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Dr Alan Wall,
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RE: TUSEI Consortium, Technological University Application, April 2021

Dear Dr Wall,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th November 2021 in respect of the Technological University application by the TUSEI consortium.

As advised by you in your correspondence, we now confirm that the Minister issued correspondence to the Chairs of the Governing Bodies on the 3rd of December 2021 outlining the next steps to address any outstanding requirements in respect of the granting of an application under the 2018 Act.

We attach the response to the Minister from the Chairs of the Governing Bodies on the 7th of December 2021 for your information, drawing your attention to the waiving of the 30-day appeal period provided for under paragraph 35(5) of the Act. We request that the assessment be carried out to allow consideration by the HEA board at its January 2022 meeting. This is in keeping with our earlier discussions and understandings.

We note Dr Louise Callinan as the designated point of contact for the engagement with the HEA.

We remain fully committed to working with An tÚdarás to give the additional reassurances to the Minister to allow him designate the South East Technological University at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Institute of Technology Carlow

Prof Willie Donnelly

President

Waterford Institute of Technology

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Minister Simon Harris, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Mr Michael Horgan, Chair of the Higher Education Authority.

Mr John Moore, Chair, Governing Body, Institute of Technology Carlow

Mr Jim Moore, Chair, Governing Body, Waterford Institute of Technology

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