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For the Members of the IT University Board

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CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Board meeting,
April 4, 2024, at 14:00 – 17:00

Present:

From the Board: Carsten Gomard, Kristine Stenhuus, Christina Hvid, Hanne Breddam, David Sands, Mircea Lungu, Martin Lutander Holm Jensen, and Dagmar Bondo Kristiansen.

From the Executive Management: Per Bruun Brockhoff, Jens Chr. Godskesen and Georg Dam Steffensen.

From ITU: Jannik Møller Søndergaard (item 1-3) and Henrik Ejby Bidstrup (item 9).

From Ernst & Young: Morten W. Larsen (item 1-3).

Regrets: Mohammad El Baker Ammar Rehda.

The minutes taker:
Gitte Gramstrup

Public items:

1. Welcome to New Board Members (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board gave a warm welcome to new (re)elected board member, ITU student Dagmar Bondo Kristiansen, to new elected controller Martin Lutander Holm Jensen, ITU, and to re-elected assistant professor Mircea Lungu, ITU. There was a short presentation round.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting (decision)

No comments on the minutes from the meeting on November 23, 2023, had been received.

Recommendation:

The Executive Management recommended that the minutes were approved.

Conclusion:

The minutes were formally approved.

3. ITU Annual Report 2023 (decision)

The Chairman of the Board gave the word to Georg Dam Steffensen, who - referring to enclosure 1a/1b - briefly presented the main results and highlights of the annual report:

The financial result is higher than budgeted, due to a positive net return on ITU's securities portfolio of DKK 6.7 million in 2023. Equity is back at the preferred level 0.18%. The number of applicants for both BSc and MSc study programmes are the highest among the past five years. The number of admitted female BSc students reached a record high level of 37%; in comparison, the number of admitted female BSc students in 2015 was 25%. The level of received external funding is close to the record level of the past three years. The number of admitted PhD students has increased from 15 to 32 and is record high in 2023. It is related to ITU's high spending on external research funding, which often involves admission of new PhD

students. Regarding the ITU Strategic Framework Contract 2022-2025, all five targets are satisfactory.

Georg Dam Steffensen and Jens Chr. Godskesen answered a few clarifying questions from the board members regarding the Annual Report 2023. Christina Hvid found the report to be very nice reading. Based on comments from the board, the Chairman of the Board stated that the board should have a look at PhD drop out numbers at a later board meeting, and Per Bruun Brockhoff agreed with Mircea Lungu that the well-being of faculty is an important attention.

The Chairman of the Board gave the word to Morten W. Larsen, Ernst & Young to present the Long-form audit. Morten W. Larsen went through the document - enclosure 2a/2b - and highlighted a few things. He was happy with the process and good cooperation with ITU, and the auditors have no critical remarks. Things are well structured. In short, things are very satisfactory with no registrations of fraud or other serious issues. He would see it as an agreement on this from the board, if the board signed the audit report.

Georg Dam Steffensen and Jannik Møller Søndergaard answered clarifying questions from the board.

The Chairman of the Board rounded the item by thanking all involved. He was very pleased to see a clean report and the good cooperation and found the work well done. He informed that the absent board member Mohammad El Baker Ammar Rehda has declared that he approves and intends to sign the ITU Annual report 2023 and the Long-form Audit Report.

He thanked Jannik Møller Søndergaard and Morten W. Larsen who left the meeting.

Recommendation:

The Executive Management recommended that the Board approved and signed the ITU Annual Report 2023 and the Long-form Audit Report.

Conclusion:

The Board unanimously approved and signed the ITU Annual Report 2023 and the Long-form Audit Report.

4. ITU Strategic Framework Contract 2022-2025 – Statusredegørelse 2023 (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board gave the word to Per Bruun Brockhoff, who referred to enclosure 3 (the status statement) which describes actions taken to reach the targets and will be sent to the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. The five targets are all satisfactory. He mentioned the two new centers established in 2022 (Center for Climate IT and Center for Digital Play), both moving forward successfully, and the

thorough and hard work on life-long learning, which the board will hear more about in time.

The Board took note of the briefing without any further notice.

5. Fulfilment of Strategic Contract Targets for 2023 (discussion)

The Chairman of the Board gave the word to Per Bruun Brockhoff, who referred to enclosure 4 and noted that the "traffic lights" have not changed since the board meeting in November 2023. He answered clarifying questions from the board.

6. News from ITU (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board gave the word to the Executive Management to give a briefing:

- Status on APV: Per Bruun Brockhoff informed that ITU has quite a structured follow-up on this. A plan is to be discussed with the Cooperation Board. The building issue has Executive Management's attention and will be looked at in short and long term. Also, the trust in Executive Management will be looked at closely. Presently, we have a situation with different "Heads" stopping in 2024. Naturally, this brings some consideration and changes with it.

- Status on SIS (former Kopernikus): Georg Dam Steffensen sketched the project and informed that a clarification phase is being finished. According to plan, SIS – which is complex - will start in 2027.

- Status on Subleasing: Georg Dam Steffensen happily informed, that ITU has managed to rent out the fifth floor at Emil Holms Kanal from May 1st or June 1st.

The Chairman of the Board thanked for the briefing.

7. Status on the Candidate Reform (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board gave the word to Per Bruun Brockhoff, who gave a status on the work in the candidate committee (KAU). The work is supposed to be finished in October 2024. Information on admission of English-speaking students and some numbers have already been in the media. The cut down on ITU BSc intake is assigned to 6.8% and is presently being debated among the conciliation parties (forligspartierne). We will see where it ends. The idea of the reform is to make people go to other parts of the education system. By the end of May much more information is expected to be shared with all.

The Chairman of the Board thanked for the briefing.

Confidential items:**8.****9.****10.****Public items:****11. Presentation of the Executive-level Employers' Panel Report 2024 (briefing)**

The Chairman of the Board concluded that due to lack of time, this item would be postponed until the next board meeting.

12. Questions Regarding Mail-delivered Briefings (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board noted that there were no comments to the send out information.

13. Any Other Business

The Chairman of the Board noted that there were no further comments.

14. The Board's 15 Minutes

The Chairman of the Board concluded that due to lack of time, the board would not have a free discussion without the presence of the Executive Management and the minutes taker this time. He stated that the board members are free to contact him anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

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