

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

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

maintaining excellence and international standing for the future;

- (v) **Research funding and research initiatives;**
- (vi) **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);
- (vii) **Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA):** including current University policy and effect of any potential future case-law;
- (viii) **Post-graduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES);**
- (ix) **Gender diversity:** including data collection, increasing opportunities and mentoring; and
- (x) **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, Registry

Seminar Room A, Hughes Hall

12.00pm on Thursday, 19 February 2015

Emma Easterbrook
Support Officer
10 February 2015