



## An Taoiseach visits SETU to discuss future plans for the University

Prof Veronica Campbell, President of South East Technological University and Prof Patrick Prendergast, Chair of the University's Governing Body met recently with An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to discuss future plans for the University.

SETU is currently finalising its Strategic Plan 'Connecting for Impact 2023-2028'. The ambitious strategy will set out SETU's growth and development plans for the coming five years with reference to its research, its teaching, and its partnerships with communities, enterprise, and myriad agencies and bodies within and outside the south east region.



The Plan is the result of very extensive consultation on the part of SETU both within the new university and with external partners. Consultation opened in October last year and continues until the middle of March.

SETU is expected to publish 'Connecting for Impact 2023-2028' to coincide with the first anniversary of the University's establishment in May.

## Cross-campus engagement: PMO team meet to review progress to date and agree next steps

The Programme Management Office held its first full in-person team meeting last week, hosted by ArCLabs Research and Innovation Centre on the West Campus in Carriganore.

The PMO are keen to support cross-campus engagements of teams and communities of practice across SETU functions and departments. Please email [pmo@setu.ie](mailto:pmo@setu.ie) for more information.





## Updates from across SETU programme

### Programme Management Office

- A dedicated PMO page is now available [here](#) including contact details for the team, change programme information, merger project updates, links to brand, policies and procedures and risk information and a useful cross-campus contacts list.
- Three recent PMO Change Network meetings have provided the network with updates on the Virtual Learning Environment project, International, the SETU Students Union, the new policy management framework, the SETU co-branding strategy and the SETU Strategic Plan 2023-2028. If you would like to join us and become a member of the network, please email [pmo@setu.ie](mailto:pmo@setu.ie).

### Research and Innovation

- Research overheads framework being developed.
- Currently benchmarking SETU against common practice of research units in Irish universities.
- Work ongoing to catalogue research-based equipment University-wide.
- Incubation centres strategic plan currently under draft.
- The office of Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies had its first face-to-face meeting in Carlow on 28 February 2023.

### Academic and Student

- Staff and student consultation reports relating to the VLE/LMS finalised.
- Initial meetings with Student Information Systems teams across campuses have taken place to discuss interdependencies with VLE/LMS in relation to processes and workflows.
- Wider review group established to input into the unified VLE/LMS project.
- Project entering 'Selection' phase of SETU VLE/LMS.
- SETU Quality Framework approved by Governing Body and available [here](#).
- Introduction of new SETU CAO Enhancement & Engagement, and SETU Previous Higher Education Schemes.
- Single supplier contracted to manage the collection and analysis of the SETU Graduate Outcomes Survey.
- Enactment of the merged SU structure begins with Student Union Elections, which are underway - held on 22 March 2023.
- Executive Class Representative Council has been elected and had their first meeting.
- The Electoral Committee will meet post-election with a view to continue the development of a SU specific and integrated election platform.





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### Identity and Branding

- Identity and naming conventions guidelines drafted and presented to SETU's Identity and Branding Committee for consideration and approval.
- Co-branding and labelling guidelines circulated to all staff. First suite of logo lock-ups completed and under review/approval. To request a logo lock-up please visit [www.setu.ie/logolockup](http://www.setu.ie/logolockup).
- Work has commenced on the backend CMS build for the new SETU website. A process of engagement has commenced to facilitate the gathering of content for the new website.
- International messaging, communications and branding project ongoing. Project due for completion in April 2023.
- Development of new and replacement SETU branded collateral for units, functions and faculties ongoing.

### Lifelong Learning

- A cross-campus marketing working group has coordinated the successful integration of the part-time and flexible social media platforms. SETU Lifelong Learning will market the extensive offering of courses available across social channels. Follow now on: [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

### International

- An inaugural symposium 'Internationalisation in Higher Education in Ireland; Conversations on the power of inclusion' exploring ways to make internationalisation more available to all took place on the 3 March 2023. This important and timely event was organised by Dr Don O'Neill and Dr Veronica Kelly.
- To facilitate an integrated approach to the recruitment and admissions lifecycle for international students, the International Office is working with IT and Computer Services to adopt a comprehensive solution, Ellucian CRM Recruit.
- An International Fees, Scholarships & Agent Commission Proposal has been prepared for the 2024/25 academic year and engagement is now ongoing with stakeholders.
- An integrated Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and Participant Identification Code has been adopted for SETU, and a review of Erasmus partnerships continues with a view to enabling multi-campus opportunities.

