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Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim
Education and Training Board

Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN

GALWAY-MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & MAYO, SLIGO AND LEITRIM EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Equity of access to higher education is a core objective nationally. The vision for the Higher Education Authority's National Plan for Equity of Access to Higher Education 2015-19 is to ensure that the student body entering, participating in and completing higher education at all levels reflects the diversity and social mix of Ireland's population. This is a vision shared by both parties to this agreement.

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) and Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education & Training Board (MSLETB) wish to endorse their cooperation through this memorandum of understanding and explore further areas of collaboration. Both parties enter this Memorandum of Understanding to co-operate closely in the provision of education opportunities and linkages for second level and further education students in MSLETB.

Through this MOU framework MSLETB and GMIT now seek to develop an overarching agreement that will encompass any activities previously engaged in, and will enter a process of substantive progress and collaboration in improving linkages for mutual benefit. Areas of mutual interest include:

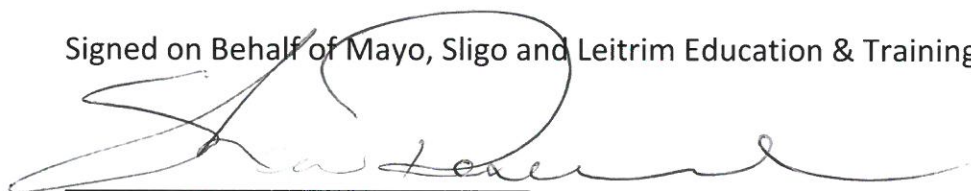
- ✓ The alignment of current and future MSLETB Further Education programmes with GMIT Higher Education Programmes;
- ✓ Enhancement of the preparedness and confidence of MSLETB second level students to enter and successfully engage in Higher Education programmes in GMIT;

In recognising these areas of mutual interest, GMIT and MSLETB intend to work together on:

- ✓ Developing smooth and seamless pathways for students from MSLETB's Further Education programmes at level 6 to year 2 of programmes in GMIT where subject mapping is appropriate;
- ✓ Mapping the progression and performance of students from MSLETB Further Education programmes to GMIT;
- ✓ Enabling MSLETB's second level students make informed third level programme choices through workshops, reciprocal visits etc.;
- ✓ Assisting MSLETB students in their preparation for the transition higher education.

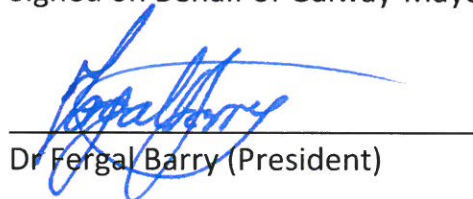
A committee will be established to explore and implement a range of mutually beneficial actions. This agreement will be reviewed bi-annually by both parties to report progress and identify additional opportunities for agreement and collaboration.

Signed on Behalf of Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education & Training Board



Mr Shaun Purcell (Chief Executive)

Signed on Behalf of Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology



Dr Fergal Barry (President)

Dated: _____