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Minister Simon Harris TD,
Minister for Further and Higher Education,
Research, Innovation and Science,
52 St Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2,
D02 DR67.

Dear Minister Harris,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd December and attachment.

We welcome your clarification of the items requiring further assessment. We can confirm that both Governing Bodies and the Joint Governing Body Steering Group have met in recent weeks. They have assessed the project plan presented by the Joint Executive and external experts. The Joint Governing Body Steering Group has agreed a reporting and oversight schedule from now until designation day.

The Joint Governing Body Steering Group and both Governing Bodies are happy that we are compliant with all six of the requirements outlined in the attached appendix to your letter. We also confirm that the Joint Governing Body Steering Group and the respective Governing Bodies have approved the involvement of the new TU Chairperson and the first Governing Body members on the steering group up to designation day.

While we welcome your confirmation in paragraph 3 of a short assessment period and intended designation day of May 1st, we feel that the timelines outlined in paragraph 6 are at odds with that. We are working on the basis therefore, that the assessment can be carried out before year end. This would allow consideration by the HEA board in January. This would allow a designation day of May 1st. To this end we can confirm that the Institutes waive the 30 day appeal period as offered under paragraph 35(5) of the Act. We accept your decision and wish to use this time period to complete the required assessment referred to in paragraph 3. The Presidents will convey this to the HEA under separate cover.

Yours sincerely,



Mr John Moore
Governing Body Chair
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Mr Jim Moore
Governing Body Chair
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