohan (Chairperson), Ruth Barry, Turlough Conway, Dr Eimear Cotter, Siobhan Lynch, Prof Paul Moore
- Absent without Apology:** Lavender Jane Gartlan, Simone James, Diana Moldovean
- In Attendance:** Bernard Mullarkey, Michael Farrell, Sinead Keane, Elizabeth Stunell

This meeting took place via the MS Teams Platform – IADT Governing Body Group. Attendance for the meeting was monitored throughout the meeting by the Interim Secretary to the Governing Body, and the Recording Secretary to the Governing Body. The meeting commenced at 1.30 pm, and concluded at 1.38 pm. The meeting was chaired by Anne Ferris.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

Proposed: Dr G. Kirwan
Seconded: President

2. Conflicts of Interest

The Governing Body noted that the Regulations for the Appointment of an Academic Staff Member to the Governing Body, are for the membership constituency currently held by Dr Cormac Deane whose imminent leave arrangements have occasioned the filling of a vacancy on the Governing Body.

3. Governing Body Resolutions

3.1 The Governing Body Approves the Regulations for the Election of an Academic Staff Member to the Governing Body (3/2025)

The Governing Body noted that the Regulations for the Election of an Academic Staff Member to the Governing Body, are to fill a vacancy due to arise from 1st September in the ‘Male’ constituency. Dr Cormac Deane has notified the Institute of his intention to avail of a year’s leave from the Institute commencing 1st September 2025 giving rise to this vacancy.

In order to ensure that a period of vacancy in the membership of Governing Body does not arise, the necessary timelines to complete the election process prior to the end of the academic year has been set out within the Regulations.

The Interim Secretary noted a minor error in the subsection of the Acts noted within the Regulations and it was proposed that the Regulations be amended to specify that the Regulations are 'in compliance with the relevant sections of the IoT Act and HEA Act'. This amendment was adopted by the Governing Body:

Proposed: A. Ferris
Seconded: Dr C. Deane

With the adoption of this amendment, the Regulations for the Election of an Academic Staff Member – Male Constituency – were approved, and Resolution 3/2025 was adopted by the Governing Body.

Proposed: A. Ferris
Seconded: O. Laverty

4. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

- The adoption of Resolution 3/2025 will ensure that the full membership and gender balance of the Governing Body will be maintained in the context of the Academic Staff Membership of the Governing Body.

Signed: _____
David Holohan

Date: _____