

Southampton Solent University

Finance & Resources Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 November 2025 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
Andrew Bird, Chief Marketing Officer
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
Richard Smith, Chair of Board (until Min 25/65)
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors
Tania Deitch, AHEP Consultant

25/54 Welcome and Apologies

1. There were no apologies.
2. The meeting was quorate.
3. The Chair welcomed Tania Deitch of the Association of Higher Education Professionals (AHEP) as an observer at the meeting.

25/55 Conflicts of Interest

Confidential Unreserved

25/56 Minutes

Decision

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

25/57 Matters Arising

**Paper 25/FR/32
Confidential Unreserved**

25/58 Report of Members' Pre-Meeting

**Oral Report
Confidential Unreserved**

25/59 Three Year Strategic Plan One progress report

**Paper 25/FR/33
Confidential Unreserved**

25/60 Student recruitment report

**Paper 25/FR/34
Confidential Unreserved**

25/61 Management accounts	Paper 25/FR/35 Confidential Unreserved
25/62 Annual Financial Return (AFR)	Paper 25/FR/36 Confidential Unreserved
25/63 Refinancing	Paper 25/FR/37 Confidential Unreserved
25/64 Pension Schemes annual report	Paper 25/FR/38 Confidential Unreserved

(Richard Smith left the meeting.)

25/65 Treasury Management report	Paper 25/FR/39 Confidential Unreserved
25/66 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project report	Paper 25/FR/40 Confidential Unreserved
25/67 Severance report	Paper 25/FR/41 Confidential Unreserved

**End of Part 1
Part 2**

25/68 Committee's terms of reference and standing orders	Paper 25/FR/42 Open
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Decision

1. The Committee noted the terms of reference for and current standing orders.

25/69 Order of business 2025/26	Paper 25/FR/43 Open
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Decision

1. The Committee noted the order of business.

25/70 2025/26 Meetings

Wednesday 25 February 2026 – Teams
Wednesday 29 April 2026 – Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building
Wednesday 15 July 2026 – Teams

Meetings will commence at 17:30, preceded by a members' meeting at 17:00 hrs.

The meeting closed at 19:15hrs.