

Solent University

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on
Wednesday 24 July 2024 at 17:00hrs in Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building

- Present Stephen Bolton, Independent Governor and Vice Chair
 Phil Cotton, Independent Governor and Chair of the Board
 Chinmay Darji, Student Governor
 Philip de Klerk, Independent Governor (via Teams to Min 24/68)
 Nigel Duncan OBE, Independent Governor
 Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor
 Dr Francesca Gwynne, Staff Governor (Academic)
 Neil Hayward, Independent Governor
 Don Iro, Independent Governor
 Professor James Knowles, Vice Chancellor
 Professor Dame Julie Lydon DBE, Independent Governor
 Sharath Ranjan, Independent Governor
 Lisa-Jane Risk, Independent Governor
 Sanidhya Shetty, Student Governor
 Beth Topazio, Staff Governor (Professional Services)
 Philip Wake OBE, Independent Governor
- In attendance Professor Cathy Barnes (Pro Vice-Chancellor – RASP)
 Andrew Bird, Chief Marketing Officer
 Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students & Governance
 Helen Jones, Chief People & Culture Officer
 Professor Sarah Jones, (Pro Vice-Chancellor – Education)
 Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial & Operating Officer
 Richard Smith, Chair Elect
 Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

24/55 Welcome and Apologies

- i. The Chair welcomed Richard Smith, Chair Elect, Chinmay Darji and Sanidhya Shetty, Student Governors, and Pro Vice-Chancellors Professors Sarah Jones and Cathy Barnes.
- ii. Apologies had been received from Noreen Biddle Shah, Mike Gaston and Councillor Alexander Winning.
- iii. The meeting was quorate throughout.

24/56 Conflict of Interests

- i. There were no conflicts of interest.

24/57 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2024

Confidential Unreserved

- i. Approved.

24/58 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2024

Confidential Unreserved

- i. Approved.

24/59 Matters Arising

**Paper 24/BG/28
Confidential Unreserved**

PART 1:

- 24/60 Chair's Report**
Presented by Phil Cotton, Chair of the Board

**Oral Report
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- 24/61 Vice-Chancellor's Report**
Presented by Professor James Knowles

**Paper 24/BG/29
Confidential Unreserved**

- 24/62 Finance & Resources Committee Chair's Report**
Presented by Stephen Bolton

**Oral Report
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- 24/63 Student Recruitment**
Presented by Andrew Bird,
Chief Marketing Officer

**Paper 24/BG/30
Confidential Unreserved**

- 24/64 Management Accounts, Financial Forecast &
Divestment Update**
Presented by Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial & Operating Officer

**Paper 24/BG/31
Confidential Unreserved**

- 24/65 Board Strategy Oversight Group Report**
Presented by: Neil Hayward, Group Chair

**Oral Report
Confidential Unreserved**

- 24/66 Audit Committee Chair's Report**
Presented by: Philip de Klerk

**Oral Report
Confidential Unreserved**

- 24/67 Budget 2024/25**
Presented by Eran Kochlany

**Paper 24/BG/32
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(Philip de Klerk left the meeting.)

- 24/69 Institute of Technology annual report**
Presented by: Professor James Knowles

**Paper 24/BG/33
Confidential Unreserved**

- 24/70 Board Appointments 2024/25**
Presented by: Jim Irving,
Pro Vice-Chancellor Students & Governance

**Paper 24/BG/34
Confidential Unreserved**

- 24/71 Recruitment of Chancellor**
Presented by: Jim Irving

**Paper 24/BG/35
Confidential Unreserved**

24/72 People & Culture Committee Chair's Report Presented by: Sharath Ranjan	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
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24/73 Student Governors' Report Presented by Chinmay Darji, Student Governor	Paper 24/BG/36 Restricted
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- i. The Board thanked Chinmay and noted the report.

24/74 Staff Governors' Report Presented by Dr Francesca Gwynne & Beth Topazio, Staff Governors	Paper 24/BG/37 Restricted
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- i. The Board thanked Beth and Francesca and noted the report.

24/75 Banking Covenants Presented by Eran Kochlany	Paper 24/BG/38 Confidential Unreserved
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END OF AGENDA PART 1

PART 2: FOR NOTING OR TAKEN AS APPROVED:

24/76 CMA Compliance annual report Written by Kevin Rogers	Paper 24/BG/39 Confidential Unreserved
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Noted.

24/77 Governance Effectiveness Review Progress Report Written by: Bridget Woolven	Paper 24/BG/40 Open
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Noted.

24/78 Scheme of Delegation Written by Bridget Woolven	Paper 24/BG/41 Restricted
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Noted.

24/79 Annual report of University Companies Written by Kerrie Clark	Paper 24/BG/42 Restricted
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Noted.

24/80 Minutes of Audit Committee meeting held on 3 June 2024	Minutes Confidential
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24/81 Minutes of People & Culture Committee meeting held on 13 June 2024	Minutes Confidential
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24/82 Minutes of Governance Committee meeting held on 28 June 2024	Minutes Confidential
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24/83 Minutes of Finance & Resources Committee meeting
held on 17 July 2024

Minutes to follow
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24/84 Order of Business 2024-25
Written by: Bridget Woolven

Paper 24/BG/43
Open

Noted.

24/85 Dates of 2024-25 meetings:

Tuesday 1 October 2024 at 16:30hrs – Joint meeting with Academic Board, followed by dinner

Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 09:00hrs – BoG Awayday

Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 17:00hs

Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 17:00hrs

Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 17:00hrs – NEW DATE

Tuesday 29 July 2025 at 17:00hrs - NEW DATE

In Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building, Southampton

24/86 Board and Committee calendar 2024/25
Written by Bridget Woolven

Paper 24/BG/44
Open

Noted.

24/87 Tender Report – Cleaning Contract Award

Paper 24/BG/45
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24/87 Affixing of the seal

Confidential

24/88 Reportable Events

Confidential

The meeting closed at 19.50hrs.