

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Wednesday 2 November 2016, 10:45am

Seminar Room A, Hughes Hall

Present: Dr Lydia Drumright (Chair) (LD), Mrs Gwyneth Barton (Support Officer) (GBa), Dr Gemma Burgess (GBu), Mr Gordon Chesterman (GC), Dr Mike Franklin (MF), Dr Carmel McEniery (CMcE), Mr Tim Milner (TM), Dr Liz Morfoot (LM) and Dr Cristiano Ristuccia (CR).

1. Apologies:

Dr Stephen Kell (SK) and Dr David Secher (DS).

2. Declarations of Interest:

GC declared an interest during the discussion recorded under Minute 6 below.

3. Minutes of Meeting on 19 October 2016:

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising:

The Board questioned whether its minutes should be signed, but agreed no change to current practice.

It was noted that the minutes of Board meetings were public, but the notes were not, to protect the confidentiality of guests. The notes were also exempt from Freedom of Information requests.

5. Review of Board of Scrutiny Statutes and Ordinances:

Members reviewed the University's Statutes and Ordinances relating to the Board of Scrutiny, to inform the Board's developing role. A number of points were discussed, including:

- The Board's duty to scrutinise the annual report of the Council, including the annual report of the General Board to the Council, and the allocations Report of the Council.
- The balance between the Board's backward- and forward-facing roles
- The Board's remit in relation to the Cambridge University Press and Cambridge Assessment
- Exclusions to the Board's membership.

It was agreed to seek no changes to the Statutes and Ordinances at this stage, but to raise concerns through the Board's annual report if necessary.

6: Matter of Concern

The Board noted that a matter of concern had been raised for Discussion by members of the Regent House, namely the University's Statement of Investment Responsibility, dated 13 June 2016. The Board of Scrutiny had been keen to identify matters of concern to Regents and this was evidence of one issue.

Members of the Board would be attending the Discussion. They agreed to report back to the Board on the debate and on any response made by the Council.

7. Possible Future Discussion Topics:

This item was not addressed separately.

8. Questions for Remaining Michaelmas Term Guests:

The Board discussed questions for Emma Stone, Director of Human Resources, who would be attending the meeting on 16 November 2016.

The Chair asked Board members to add their questions to the Wiki.

9. Items under Review:

None.

10. Any Other Business:

MF advised members that this would be his last meeting. The Chair and members thanked MF for his contributions to the Board, including the time he had served as Chair.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 16 November 2016, 10:45am

Guest: Emma Stone, Director of Human Resources

Venue: Seminar Room B, Hughes Hall

Gwyneth Barton
Support Officer