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Office of the Minister for Education and Skills

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

5 May 2018

Dear Professor Collins,

I have been requested by the Minister for Education and Skill, Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D. to acknowledge receipt on 27 April 2018 of the application made on behalf of the Dublin Institute of Technology, IT Blanchardstown and IT Tallaght under Section 29 of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (No. 3 of 2018).

In accordance with his functions under the 2018 Act, the Minister has sent a copy of the application to the Higher Education Authority and the Qualifications and Quality Assurance Authority of Ireland, in accordance with Section 31(1) of the 2018 Act, directing those bodies to nominate at least 3 persons having a special interest or expertise in, or knowledge of, matters relating to higher education, at least two of whom shall have expertise at an international level in standards and practices in higher education for appointment by the Minister to an advisory panel under Section 31(3) of the 2018 Act.

You will be notified in due course of the subsequent appointment of the advisory panel by the Minister under Section 31(3) of the 2018 Act.

Yours sincerely,


Derek Newcombe,
Private Secretary.



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Dr. Graham Love,
Chief Executive,
The Higher Education Authority,
3 Shelbourne Buildings,
Crampton Avenue,
Shelbourne Road,
Dublin 4.

3rd May 2018

Dear Dr. Love,

I have been requested by the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D. to attach a copy of an application received under Section 29 of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (No. 3 of 2018).

The Minister, hereby, directs the Higher Education Authority, in accordance with Section 31(1) of the 2018 Act, to nominate at least 3 persons having a special interest or expertise in, or knowledge of, matters relating to higher education, at least two of whom shall have expertise at an international level in standards and practices in higher education for appointment by the Minister to an advisory panel under Section 31(3) of the 2018 Act.

A similar direction has been made to the Qualifications and Quality Assurance Authority of Ireland.

The nominations should be furnished to the Minister at the Authority's earliest convenience but not later than within 60 days of this direction.

Subject to the receipt of nominations, further directions will issue in relation to the appointment of a panel by the Minister and the procedural requirements in relation to the application's assessment and related matters in accordance with Sections 31 – 33 of the 2018 Act.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Newcombe,
Private Secretary.



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Dr. Pádraig Walsh,
Chief Executive Officer,
Qualifications and Quality Assurance Authority of Ireland,
26/27 Denzille Lane,
Dublin 2.

3rd May 2018

Dear Dr. Walsh,

I have been requested by the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D. to attach a copy of an application received under Section 29 of the Technological Universities Act 2018 (No. 3 of 2018).

The Minister, hereby, directs the Qualifications and Quality Assurance Authority of Ireland, in accordance with Section 31(1) of the 2018 Act, to nominate at least 3 persons having a special interest or expertise in, or knowledge of, matters relating to higher education, at least two of whom shall have expertise at an international level in standards and practices in higher education for appointment by the Minister to an advisory panel under Section 31(3) of the 2018 Act.

A similar direction has been made to the Higher Education Authority.

The nominations should be furnished to the Minister at the Authority's earliest convenience but not later than within 60 days of this direction.

Subject to the receipt of nominations, further directions will issue in relation to the appointment of a panel by the Minister and the procedural requirements in relation to the application's assessment and related matters in accordance with Sections 31 – 33 of the 2018 Act.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Newcombe,
Private Secretary.