

Southampton Solent University

Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 17:00hrs
In Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building, East Park Terrace, Southampton

Present

Chinmay Darji, Student Governor
Philip de Klerk, Independent Governor (via Teams until Min 25/41)
Mike Gaston, Co-opted Governor (FE)
Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor
Adam Golton, Independent Governor
Dr Francesca Gwynne, Staff Governor (Academic)
Neil Hayward, Independent Governor
Don Iro, Independent Governor and Vice Chair
Professor James Knowles, Vice-Chancellor and Governor ex officio
Professor Dame Julie Lydon DBE, Independent Governor (via Teams)
Fay Quayle, Independent Governor
Sharath Ranjan, Independent Governor (via Teams)
Richard Smith, Independent Governor & Chair of Board
Beth Topazio, Staff Governor (Professional Services)
Dr Alan Whitehead CBE, Independent Governor
Professor Allan Youp OBE, Independent Governor

In attendance

Andrew Bird, Chief Marketing Officer
Professor Cathy Barnes, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Academic Strategy and Planning
Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students and Governance
Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial and Operating Officer (via Teams)
Helen Jones, Chief People and Culture Officer
Professor Sarah Jones, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Education
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

AGENDA PART 1

25/21 Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the board meeting.
2. There were apologies from Lisa-Jane Risk, Independent Governor and Sanidhya Shetty, Student Governor.
3. The meeting was quorate throughout.

25/22 Conflicts of Interest

1. None declared.

25/23 Minutes

Decision

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

25/24 Matters Arising & Chair's Actions	Paper 25/BG/11 Confidential Unreserved
25/25 Chair's report	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
25/26 Other urgent business	Oral report Confidential Unreserved
1. None.	
Strategic Discussion Matters	
25/27 Vice-Chancellor's report	Paper 25/BG/12 Confidential Unreserved
25/28 Strategy 2035	Paper 25/BG/13 Confidential Unreserved
25/29 Risk tolerance statement (RTS)	Paper 25/BG/14 Confidential Unreserved
25/30 Strategic objectives and key performance indicators	Paper 25/BG/15 Confidential Unreserved
25/31 Strategic portfolio governance and management	Paper 25/BG/16 Confidential Unreserved
Performance Matters	
25/32 Student Governors' report	Paper 25/BG/17 Restricted
Decision	
1. The Board noted the report and Union's aim to continue to work to improve the engagement of students in elections.	
25/33 Academic Board Chair's report	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
25/34 Staff Governors' report	Paper 25/BG/18 Restricted
1. The Board noted the report.	
25/35 People & Culture Committee Chair's report	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
25/36 Remuneration Committee Chair's report	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved.
25/37 Management accounts	Paper 25/BG/19 Confidential Unreserved

25/38 Student Recruitment report	Paper 25/BG/20 Confidential Unreserved
25/39 UG Tuition Fees 2026/27	Paper 25/BG/21 Confidential Unreserved
25/40 Finance & Resources Committee Chair's report	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
<i>(Philip de Klerk left the meeting.)</i>	
Governance Matters	
25/42 Board of Governors recruitment	Paper 25/BG/22 Confidential Unreserved
25/43 Governance effectiveness review 2025	Paper 25/BG/23 Confidential Unreserved
END OF AGENDA PART 1	
PART 2: Items for noting or approval (where highlighted)	
25/44 Membership of the Board and its Committees	Paper 25/BG/24 Confidential Unreserved
25/45 Governors' Code of Conduct	Paper 25/BG/25 Confidential Unreserved
Items for Update	
25/46 Honorary Degrees report	Paper 25/BG/26 Confidential Unreserved
25/47 Governance Committee 18 March 2025	Minutes Confidential Unreserved
25/48 People & Culture Committee 20 March 2025	Minutes Confidential Unreserved
25/49 Audit Committee 24 March 2025	Minutes Confidential Unreserved
25/50 Finance & Resources Committee 28 April 2025	Minutes to follow Confidential Unreserved
25/51 Affixing of the seal	Confidential Unreserved
25/52 Reportable events	Confidential Unreserved

25/53 Any other business

25/54 Next meeting

Tuesday 19 August 2025 at 16:30hrs (pre-meeting) with the Board meeting at 17:00hrs - Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building, followed by dinner on the Bridge at 19:45hrs

The meeting closed at 19:40 hrs.