

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26 February 2020

Present

Stephen Bolton, Independent Governor
Dr Janet Bonar, Staff Governor
Phil Cotton, Independent Governor
Grace Davis, Student Governor
Nigel Duncan OBE, Independent Governor
Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor
Don Iro, Independent Governor
Susan Macpherson, Independent Governor
James Rimmer, Independent Governor
Lena Samuels, Independent Governor
John Simpson, Independent Governor
Professor Karen Stanton (Vice-Chancellor)
Philip Wake OBE RD, Independent Governor

In attendance Dr Caroline Carpenter, University Secretary
Professor Julie Hall, Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Leigh Rengger, Chief Marketing Officer
Andy Riggs, Chief Finance Officer
Ro Tomlin-Wills, Deputy Students' Union President
Andrea Thompson, Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (People)
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

20/01 Apologies & Welcome

i. Apologies from Mark Dixon, Professor Ruth Farwell CBE and Councillor Satvir Kaur. The meeting was quorate.

The Chair:

- ii. welcomed Professor Karen Stanton, Vice-Chancellor, to her first board meeting at Solent;
- iii. Recorded the Board's thanks for the excellent work done by Professor Julie Hall and Andrea Thompson in covering the period between Professor Graham Baldwin's departure and Professor Karen Stanton's arrival.

20/02 Conflict of Interests - None.

20/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2019 - these were approved as a correct record.

20/04 Matters Arising.

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The actions from the previous meeting had either been completed or related to

reports that had been scheduled for upcoming meetings.

20/05 Growth & Diversification **Presentation**
By Professor Julie Hall, Deputy Vice-Chancellor **Confidential**

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20/06 Vice-Chancellor's Report **Paper 20/BG/01**
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20/07 Student Recruitment **Paper 20/BG/02**
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20/08 People & Development (P&D) Annual Report 2018/19 **Paper 20/BG/03**
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20/09 Office for Students (OfS) Briefing **Paper 20/BG/04**
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20/10 Membership of the Board and its Committees **Paper 20/BG/05**
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20/11 Student Board Report

The next meeting of Student Board was scheduled for 13 March 2020.

20/12 What is currently on Solent Students' Union's (SoSU) agenda? **Oral**
report

Grace Davis and Ro Tomlin-Wills highlighted current projects and initiatives as well as challenges which included:

- i. Nominations for the Students' Union election closed two weeks ago and the election would take place on 15 March 2020;
- ii. Elections for full time and part time officers had been merged for the first time;
- iii. SoSU currently had income challenges due to declining sales and competitors;
- iv. Planning was underway for Welcome Week;
- v. Working with councillors to raise awareness of safety issues around the Park area. A letter of recommendation by the safety council had been sent regarding CCTV and other initiatives;
- vi. Local venues had pledged to sign up to SoSU's anti-spiking campaign and follow its guidelines. The project was also being handled as a live brief by psychology students;
- vii. Over 1800 students had used the Safe Solent service last year and media student had worked on a promotion campaign for it;

- viii. Wellbeing and mental health training for SoSU was underway and the Wellbees scheme, which supports lonely and isolated had been relaunched;
- ix. SoSU was part of the university forum set up to encourage input to the new strategic plan;

In discussion the following points were made:

- x. In response to the Board's question, Ro Tomlin-Wills confirmed that initiation practices are not tolerated.
- xi. The new SoSU area in the Millais building now included a shop which offered some Re:So items;
- xii. The Board commended SoSU for its excellent and extensive work and noted the report.

20/13 Audit Committee 15 January 2020

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20/14 Resources Committee 5 February 2020

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20/15 Governance Committee 12 February 2020

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20/16 Affixing of the Seal

The Board noted that, since its last meeting, the following document had been signed by the Interim Vice-Chancellor and Clerk to the Governors, and the University Seal applied to:

- i. Framework Agreement between Hampshire County Council and Solent University for the supply of apprenticeships. (Sealed on 26 November 2019);
- ii. Deed of Novation between Solent University and Ove Arup & Partners Limited and Interserve Construction Limited in respect of work on the first floor of the John Millais building and internal remodelling to provide academic, café and ancillary spaces (Sealed on 19 December 2019);

20/17 Reportable events (Office for Students)

Since the last meeting, there had been the following reportable event(s), as defined by the OfS, that *'could materially affect or materially effects the provider's legal form of business model and/or its willingness or ability to comply with its conditions of registration'*:

- (i) The appointment of Professor Karen Stanton as the new accountable officer from 1 February 2020.

20/18 Date of next meetings/events:

Tuesday 3 March 2020 7.00pm Presentation in the Pod, followed by
Governors' Dinner at 7.45pm on the Bridge

Wednesday 4 March 2020 9.30am - Board Awayday at KPMG, Gateway House,
Tollbar Way, Eastleigh

Wednesday 22 April 2020 at 17:00 in The Spark - Board meeting will be
followed by a fork buffet