

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 10 September 2020 - on Zoom

Present

Stephen Bolton, Independent Governor and Vice Chair
Dr Janet Bonar, Staff Governor
Phil Cotton, Independent Governor and Chair of the Board
Mark Dixon, Staff Governor
Nigel Duncan OBE, Co-opted Governor
Professor Ruth Farwell CBE DL, Independent Governor
Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor
Don Iro, Independent Governor
Vaios Koukouletsos, Student Governor
Susan Macpherson, Independent Governor (from 20/70)
Sharath Ranjan, Independent Governor
James Rimmer, Independent Governor (Up to and Inc 20/73)
John Simpson, Independent Governor (Up to and Inc 20/73)
Professor Karen Stanton Vice-Chancellor & Governor Ex Officio
Philip Wake OBE RD, Independent Governor

In attendance

Fern Anyan, Students' Union, Sabbatical Officer & Deputy President
Stephen Avery, Director of Finance
Dr Caroline Carpenter, University Secretary
Paul Colbran, Chief Information & Infrastructure Officer
Professor Julie Hall, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Leigh Rengger, Chief Marketing Officer
Andrea Thompson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources)
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors
Andrew Burn, KPMG (Up to and including Min 20/72)

20/65 Apologies & Welcome

- i. Apologies from Councillor Satvir Kaur. The meeting was quorate throughout.
- ii. The Chair welcomed Vaios Koukouletsos, Student Governor, and Fern Anyan, Deputy Students' Union President. He also welcomed Andrew Burn of KPMG.

20/66 Conflict of Interests - None.

20/67 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2020 - Approved.

20/68 Matters Arising

Presented by Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

- i. The Clerk had rescheduled the Joint Workshop of Academic Board and the Board of Governors for 20 January 2021 and an email had been sent out to all attendees.

- 20/69 Introduction**
Presented by Professor Karen Stanton
- Oral Report**
Confidential
- This minute is confidential.
- 20/70 Strategy 2020-25 & Solent Future Ready & KPIs**
Presented by Professor Karen Stanton
- Paper 20/BG/25**
Paper 20/BG/26
Confidential
- This minute is confidential.
- 20/71 Delivery of Strategy 2020-25 - Solent Future Ready**
- Presentation**
Confidential
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- 20/72 Warsash Maritime School - future options**
Presented by: Andrew Burn of KPMG
- Presentation**
Confidential
- This minute is confidential.
- (Andrew Burn left the meeting at this point.)*
- 20/73 Student Recruitment Update**
Presented by Leigh Rengger, Chief Marketing Officer
- Oral Report**
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- (John Simpson and James Rimmer left at this point.)*
- 20/74 Estates Report**
Presented by: Paul Colbran,
Chief Information & Infrastructure Officer
- Presentation**
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- 20/75 Office for Students - revised approach to regulation and data returns**
Presented by: Dr Caroline Carpenter, University Secretary
- Paper 20/BG/27**
- i. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the OfS had introduced a number of temporary regulatory changes. On 30 July, it announced that it did not intend to reinstate the regulatory requirements exactly as before. The document indicated a move from provider-level threshold standards to subject level and a continuing focus on grade inflation. For the most part, these changes were only outlined, with further information to come in autumn.
 - ii. There was continuing attention on the financial position of providers and the requirement for the OfS to be aware of early indications of threats to provider financial viability and two new reportable events relating to liquidity and to financial covenants attached to loans.
 - iii. The Board noted the report.

20/76 Affixing of the Seal:

The Board was asked to note that, since its last meeting, the University Seal had, under the signatures of the Vice-Chancellor and the Clerk to the Governors, been applied to:

-Deed of Surrender - Lucia Foster Welch - Student Residence

20/77 Reportable events (Office for Students)

Since the last meeting, there has 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'*:

None.

20/78 Date of next meetings in 2020:

Post meeting the Chair and Vice-Chancellor agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Board of Governors on 28th October 2020 at 17:00hrs - by Zoom.

Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 17:00hrs -by Zoom.