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For the Members of the IT University Board

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MINUTES

Board meeting (extra), June 3, 2020, at 09:00 – 11:00
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Present:

From the Board: Maria Rørbye Rønn, Lars Mathiesen, David Basin, Lars Frelle-Petersen, Kristine Stenhuus, Mircea Lungu, Sebastian Mateos Nicolajsen and Sophia Aumüller-Wagner.

From the Executive Management: Martin Zachariasen, Jens Chr. Godskesen and Georg Dam Steffensen.

Others: Jan Sirich (item 1-2)

Regrets: Karina Garnier Christensen

The minutes taker:
Gitte Gramstrup

Public items:

The Chairman of the Board welcomed to the meeting. Due to the coronavirus situation, this extra meeting was virtual and including some postponed items originally planned to be on the agenda for the board meeting on April 1, 2020. The originally planned strategy seminar on June 3, 2020, has been postponed until September 17, 2020, where – hopefully – the situation is back to (more) normal again.

1. Approval of Minutes (decision)

No comments to the minutes from the meeting on April 1, 2020, had been received.

Recommendation:

The Executive Management recommended that the minutes were approved.

Conclusion:

The minutes were formally approved.

2. Presentation of Executive-level Employers' Panel Report 2020 (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board welcomed Jan Sirich, Chairman of the Executive-level Employers' Panel, who presented himself as an experienced and pleased ITU Employers' Panel member and introduced some highlights from the report. The main wish for the IT University is – in short: please educate more IT specialists. There is an increased need in society for IT specialists, and a variety of businesses is crying out for more graduates. A MSc in Data Science at the IT University would be very welcomed.

Overall, the panel is very satisfied with the excellent work done by the Executive Management. The portfolio is very satisfactory, and the unemployment rates of ITU graduates are impressive. Diversity has been a focus area for the Executive Management for some time and should remain such. The panel is concerned that international students are omitted from some of the programmes, due to Danish A-grade requirements.

He lined up the recommendations of the panel:

- Continue the efforts to increase the funding of the IT University, enabling a future growth and expansion.

- It would still be beneficial to receive faster feedback from the labour market regarding the employment effects of revisions of study programmes.
- Continue strengthening the collaboration with foreign universities and continue addressing the need for cultural diversity, due to both educational quality and labour market attractiveness.

Finally, Jan Sirich responded to comments and elaborating questions from the board members on his presentation. There was a discussion on the importance of exchange programmes and on collaboration between students and companies during the studies; Jan Sirich sees this as a clear "win win situation".

The Chairman of the Board thanked Jan Sirich for the messages given. She found the close contact between the university and the employers' panels to be a huge advantage.

3. Status on the COVID-19 Situation at the IT University (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board gave the word to Georg Dam Steffensen, who gave an update on things done since April 1 and presented a few slides presenting the organizational set-up, management group meetings, communication and coordination. Most of the staff is working from home until August. A task force has started working on considering how to do the re-opening in August/the autumn semester. The health requirements in August are not known at present; things are changing very fast. On inquiry from Lars Frelle-Petersen, Georg Dam Steffensen informed that the plan is to focus on using auditoriums and classrooms in new ways and – to some extent – to use online classes also in the autumn. Martin Zachariasen added that, at present, there is expected to be limited numbers of people allowed in the auditoriums and classrooms for some time ahead.

The Chairman of the Board thanked for the status given and concluded that the board is content with the way things are being handled. At a later board meeting this year, the financial consequences of the COVID-19 situation should be discussed.

Confidential items:

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Public items:

7. Questions Regarding Mail-delivered briefings (briefing)

The latest briefing has been sent out on May 27, 2020 (News About the Lockdown).

The Chairman of the Board noted that there were no comments to the sent out briefings.

8. Any Other Business

Gitte Gramstrup gave a status on the process on finding a new Chairman of the Board. The position is presently being publicly advertised, and the last date for seeking the position is on June 7, 2020. The Recommendation Committee will consider the applications and make a recommendation list for the Appointment Committee.

The Chairman of the Board informed of a meeting with the chairmen of the other Danish universities and wished all a pleasant summer. Hopefully, the next board meeting in September will take place on the IT University.

Respectfully submitted,

Gitte Gramstrup
Assistant to the Executive Management