

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Wednesday 7 March 2018, 12:15pm

Henry Cavendish Room, Peterhouse

Present:

Mr Tim Milner (Chair), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Dr Gemma Burgess, Dr John Xuereb, Dr Liz Morfoot, Dr Karen Ottewell, Dr Carmel McEniery, Mr Ian Wright, Mr Graham Allen, Professor Martin Jones, Dr Richard Mortier, and Ms Edna Murphy.

Mr David Goode was absent from the meeting.

The meeting began at 12:20pm.

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Declarations of interest:

Tim Milner noted that he worked in the Vice Chancellor's office, but did not sit on the Board in that capacity. All Board members apart from John Xuereb and Graham Allen declared an interest in the discussion on USS as contributing members.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

None.

5. Progress reports from Working Groups:

The Estates group gave a report to the Board on a recent meeting with Pro-Vice-Chancellor Andy Neely.

6. Dates of future meetings:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 May at 12:15pm in the Henry Cavendish Room at Peterhouse, where the Board will begin to put together the draft Annual Report.

7. Any other business:

None.

8. Guest – Professor Stephen Toope, Vice-Chancellor:

The Board welcomed Stephen Toope to the meeting, and the following issues were discussed:

- Bringing about cultural shifts in a decentralized institution;

- Tensions and discussions around pay and pensions;
- A strategy to deal with perceived financial losses in teaching and research;
- Concerns regarding research and student recruitment in light of Brexit;
- The recruitment processes for senior posts;
- The increasing focus on trusteeship with regards to Council and Regent House, and transparency within CUEF;
- Themes emerging from the Vice Chancellor's recent consultations with staff.

The meeting closed at 2:30pm.

Rachel Rowe
Support Officer