

Southampton Solent University

Finance & Resources Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 17:30hrs on Teams

Present

Mohammad Galib, Student Governor
Adam Golton, Independent Governor & Committee Chair
Lisa-Jane Risk, Independent Governor
Beth Topazio, Staff Governor (Professional Services)
Professor Allan Youp OBE, Independent Governor

In attendance

Professor Cathy Barnes, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Academic Strategy and Planning
Kerrie Clark, Director of Finance
Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students and Governance
Professor James Knowles, Vice-Chancellor
Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial and Operating Officer
Helen Jones, Chief People and Culture Officer
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

26/01 Welcome and Apologies

1. There were no apologies.
2. The meeting was quorate.
3. The Chair thanked the executive for papers.
4. Members and attendees were reminded to note the particular confidentiality and sensitivity around items presented at this meeting.

26/02 Conflicts of Interest

1. There were no new conflicts of interest beyond staff interest in the pensions strategy item that has been declared at previous meetings.

26/03 Minutes

Decision

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

26/04 Matters Arising

**Paper 26/FR/01
Confidential Unreserved**

AGENDA PART 1:

26/05 Report of Members' Pre-Meeting

**Oral Report
Confidential Unreserved**

26/06 Three year Strategic Plan One (3YSP1) update	Paper 25/FR/02 Confidential Unreserved
26/07 Student Recruitment	Paper 26/FR/03 Confidential Unreserved
26/08 Tuition Fees	Paper 26/FR/04 Confidential Unreserved
26/09 Education Partnerships	Paper 26/FR/05 Confidential Unreserved
26/10 Refinancing update	Oral report Confidential Unreserved
26/11 Pension strategy update	Paper 26/FR/06 Confidential RESERVED
26/12 Annual Financial Return (AFR)	Paper 26/FR/08 Confidential Unreserved
26/13 Financial Regulations	Paper 26/FR/09 Confidential Unreserved
<i>(Professor Allan Youp left the meeting.)</i>	
26/14 Divestment update	Oral report Confidential Unreserved
26/15 Management Accounts	Paper 26/FR/07 Confidential Unreserved
26/16 Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) programme report	Paper 26/FR/10 Confidential Unreserved
END OF PART 1:	
AGENDA PART 2:	
26/17 Severance report	Paper 26/FR/11 Confidential Unreserved
26/18 HESA/HESES 2024/25	Paper 26/FR/12 Confidential Unreserved
26/19 Next meetings in 2025/26	

Wednesday 29 April 2026 - Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building, East Park Terrace, Southampton.

Wednesday 15 July 2026 – Teams

All of the above will be preceded by a members' meeting at 17:00hrs.

The meeting closed at 19.30 hrs.