

## MINUTES

Board/Committee	:	Governing Authority
Meeting	:	Meeting M25-3
Venue	:	MS Teams
Date	:	25 March 2025
Attendance	:	Ronan Cahill; Donal Donovan; Siofra Foley; Ann Marie Kennedy; Lucy Edith Kiiza; Shane Kilcommins; Brigid Laffan (Chair); Ann Ledwith; Edmond Magner; Aibhlín McCrann; Anne O'Connor; Sinéad O'Flanagan; Mark Southern; Bob Strunz
Apologies	:	June Arnold; Liam Carroll; Kevin Fleming
In Attendance	:	Grainne Frain; Ciara Hogan; John Field; John Kelly; Pat O'Neill.

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Congratulations

- 1.1.1 NOTED The Chancellor congratulated Ms Siofra Foley on her recent election as the incoming President of UL Student Life for 2025/26 academic year and that members look forward to continue working with her in the coming year.

#### 1.2 Condolences

- 1.2.1 AGREED That the condolences of the Governing Authority be conveyed to the family of Mr Oisín Gruddy, a first year studying for a Bachelor of Education in Graphics, Engineering and Technology who died recently.

### 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 NOTED The Chair requested members to declare if they had a conflict of interest arising in relation to any matters on the agenda. None were declared.

### 3. AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REPORT (ARC)

- 3.1 NOTED Document entitled "Audit & Risk Committee" dated 26 March 2025, previously circulated. Mr Pat O'Neill, Chair, ARC and CFPO briefed the Governing Authority on the matters addressed in the Report including:

- Letters of Support Subsidiaries 2024 – recommendation to Governing Authority;
- Letters of Representation 2024 – recommendation to Governing Authority;
- Annual Governance Statement Year Ended 30 September 2024 – recommendation to Governing Authority;
- Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended 30 September 2024 – recommendation to Governing Authority.

#### 3.2 Letters of Support for Subsidiaries 2024

- 3.2.1 AGREED To accept the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Committee and authorise the President/Accounting Officer to sign the Letters of Support 2024 attached as Appendix 3 to the Report.

### **3.3 Letters of Representation 2024**

- 3.3.1 AGREED To accept the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Committee and authorise the President to sign the Letters of Representation 2024 attached as Appendix 4 to the Report.

## **4. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

- 4.1 NOTED Documents circulated including the Annual Governance Statement for Year Ended 30 September 2024 and a memorandum from the Audit & Risk Committee setting out agreed minor changes.
- 4.2 AGREED To accept the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Committee and approve the Annual Governance Statement for Year Ended 30 September 2024 as presented and for forwarding to the HEA by 31 March 2025.

## **5. UL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

- 5.1 NOTED Documentation circulated including the University of Limerick (Consolidated) Statements for Year Ended 30 September 2024 and a memorandum from the Audit & Risk Committee setting out agreed minor changes.
- 5.2 AGREED To accept the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Committee and authorise the President and Chancellor to sign the University of Limerick Consolidated Financial Statements for Year Ended 30 September 2024 subject to some minor typographical amendments.
- 5.3 NOTED The Chancellor conveyed the Governing Authority's appreciation to the Audit & Risk Committee and the Finance Division for their extensive efforts in preparing two sets of financial statements in a short period of time. The Chair, ARC also acknowledged PwC's contributions to this process.

## **6. JOINT HONORARY DOCTORATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 6.1 NOTED Document entitled "Joint Honorary Doctorate Committee" dated March 2025. The Chair briefed members on the Report.
- 6.2 AGREED On the recommendation of the Governing Authority/Academic Council Joint Honorary Doctorate Committee to approve the award of University of Limerick Honorary Doctorates to:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

- 6.3 AGREED On the recommendation of the Governing Authority/Academic Council Joint Honorary Doctorate Committee to approve the award of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].