



Prof Veronica Campbell, SETU's First President

Prof Veronica Campbell, SETU's first president took up office Monday, 18 July 2022 and is looking forward to developing the first university in the south east into an organisation of international standing for the people of the region.

As a large, ambitious, multi-campus university, spread across three urban regions: Carlow, Waterford and Wexford, SETU has an incredible opportunity to drive regional innovation and economic, social and cultural prosperity; to reverse the brain-drain in the south-east; to foster a genuinely entrepreneurial culture; and to improve educational access for all cohorts, Prof Campbell believes. She states the strategic plan for the next five years must focus on the development of a university that will provide our partners access to the relevant skills needed as well as enhancing the research and innovation agenda. "I want SETU to be engaged with our regional external partners, to be globally connected and boost the



South East as an entrepreneurial region." "SETU's Strategic Plan will provide a roadmap for our future and will be a consultative process focused on teaching & learning, research & Innovation, our regional and global connectivity, inclusion, and supporting and developing SETU talent."

Prof Campbell sees it as a personal privilege to assume this responsibility as President and is looking forward to working with all of the team at SETU.

If you would like to read more about Prof Campbell and her goals for SETU, you can read her recent speech at the Annual Waterford Chamber President's Event [here](#) and interview [here](#).

SETU Governing Body Chair, Prof Patrick Prendergast held a webinar on July 1st to provide an update on Governing Body and the election process for staff members on the Governing Body. The webinar can be viewed at the following link: [here](#) and the presentation slides can be downloaded [here](#). Staff elections will take place early in Semester 1 2022/23. Two of the student members have now taken up their place on the Governing Body and preparations are in place to identify external members to ensure that the Governing Body is populated in line with the requirements of the legislation.





Updates from across SETU Programmes

Corporate Affairs

- Communication and FAQ's have been circulated to PMSS staff on the proposed change to annual leave year from September.
- Work continues on the build and testing of the Active Directory, O365 and Quest migration tool. The Migration plan for staff accounts is under development.
- Aligned SETU policies continue to be developed and issued for review.
- Mock-ups of external SETU branded signage have been reviewed and plans are in place to commence installation in August.

Academic and Student

- Continuing to focus on aligning processes and services across all areas.
- Approval of the SETU parchment design and print.
- Approval of 2023/2024 SETU QQI FE Progression Agreements and issued to all partners.

Research, Innovation and International

- The dates for GSO-Liaison group meetings for the coming academic year have been set and an associated training plan for members has been established.
- Details of a unified Graduate Student induction are being finalised and will be published shortly to both incoming graduate students and their supervisors.
- A number of R&I policies have been amended and returned for final union consultation and review.

Identity and Branding

- SETU brand rollout continues. Work continues with academic and support units to replace key branded collateral items.
- Installation of new SETU branded external signage across all campuses will take place from the end of August.
- Work has commenced to trademark the SETU suite of logos.
- Phase two of the web project is underway. This phase of the project will see the development of a new fully integrated SETU website.
- Schools' Liaison and Outreach continue to progress plans for student recruitment initiatives and events from September.

PMO

- The project plan continues to be updated and monitored by the PMO in preparation for our next significant milestone in September. All tasks have been reviewed in the context of the start of the new academic year in order to prioritise project activities over the coming months.
- The PMO is working with the HEA on the Year 3 TUTF allocation which will support project activities in the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023.
- The next Change Network event will take place Wednesday 27 July with presentations from Identity and Branding and Academic and Student domains. The results of a recent survey of members of the network will also be presented.

