

University of Galway Údarás na hOllscoile
Summary of Ordinary Meeting 22nd October 2025

1. The Governing Authority **noted** a Conflict of Interest for item No. 7.
2. The Governing Authority **noted** the apologies for the meeting.
3. The Governing Authority **approved** the following minutes:
 - a. Minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2025
 - b. Minutes of the Special meeting of 6th August 2025
 - c. Minutes of the Special meeting of 15th September 2025
- 3.1 The Governing Authority **noted** the Action Log.
4. The Governing Authority **noted** the results of the Internal Effectiveness Review of Governing Authority and **approved** the proposed follow-up actions.
5. The Governing Authority **approved** the draft Governance Communications Framework
6. The Governing Authority **noted** the review of performance towards achieving Strategic Targets 2020-2025 and learnings for the current strategy. The Governing Authority **advised** the Director of Strategy Implementation of the need for a candid review of the last Strategic Plan 2020-2025 to evaluate performance towards the attainment of strategic goals set out in the plan.
7. The Governing Authority **approved** the proposed structure of the University Management Team (UMT).
- 7.2 The Governing Authority **approved** the reading of Statute CCCLXXXIV Deputy President and Registrar and **recommended** it for consideration at the next meeting of Academic Council.
- 7.3 The Governing Authority **approved** the reading of Statute CCCLXXXV Composition of University Management Team (UMT) and **recommended** it for consideration at the next meeting of Academic Council.
8. The Governing Authority **noted** the key points of the meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee on 30th September 2025 and **approved** the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee of 9th June and 14th July 2025.
- 8.1 The Governing Authority **noted** the update from the President on Audit Matters.

The Governing Authority **adopted** the recommendation to outsource the internal audit function to an external audit provider.
9. The Governing Authority **noted** the key points of the meeting of the Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Human Resources Committee on 02nd October 2025, and **approved** the minutes.

10. The Governing Authority **approved** the minutes of the meeting of 11th June and its recommendations and **noted** the key points and recommendations of minutes of 1st October 2025 Finance Resource Committee meeting.
- 10.1 The Governing Authority **noted** the update on the Student Digital Pathways Project (SDP).
11. The Governing Authority **noted** the key points of the meeting of the Standing, Strategic Planning and Governance Committee on 24th September 2025 and **approved** the minutes and the recommendations. The Office for Governance & Academic Affairs to organise a meeting of the Chairperson and sub-Committee Chairs of Governing Authority.
12. The Governing Authority **noted** the feedback from the HEA on Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024.
13. The Governing Authority **approved** the Governing Authority high-level workplan 2025-2026, noting the plan is subject to changes as they arise during the academic year.
14. The Governing Authority **noted** the report of Academic Council.
15. The Governing Authority **noted** dul chun cinn le Straitéis na Gaeilge.
16. The Governing Authority **noted** the report of the President and UMT. Governing Authority requested a report from the Head of Compliance on Health and Safety at University of Galway.
17. The Governing Authority **noted** the update on Student Matters.
18. The Governing Authority **adopted** the Audit and Risk Committee minutes of 9th June 2025.
- 18.1 The Governing Authority **adopted** the Audit and Risk Committee minutes of 14th July 2025.
- 18.2 The Governing Authority **adopted** the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Assurance Statement.
19. The Governing Authority **adopted** the Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Human Resources Committee minutes of 02nd October 2025.
- 19.1 The Governing Authority **adopted** the Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Human Resources Committee Annual Assurance Statement.
20. The Governing Authority **adopted** the Finance Resource Committee minutes of 01st October 2025.
- 20.1 The Governing Authority **adopted** the Finance Resource Committee Annual Assurance Statement.
21. The Governing Authority **adopted** the Standing, Strategic Planning and Governance Committee minutes of 24th September 2025.

21.1 The Governing Authority **adopted** the Standing, Strategic Planning and Governance Annual Assurance Statement.

21.2 The Governing Authority **noted** the Self-Evaluation Report of the Higher Education Authority Performance Agreement Year 1.

Appendix 1 The Governing Authority **approved** the Finance Resource Committee recommended Procurement Approvals