
MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS, COMMENCING 18:15

PRESENT:

Prof M Ó Néill, Governing Body Temporary Chair
Ms M Breslin
Mr P Clancy (from 18:18)
Mrs D Creevy
Mrs S Fisher
Mrs M Gormley (from 18:30)
Dr K Kennedy (from 18:20)
Mrs J McKeever
Mrs S McMahan (from 18:18)
Mr L Murphy, Principal & Chief Executive
Mr B O'Neill
Mrs C Shongo
Mr F Smyth
Mr P Thompson
Ms V Toland

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr P McKeown, Finance Director
Dr C O'Mullan, Director of Curriculum & Academic Standards
Ms S Kelly, HR Manager
Ms G Moss, Head of Client Services
Mrs É Doherty, Secretary to the Governing Body

107.1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Governing Body Temporary Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending this Special Governing Body Meeting that was called at short notice. The Governing Body Chair added it was important to keep governors updated on specific sector items.
The meeting had full attendance.

107.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS/DECLARATIONS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no conflict of interest declarations. There were no declarations of any other business.

107.3 GOVERNING BODY CHAIR'S & PRINCIPAL & CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS – Prof M Ó Néill & Mr L Murphy**Report 1 DfE Accountability Meeting**

The Governing Body Chair reported that he had along with Mr Murphy, Mr McKeown and Dr O'Mullan attended the Accountability Meeting with the Department (DfE). It was a positive engagement with no concerns or actions raised.

Mrs J McKeever acknowledged the high standard of work of the Senior Leadership Team.

The Principal reported on the welcome news that Stormont had been restored.

The Principal and Governing Body Chair will be attending a two day workshop in relation to the FE Review in mid-February.

Report 2 Action Short of a Strike

The Principal referred to the correspondence he sent to lecturers on 22 January 2024. The concern for the Sector is the withholding of assessment and examination marks and the difficulties in managing this. The Principal reported that the Trade Unions met the Minister today. It is hoped to reach an agreed solution.

Ms V Toland, Staff Governor reported that she is representing all academic staff not just those staff in UCU. Staff are hopeful of a pay settlement. The Governing Body Chair thanked Ms Toland for her pivotal role as Staff Governor in this matter.

Dr C Ó Mullan reported that work is ongoing to mitigate the impacts of the strike days. Learning lost has been delivered. It is early days and the best outcome would be to reach an agreed solution with the Union.

107.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

107.5 RESERVED BUSINESS – taken separately

The Governing Body Chair brought the meeting to a close at 18:43. Reserved Business followed.

Date of next meeting: 9 April 2024

Signed: _____



Prof M Ó'Neil, Governing Body Temporary Chair

Date: 9 April 2024