

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

**Thursday 26 October 2023 11.30am
at Peterhouse**

Present:

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

The meeting began at 11.33am.

1. Welcome and apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Fraz Mir (Junior Pro-Proctor). Dr Saskia Murk-Jansen sent apologies that she would be arriving late.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023:

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

None.

5. Discussion of work plan for 2023-24:

The Board discussed the purpose of future meetings after being reminded of the relevant statutes and ordinances. The importance of improving communication with the Regent House was particularly highlighted. The Board agreed to organise meetings with the University's Chief Financial Officer and the outgoing PVC for Enterprise & Business Relations by the end of Michaelmas term, and to arrange to meet with the Vice-Chancellor and other senior University officers during Lent term. The Board agreed to use these meetings to select a limited number of priority areas to focus on for the remainder of the academic year. These priorities would shape the Board's work and the Board's Annual Report. The Board agreed to postpone until a later meeting a decision on whether or not to continue with the previous format of dividing into smaller working groups.

6. Report from Proctors:

The Board received an update from the Junior Proctor on the agenda items and discussions that took place at the last Council meeting on 16 October.

7. Any other business

- The Chair reported that the Discussion of Board of Scrutiny's 28th Report would take place online on 31 October, and members were encouraged to attend.

- The Chair reported that unfortunately it will not be possible for the Council to respond to the recommendations in the Board's Report before January 2024.
- The Chair reported that there will soon be an election to fill the remaining vacancy on the Board, and details will be circulated in due course.

8. Dates of future meetings

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed by email after all Board members have indicated their availability.

The meeting closed at 12.55pm.

Rachel Rowe
Support Officer