

University of Galway Údarás na hOllscoile
Summary of Ordinary Meeting 17th December 2025

1. The Governing Authority noted a Conflict of Interest for item No. 10.
2. The Governing Authority noted the apologies for the meeting.
3. The Governing Authority approved and noted the following minutes:
 - a. Minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2025 were approved.
 - b. Governing Authority noted an update on the Asterisk European Research Project.
- 3.1 The Governing Authority noted the Action Log.
- 3.2 The Governing Authority noted an update on Health & Safety.
4. The Governing Authority noted the update from College of Business, Public Policy and Law and Shannon College of Hotel Management: Vision 2030.
5. The Governing Authority approved the Strategic Risk Register and noted the update on the strategic plan initiatives.
 - 5.1 The Governing Authority approved the proposal from the President to proceed with advertising both the Deputy President & Registrar and Vice President for Research and Innovation roles in early January.
 - 5.2 The Governing Authority approved the second reading of Statute CCCLXXXIV Deputy President and Registrar and that the assessment boards and recruitment process will be considered at the next meeting of Standing, Strategic Planning and Governance Committee on behalf of Governing Authority.
 - 5.3 The Governing Authority approved the second reading of Statute CCCLXXXV Composition of University Management Team.
 - 5.4 The Governing Authority approved Regulation 2-2025: Vice President for Research and Innovation.
6. The Governing Authority noted the key points of the meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee on 4th December 2025 and approved the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee of 30th September and 17th November 2025.
 - 6.1 The Governing Authority noted the Audit and Risk Report 2025.
 - 6.2 The Governing Authority noted the update from the President on Audit matters.
7. The Governing Authority noted the key points of the meeting of the Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Human Resources Committee on 04th December 2025, and approved the minutes.

- 7.1 The Governing Authority noted the update on the Gender Pay Gap 2025.
8. The Governing Authority approved the minutes of the meeting of 1st October and its recommendations and noted the key points and recommendations of minutes of 8th December 2025 Finance Resource Committee meeting.
 - 8.1 The Governing Authority noted the update on the Student Digital Pathways Project (SDP).
 - 8.2 The Governing Authority noted the update on the FRC/CPC review of governance of the SDP Project.
9. The Governing Authority noted the key points of the meeting of the Standing, Strategic Planning and Governance Committee on 18th November 2025 and approved the minutes and the recommendations.
10. The Governing Authority noted the report of the Nominations Committee and approved the appointment of Ms Teresa O’Flynn as an external member to the Investment Committee.
11. The Governing Authority approved the Annual Review of the System of Internal Control.
12. The Governing Authority approved the signing of the HEA Oversight Agreement 2026.
13. The Governing Authority noted dul chun cinn le Straitéis na Gaeilge.
14. The Governing Authority noted the report of the President and UMT.
15. The Governing Authority noted the update on Student Matters.
16. The Governing Authority adopted the Audit and Risk Committee minutes of 30th September 2025.
 - 16.1 The Governing Authority adopted the Audit and Risk Committee minutes of 17th November 2025.
 - 16.2 The Governing Authority adopted the Chairs consolidated Annual Assurance Statement.
 - 16.3 The Governing adopted the Assurance Ecosystem.
17. The Governing Authority adopted the Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Human Resources Committee minutes of 04th December 2025.
18. The Governing Authority adopted the Finance Resource Committee minutes of 8th December 2025.
19. The Governing Authority adopted the Standing, Strategic Planning and Governance Committee minutes of 18th November 2025.
20. The Governing Authority adopted the Report of Academic Council.