

Solent University

[Confidential in respect of Minutes 21/84-97, 21/100-106, 21/109-110, 21/113-117]

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on
Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 17:00 hrs - via Teams

- Present Stephen Bolton, Independent Governor and Deputy Chair
Dr Janet Bonar, Staff Governor
Phil Cotton, Independent Governor and Chair of the Board
Paul Cox, Co-opted Governor (from Min 21/88)
Philip de Klerk, Independent Governor
Nigel Duncan OBE, External Co-opted Governor
Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor
Neil Hayward, Independent Governor
Councillor Alex Houghton, Co-opted Governor
Don Iro, Independent Governor
Professor Julie Lydon OBE, Independent Governor
Susan Macpherson, Independent Governor
Louise O'Donoghue, Staff Governor
Sharath Ranjan, Independent Governor
Lena Samuels, Independent Governor
Professor Karen Stanton Vice-Chancellor & Governor Ex Officio*
Philip Wake OBE RD, Independent Governor
- In attendance Dr Caroline Carpenter, University Secretary & Registrar*
Professor Julie Hall, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)*
Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial Officer*
Leigh Rengger, Chief Marketing Officer*
Nona McDuff MBE, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students & Learning -
(Min 21/96-97 only)
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

(Starred left after Min 21/100)

21/82 Apologies & Welcome

- i. The Chair welcomed new Governors Philip de Klerk, Neil Hayward, Councillor Alex Houghton, and Professor Julie Lydon to their first Board meeting and Stefania David of Solent Students' Union.
- ii. Apologies had been received from Vaios Koukouletsos, Student Governor, Andrea Thompson, DVC (Resources) and from Paul Cox, Co-opted Governor, who would arrive late.
- iii. The meeting was quorate throughout.

21/83 Conflict of Interests

- i. Professor Karen Stanton declared an interest, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor's Group (VCG) in Item 18, the report from Remuneration Committee. VCG

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- members would withdraw from the meeting at that point.
- ii. There were no other conflicts of interests reported.

21/84 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2021 - Approved.

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21/85 Matters Arising

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PART 1:

21/86 Chair's Report

Presented by Phil Cotton, Chair of the Board

**Oral Report
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This minute is confidential.

21/87 Vice-Chancellor's Report

Presented by Professor Karen Stanton

**Paper 21/BG/47
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This minute is confidential.

(Paul Cox joined the meeting.)

21/88 Student Recruitment report

Presented by Leigh Rengger, Chief Marketing Officer

**Paper 21/BG/48
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

21/89 Financial Update

Presented by Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial Officer

**Paper 21/BG/49
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

21/90 Draft Annual Financial Statements 2020/21

And External Auditors' Report

Presented by Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial Officer

Paper 21/BG/50

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This minute is confidential.

21/92 Solent Future Ready (SFR) Report

Presented by Professor Karen Stanton,

**Paper 21/BG/51
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

21/93 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Presented by Leigh Rengger

**Paper 21/BG/52
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This minute is confidential.

21/94 Annual Report of Audit Committee

Presented by Philip de Klerk, Audit Chair

**Paper 21/BG/53
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**21/95 Access and Participation Plan (APP) Report
Presented by Professor Julie Hall,
Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

**Paper 21/BG/54
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This minute is confidential.

(Professor Nona McDuff joined the meeting.)

**21/96 Quality & Academic Standards Assurance Report
Presented by Professor Julie Hall**

**Paper 21/BG/55
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**21/97 Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Plan
Presented by Nona McDuff, Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Students and Teaching)**

**Paper 21/BG/56
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(Professor Nona McDuff left the meeting.)

**21/98 Student Governor report
Presented by: Stefania David**

Oral Report

- i. Stefania reported the following highlights:
- ii.
 - The number of appeals and complaints had dropped since September.
 - The taxi service from the Library had been extended to external users and now went to the central railway station.
 - Spiking tests were now available.
 - A lot of events had been held or were planned, including a Winter Ball.
 - Vaivos Koukouletsos held a pop-up event at St Mary's and this would become a regular event.
 - Training of course reps, faculty reps and Sabbatical Officers was underway.
- iii. The Chair thanked Stefania and the Board noted the report.

**21/99 Staff Governor report
Presented by Louise O'Donoghue, Staff Governor**

Oral Report

Louise O'Donoghue provided an oral report based on feedback from Solent Voice which included updates in the following areas:

- i. Ways of Working Update:
- ii. Progression:
- iii. Staff Survey:
- iv. Solent Voice - September meeting
- v. VCG briefings
- vi. Successes

21/100 Chair's Address

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(Professor Karen Stanton, Professor Julie Hall, Andrea Thompson, Eran Kochlany, Dr Caroline Carpenter and Leigh Rengger left the meeting.)

21/101 Remuneration Committees reports Oral Report
22 September and 24 November 2021
Presented by Neil Hayward Confidential
Remuneration Committees (VC and SLT) Chair

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PART 2: *The following were all noted or approved by the Board:*

21/102 Degree Outcomes Statement	Paper 21/BG/57
Approved.	Confidential
21/103 Student Fees	Paper 21/BG/58
Noted.	Confidential
21/104 Academic Board Report	Paper 21/BG/59
Noted.	Confidential
21/105 Annual Report on Research, Innovation & Enterprise	Paper 21/BG/60
Noted.	Confidential
21/106 Annual Student Equality Report	Paper 21/BG/61
Noted.	Confidential
21/107 Students' Union Accounts 20/21 And Budget Forecast 21/22	Paper 21/BG/62
Noted.	
21/108 Office for Students Compliance - Annual Report	Paper 21/BG/63
Noted.	
21/109 Conferment of title of Emeritus Chancellor On Admiral Lord Alan West	Paper 21/BG/64
Approved.	Confidential
21/110 Employment Tribunal - annual report	Paper 21/BG/65
Noted.	Confidential
21/111 Annual Report - Prevent Duty	Paper 21/BG/66
Approved.	

21/112 Modern Slavery Act Statement**Paper 21/BG/67**

Approved. **Post Meeting Note:** A revised Modern Slavery Statement was approved by Chair's Action on 14 December 2021 and ratified by the Board on 2 March 2022

21/113 Minutes of Governance Committee meeting held on 10 November 2021**Minutes
Confidential****21/114 Minutes of Resources Committee meeting held on 10 November 2021****Minutes
Confidential****21/115 Minutes of Audit Committee meeting held on 17 November 2021****Minutes
Confidential****21/116 Affixing of the seal**

The Board noted that the following documents were signed by the Vice-Chancellor, and the University Seal applied to: None.

21/117 Reportable Events**Confidential**

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21/118 New Regulatory Advice 16: Reportable Events**Paper 21/BG/68**

- i. The Board noted the new Advice and agreed to delegate approval of reportable events to the Vice-Chancellor.

21/119 Meeting dates

- i. The Board meeting dates for 2021/22 are:

Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 17:00hrs;
Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 14:00hrs: - BoG with Academic Board
Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 17:00hrs;
Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 17:00hrs.

- ii. Meeting dates for 2022/23 were noted.

Paper 21/BG/69

- iii. The meeting closed at 19:50hrs.