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CUA Update



L-R: Paul Hannigan, President of LYIT, Dr Orla Flynn, President of GMIT, Dr Seán Duffy, CUA Executive Project Lead and Dr Brendan McCormack, President of IT Sligo [Photo: Mike Shaughnessy].

On 21 May 2021, the partner institutions that are merging to form the new TU, comprised of the Galway-Mayo, Sligo and Letterkenny Institutes of Technology submitted an application to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (FHERIS) under section 29 of the Technological Universities Act 2018 seeking an order to dissolve the three IoTs and to establish in their place a technological university to serve the entire West and North West region. Following advice from an international expert advisory panel and the Higher Education Authority (HEA), on 28 October 2021 the Minister approved the partner institutions' application. Following this approval, below is a collection of short updates to let you know what will be happening over the coming weeks and months. - *Dr Seán Duffy.*

TU Name and Designation Date



Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris, TD.

Later this week, we expect Minister Harris to announce that the name agreed by the CUA for the new Technological University will be the Atlantic Technological University (Ollscoil Teichneolaíochta an Atlantaigh). The name chosen by the CUA follows a comprehensive survey commissioned by the Institutes from external consultants of relevant internal and external stakeholders including most notably the students and staff of the three Institutes. This name has the full support of all three governing bodies. The name Atlantic Technological University reflects the deep connections to the region and our ability and ambition to impact on a national and international scale. This name expresses a sense of place, culture and heritage, incorporating aspiration, scale, geography and our commitment to innovation

and sustainability. It speaks to our unique perspective on an island in the Atlantic that makes waves on an international stage. It is proposed that the date on which the three Institutes will be formally dissolved and the Atlantic Technological University established in their place will be the 1 April 2022.

TU Branding



The CUA have engaged the services of branding consultants McCann Dublin to develop the overall branding for the new university. The CUA's Communication and Marketing sub-group will be working closely with McCann during the next two months in preparation for the launch of the Atlantic Technological University in April next year.

TU Governing Body



On November 16, 2021 the Department of FHERIS invited expressions of interest from suitably-qualified and experienced candidates, for consideration for nomination as Chairperson and Ordinary Members of the first Governing Body of the new Technological University for the west and northwest. An information booklet can be [found here](#). The closing date for applications is Friday 10th December @ 3pm.

TU President Appointment

The image shows the Mazars logo, which consists of the word "mazars" in a bold, blue, lowercase sans-serif font. The logo is centered against a light blue background with a bokeh effect of soft, out-of-focus light spots.

mazars

The Governing Bodies of the CUA have appointed a Presidential Search Committee (PSC) to oversee the selection and nomination of a candidate as President of the TU. The PSC have appointed Mazars as the external recruitment agency. Preparations are under way to start the recruitment process and it is planned to advertise for the position of TU President on Friday 26 November 2021.



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