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Dearbhú Cáilochta agus Cállochtaí Éireann  
Quality and Qualifications Ireland

29 March 2019

Mr Joe McHugh, TD  
Minister for Education and Skills  
Department of Education and Skills  
Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

**RE: Nominations to Advisory Panel for Munster TU Consortium Applications for designation as a TU**

Dear Minister

I am writing in response to your request to nominate at least three persons with a special interest, expertise and/or knowledge of matters relating to higher education. All nominees have expertise at an international level in standards, practices and quality assurance in higher education and are suitable if required for appointment by you to an advisory panel under Section 31(3) of the 2018 Act.

The nominees in summary include:

**Jon Haakstad (Professor)**, Senior Adviser in the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT), where he was also Director of analysis and Director of audits and evaluations.

**Karl Dittrich (Dr)**, President of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).

**Mary Ellen Petrisko (Dr)**, Former President of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission in Alameda, California.

**Andrée Sursock (Dr)**, Former Senior Advisor at the EUA.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Padraig Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer

CC Derek Newcombe, Private Secretary