



Dr Máire Geoghegan-Quinn

Chairperson, Údarás na hOllscoile

Dear [staff member],

Last September the University's Governing Authority, Údarás na hOllscoile, was reconstituted following the passing of new legislation by the Minister for Further & Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris. The new Governing Authority, whose term runs to January 2025, differs substantially from previous boards in terms of its size (19 members) and composition. Membership includes staff, students and external members who are appointed on the basis of their competencies and who bring significant expertise and a diverse range of experiences.

[Find out about our Governors here](#)



The Governing Authority is responsible for oversight of the University's overall strategic direction and performance and is accountable to the Minister and the Higher Education Authority.

Responsibilities of The Governing Authority

Decisions that Governing Authority & its Sub Committees are Responsible For

Over the course of this Governing Authority's term, we aim to keep you updated on the work of the board, and we hope to get an insight into the priorities of the University community through the reports we receive and through dialogue with you.

The Latest Report to Governing Authority from the President and UMT

At our December meeting next week, the board will consider reports on important matters such as enhancing cyber security, measuring the gender pay gap, a review of human resources, and assessing the adequacy of the University's internal controls. You will hear from us at intervals over the next year via email updates, podcasts and through Cois Coiribe, and we would like to hear from you too. You can get in touch with the Governing Authority through the Office of the Secretary for Governance & Academic Affairs: govandacademicaffairs@universityofgalway.ie

I would like to finish by wishing you the very best for the festive season ahead and to thank you, on behalf of Údarás na hOllscoile, for your commitment to the University of Galway.

Kind regards,

Dr. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn

Chairperson, Údarás na hOllscoile

Leagan Gaeilge Anseo

You can find more information on University of Galway's Governance Hub [here](#).