



Mr. Bob Savage,
Governing Body Chairperson,
Cork Institute of Technology

Mr. Lionel Alexander,
Governing Body Chairperson,
Institute of Technology Tralee

26 May 2020

Re: Munster Technology University (MTU) Consortium Application

Dear Chairpersons,

I acknowledge receipt of the letter of 26 May 2020 on behalf of Cork Institute of Technology and Institute of Technology Tralee, 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 35(4)(c) of the Technological Universities Act 2018.

In that context I am, therefore, pleased to notify you in accordance with Section 35(4)(e) of the 2018 Act that my final decision in accordance with Section 35(4)(d) of the 2018 Act is to grant the applicant institutes' application for designation as a technological university.

In terms of further requirements in this matter, 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 resolution 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 on 1 January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Joe McHugh T.D.
Minister for Education and Skills

Yours sincerely,

Mary Mitchell O'Connor
Minister of State for Higher Education