

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

**Thursday 29 February 2024 11.30am
in the Anna Bateson Room at Newnham College**

Present:

Dr Rob Doubleday (Chair), Mr Rob Hopwood (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Dr Charles Read (Junior Proctor), Dr Fraz Mir (Junior Pro-Proctor), Dr Richard Lloyd, Dr Orsola Rath Spivack, Dr Stephen Cowley, and Dr Judith Plummer Braeckman.

The meeting began at 11.32am.

1. Welcome and apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Nazia Habib, Rev'd Andrew Hammond (Senior Proctor) and Dr Markus Gehring (Senior Pro-Proctor).

2. Declarations of Interest:

There were no new declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2024:

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

The Board expressed profound sorrow at the news that Dr Saskia Murk Jansen had passed away on 19 February, and extended their heartfelt sympathies to her family and colleagues across the University which she had served so well for so long. The Chair informed the Board that there would be a by-election in due course to fill the Board vacancy created by Saskia's passing.

5. Guest – Professor David Cardwell, PVC for Strategy & Planning:

The Board welcomed Professor David Cardwell, PVC for Strategy & Planning, and the following topics were discussed:

- i.) A broad update on the financial health of the University and the parameters within which the budget will be set;
- ii.) A comparison of the University's current position on the Enhanced Financial Transparency (EFT) model compared with the previous Resource Allocation Model (RAM);
- iii.) How cross-subsidies or "cross flows" will be handled in the planning process once EFT is online;
- iv.) Reshaping our Estate - an update on progress, the outsourcing of maintenance, and an update on the space utilisation surveys;
- v.) Reflections on Professor Cardwell's term in office and any significant challenges and achievements.

6. Report from Proctors:

Dr Charles Read (Junior Proctor) briefly reported on issues raised at the last Council meeting.

7. Any other business:

None.

8. Dates of future meetings:

Full Board meetings:

- Thursday 7 March, 11.30am with the Registry, Emma Rampton, invited to attend from 11.45am (to be held in the Pavilion Room at Newnham College). Lunch will be provided.
- Thursday 14 March, 11am with the Academic Secretary, Dr Mike Glover, invited to attend (to be held in the Pavilion Room at Newnham College). Lunch will be provided.

The formal meeting ended at 1.32pm.

Rachel Rowe (Support Officer)