

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Thursday 14 March 2024 11.00am
in the Pavilion Room at Newnham College and via Zoom

Present:

Dr Rob Doubleday (Chair), Mr Rob Hopwood (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Rev'd Andrew Hammond (Senior Proctor) (via Zoom), Dr Markus Gehring (Senior Pro-Proctor), Dr Charles Read (Junior Proctor), Dr Richard Lloyd, Dr Orsola Rath Spivack, Dr Stephen Cowley, Dr Judith Plummer Braeckman, and Dr Nazia Habib.

The meeting began at 11.03am.

1. Welcome and apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Fraz Mir (Junior Pro-Proctor).

2. Declarations of Interest:

There were no new declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2024:

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

None.

5. Guest – Dr Michael Glover, Academic Secretary:

The Board welcomed Dr Michael Glover, Academic Secretary, and the following topics were discussed:

- i.) An update on progress of the undergraduate teaching review;
- ii.) Progress made towards the planned strategic review of non-traditional forms of education;
- iii.) The effectiveness of the current management of the change programmes;
- iv.) A review of the Reimagining Professional Services project;
- v.) Progress on the goal to bring together Schools, Heads of Departments and central services to agree priorities and share resource;
- vi.) Progress made on addressing the concerns of the Audit Committee as noted in their Annual Report published in February;
- vii.) Current work around reviewing the impact of our academic culture on student mental health and wellbeing;
- viii.) The strategic partnerships currently being pursued by the University;
- ix.) Changes in admissions testing and analyses being undertaken; and
- x.) The implementation of recommendations on climate and sustainability from the Topping report.

6. Report from Proctors:

Nothing to report.

7. Updates from Working Groups:

The Chair offered to compile the notes from previous discussions and circulate to Working Group convenors as a reminder of the focus areas identified and to assist with the organisation of meetings with relevant University officers.

8. Any other business:

None.

9. Dates of future meetings:

Full Board meetings:

- Tuesday 4 June, 11.30am with the Vice-Chancellor invited to attend (to be held in the Pavilion Room at Newnham College). Lunch will be provided.

The meeting ended at 1pm.

Rachel Rowe (Support Officer)