

# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

## MINUTES

**Wednesday 1 February 2017, 10:45am**

**Peter Richards Room, Hughes Hall**

**Present:** Dr Lydia Drumright (LD) (Chair), Mrs Gwyneth Barton (GBa) (Support Officer), Ms Saba Alai (SA), Dr Gemma Burgess (GBu), Mr Gordon Chesterman (GC), Dr Simon Frost (SF), Mr David Goode (DG), Dr Stephen Kell (SK), Dr Carmel McEniery (CMcE), Mr Tim Milner (TM), Dr Liz Morfoot (LM), Dr Cristiano Ristuccia (CR) and Mr Ian Wright (IW).

### **1. Apologies:**

There were no apologies. The Chair welcomed IW to his first meeting of the Board.

### **2. Declarations of Interest:**

TM noted that he had been working in the Vice-Chancellor's Office throughout the current Vice-Chancellor's term.

### **3. Minutes of Meeting on 18 January 2017:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **4. Matters Arising:**

#### Schedule of Guests

Board members reviewed their schedule of guests for the remainder of the Lent term and agreed to make no changes to the meetings currently planned.

### **5. Guest – Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice-Chancellor:**

The Board welcomed Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, the Vice-Chancellor. The following items were discussed:

- i) The University's governance arrangements, including the Regent House, the Council and the General Board; and the role of the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellors
- ii) The transitional risks associated with the handover to the new Vice-Chancellor in October 2017
- iii) The forthcoming Governance review
- iv) The likely impact of Brexit on student numbers, postdocs, academic and support staff and grants; and on capital projects such as North-West Cambridge
- v) Key issues relating to the City Deal and the challenges posed to the University by the City's growth
- vi) Key challenges relating to staff recruitment, retention and progression
- vii) Key issues within the higher education sector posing long-term challenges for the University.

**6. Any Other Business:**

Governance Review

Board members had received the terms of reference for the forthcoming Governance review. It was agreed to discuss these further online.

**7. Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 15 February 2017, 10:45am

Guest: Professor Graham Virgo, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education

Venue: Council Room, Hughes Hall

The meeting closed at 1.40pm.

**Gwyneth Barton**  
**Support Officer**