

## Oifig an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna Office of the Minister for Education and Skills

Professor Tom Collins, Chair, Governing Bodies of ITT, DIT, ITB

17 July 2018

Re: TU4Dublin - Application for designation as a technological university

Dear Professor Collins,

I acknowledge receipt of the letter of 11 July 2018 on behalf of Dublin Institute of Technology, IT Blanchardstown and IT Tallaght, in which it is stated that the applicant institutes do not wish to make any representations in relation to my proposed decision on their application for the establishment of a technological university as communicated to you under Section 34(1) of the Technological Universities Act 2018.

In that context I am, therefore, pleased to notify you that my final decision is to grant the relevant applicant institutes' application for designation as a technological university.

In relation to the name of the new technological university, I note that following a comprehensive consultation process, the applicant institutes propose the name of Technological University Dublin.

As set out in Section 3 of the Technological Universities Act 2018, a draft resolution of the order appointing a day for the establishment of the technological university, and specifying the name thereof in both the English and Irish languages, must be laid before, and passed by, each House of the Oireachtas. This provision will be implemented at the earliest opportunity in the forthcoming legislative term and with a view to the establishment of the new technological university in early January 2019.

In relation to the matter of the appointment of a first president for the new technological university, the applicant institutes should now proceed to initiate a process by way of open competition for the identification of a proposed suitable candidate or candidates such that I may consider making a designation to the post in accordance with the provisions of Section 56 of the Technological Universities



Act 2018. My officials will be in further contact with you in relation to any matters of detail or clarification required in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Bruton T.D.,

Minister for Education and Skills