



Spotlight: Academic and Student

Academic Administration

Planning for an orderly transition to academic administration for students and staff is at an advanced stage. There will be no impact on our current students, nor on the operation of programmes during the academic year 2021/2022.

Work is underway in areas such as CAO, in the development of a combined listing for the 2023 intake and discussions on a CAO campaign to support 1st July change of mind period; in awards with the design of SETU Parchment, and in registration with the alignment of processes, and design of the student ID card for the 2022 intake.

Student Support Services

Existing campus based supports and services, and modes of access to these will continue from 1st May 2022 and during the academic year 2022/2023 to ensure continuity for SETU Learners, e.g. Financial, Disability, Learning Supports, Access, Chaplaincy, Careers, Counselling and Medical. Alterations to service email addresses will be reflected on all channels of communication including the SETU website and the 2022/2023 Student Handbook.

Library

Additional resources will become available across SETU from Establishment Day notably, physical resources, including study spaces and books will be available to all SETU Learners across campuses. Current online resources will remain in place on 1st May 2022, with a review and alignment of online resources and collections taking place during 2022/2023.

Sport

Existing campus-based sports teams will remain in place on 1st May 2022 and SETU priority is to maximise participation in all sports at all levels, recreational, competitive and elite.

New social media handles have been secured and will be launched on Establishment Day.

In addition, new sports kit and apparel are being designed to become available at the start of the new academic year in September 2022 and work will commence on developing an SETU Sports brand.

Teaching and Learning

The current focus of the Teaching and Learning Group is the development of a new SETU Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategy, accompanied by the drafting of a position paper on Digital Pedagogy, and an exploration of educational models, all of which will help characterise, shape and enhance the SETU learning experience. In tandem, the group is working on mapping the existing pedagogically related policies and procedures with the aim of ensuring that robust processes are in place to support ongoing and future instructional activities.

Students' Union

The Students' Union is an integral part of the delivery and implementation of Academic and Student Supports services. It will provide the key voice enabling student representation and engagement. The two Students' Unions have been working closely together to put in place arrangements regarding the structure and operation of the Students' Union for the new university.

Academic Council/Academic Governance

In March 2022, proposals made to Joint Academic Council meetings of the WIT and ITC Academic Councils were accepted relating to the size and membership of the first SETU Academic Council. Membership is being finalised and will be presented to the SETU Governing Body for approval at their first meeting post-establishment. During 2022, further work will take place to form a newly elected SETU Academic Council, including the means by which members will be elected/appointed. At the first meeting of Academic Council post-establishment, a number of motions and documents will be presented in accordance with the transition plan.

An information hub on our websites will act as a means of communicating accessible real-time information to our students.



Two documents on the orderly transition of services and activities have been circulated:

- ❖ Approach to the development of academic delivery and services through the transitional merging phase.
- ❖ What our SETU Applicants, Students and Graduates can expect on Establishment Day and beyond.

News from across the SETU programme

Corporate Affairs

- Technological University Transfer Fund Year 3 budget requirement submission.
- Office365 build for Establishment Day almost complete.
- Each staff member will be issued with a Letter of Transfer which outlines that the Terms and Conditions of contracts of employment will transfer to SETU on 1st May. FAQs explaining this will also be issued on the website.
- A number of policies have been reviewed and subject to information and consultation and will be ready for adoption by SETU.

Research and Innovation

- WG1 are working to refine priority policies for continued research operations, a number of these including Data Management and Open Access will be presented to the joint executive in the coming weeks.
- Policies related to IP, conflict of interest and conflict of commitment are under wider consultation at present.
- A successful joint research sparks event was held online on 5th April with presentations from both Waterford and Carlow researchers.

Integrated Programmes

- Brand visual language approved. Brand guidelines being produced.
- Social media strategy and handles approved for use.
- Promotional videos to support brand launch at post-production stage.
- All staff training sessions scheduled to take place on 27th April (Communications - Tone of voice and style guide), 28th April (Brand guidelines) and 4th May (Social media best practice).
- Inaugural South East Learning Festival 2022 took place from 29th March to 31st March.

Access previous newsletters using the following [link](#).

A further all staff webinar took place today, Friday 8th. If you missed it, the link to the recording will be made available.

SETU Countdown

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days until establishment!

