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Lár Tíre, An tIarthar Láir  
Technological University of the Shannon:  
Midlands Midwest

**Faculty of Engineering and Technology**

**Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering**

**Report of Differential Validation Panel**

**Differential Validation Panel, 15th April 2026**

**for the**

**Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Engineering (Common Entry)**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report outlines, in summary form, the proceedings of the differential validation visit for the proposed:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Engineering (Common Entry)

and the findings and conclusions of the Panel held on 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. The validation was undertaken in accordance with TUS Policy for Programme Validation and Modification. A differential validation panel makes an independent impartial judgement on a programme proposal.

## 2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 2.1 Higher Education Provider

Institute: Technological University of the Shannon  
Faculty: Engineering & Technology  
Department: Mechanical & Automobile Engineering  
Date of Visit: 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2026

### 2.2 Programmes Evaluated

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Engineering (Common Entry) - Stage 1</b>
Award Title	Bachelor of Engineering
NFQ Level	Level 8
ECTS Credits	60
Delivery Mode	Full time
Proposed Start Date	2026
Duration	1 years

### 2.3 Differential Validation Panel of Expert Assessors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Prof. Marie Parker-Jenkins (Chair)	Emeritus Professor of Education, UL.
Mr. David Sheil	ATU
Mr. Marcin Blachut Kelly	RAC
Mr. Gearoid O’Sullivan	Student Representative
Dr. Brendan Murphy	Secretary to Panel

## **2.4 University Staff**

Dean of Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Tony Mahon

Head of Department Mechanical & Automobile Engineering, Dr. Lisa Henihan

### Programme Team:

Clodagh Moore, Patrick Walsh, Niall O'Shaughnessy, Shane McAuliffe, Daniel Butan, Sean Cunningham, Amit Haldar, Maedbh McNamara.

## **2.5 Documentation**

1. Existing and Proposed Programme Documents.
2. Summary of Rationale for the Proposal.
3. Summary of Comparative Programme Changes.
4. TUS Policy for Programme Validation and Modification

### **3.0 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXTERNAL VALIDATION PANEL**

#### **3.1 Main Findings**

The Panel of Assessors recommends approval of the proposed:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Engineering (Common Entry)

#### **3.2 Conditions**

No conditions apply.

#### **3.3 Recommendations**

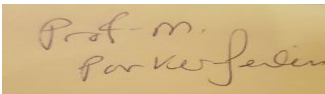
- 1) Give further consideration to how learning resources, including after class access to computer facilities, may be supported and developed on an ongoing basis.

#### **3.4 Commendations and Observations**

The panel commend:

- 1) the Faculty/Department for the student-centred approach adopted to the design of the common entry route supporting student choice and progression and for utilising the opportunity to refresh the overall offering;
- 2) the programme team for the helpful documentation including the rationale for the programme changes, comparative mapping and comprehensive programme specification;
- 3) the panel appreciated the constructive discussions, and the helpful clarifications provided by Management and the Programme Team.

Signature of Chairperson:

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Date: 28/04/2026