

Southampton Solent University

Governance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 16:30hrs on Teams

Present

Dr Francesca Gwynne, Staff Governor (Academic)

Don Iro, Independent Governor and Committee Chair

Sharath Ranjan, Independent Governor (via Teams)

Richard Smith, Independent Governor and Chair of the Board (Acting Committee Chair for minute 25/11 only)

In attendance

Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students and Governance

Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

25/11 Appointment of Pro-Chancellor

Presented by: Richard Smith as acting Committee Chair

**Paper 25/GC/16
Confidential Unreserved**

25/12 Welcome and Apologies

1. Don Iro took over the chair for the rest of the meeting.
2. There were apologies from Professor James Knowles and the meeting was quorate.

25/13 Conflicts of Interest

1. Don Iro and Sharath Ranjan declared conflicts of interest.
2. There were no other declarations of interest.

25/14 Minutes

Decision

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

25/15 Matters Arising

**Paper 25/GC/07
Confidential Unreserved**

25/16 Membership of the Board 2024/25

**Paper 25/GC/08
Confidential Unreserved**

25/17 Board Recruitment for 2025/26

**Paper 25/GC/09
Confidential Unreserved**

25/18 Nomination and Appointment of Chancellor

**Paper 25/GC/10
Confidential Unreserved**

25/19 Governance Effectiveness Review 2025

**Paper 25/GC/11
Restricted**

25/20 Scheme of Delegation

**Paper 25/GC/12
Restricted**

25/21 Review of Committee's terms of reference

**Paper 25/GC/13
Open**

Decision

1. The Committee:

- a. reviewed its terms of reference;
- b. agreed to recommend to the Board revisions to paragraph 11 c) and h) to include reference to the recruitment and induction of Pro-Chancellors, as approved by revision to the university's Instrument of Government earlier in 2025.

25/22 Committee's annual self-evaluation

**Paper 25/GC/14
Restricted**

PART 2: Taken as noted.

25/23 Committee's order of business 2025/26

**Paper 25/GC/15
Restricted**

25/24 Meetings in 2025/26

Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 16:00hrs. Venue: TBC

Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 16:00hrs. Venue: TBC.

Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 16:00hrs. Venue: TBC.

The meeting closed at 17:35 hrs.