MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

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Thursday, 5 February 2015 at 12.00pm
Seminar Room A, Hughes Hall

Present: Dr Mike Franklin (Chair); Dr Samantha Lucy (Secretary); Miss Emma Easterbrook (Support Officer); Dr Paul Beattie; Dr Andy Bell; Mr David Goode; Dr David Secher; and Dr David Woodman.

1. Apologies
The Revd Canon Hugh Shilson-Thomas; and Dr Matthew Vernon.

2. Declarations of Interest
None.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 22 January 2015
Approved.

4. Matters Arising
None.

5. Guests:
The Board welcomed Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice-Chancellor, and the following issues were discussed.

(i) *Universities’ Superannuation Scheme (USS)*: including future proposals and benefits, consultation, and membership;

(ii) *Post-graduates and post-doctorates*: including their relationship and engagement with Schools, Departments, the University and Colleges;

(iii) *The City Deal*: including relationship with the Government, local authorities, Cambridgeshire, the Eastern region, and UEA;

(iv) *Research Excellence Framework (REF)*: including impact on league tables and
Research funding and research initiatives;

Cambridge University Development and Alumni Relations: including restructure, major donors, the time-line for the next fund-raising campaign, relationship with the Colleges, and Cambridge in America (CAm);

Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA): including current University policy and effect of any potential future case-law;

Post-graduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES);

Gender diversity: including data collection, increasing opportunities and mentoring; and

Schools: including their financial balance and autonomy as part of a global university.

6. Items to be kept under review

(i) Ms Alison Traub, Director of CUDAR;
(ii) Grant administration; and
(iii) Septemviri.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

Guest: Dr Jonathan Nicholls, Registrary
Seminar Room A, Hughes Hall
12.00pm on Thursday, 19 February 2015

Emma Easterbrooke
Support Officer
10 February 2015