

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Scrutiny

20 May 2025; 3pm; Council Room, Murray Edwards College

In attendance

Mr R Hopwood (Chair)
Dr J Plummer Braeckman (Secretary)
Dr R Doubleday
Dr S Cowley
Professor W Evans
Dr M Gehring
Dr O Rath Spivack

Apologies

Dr R Lloyd
Dr N Habib
Dr F Mir
Dr M Parker Dixon
Dr B Spagnolo

Ms S Greaves (Administrator)

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Drs R Lloyd, N Habib, F Mir, M Parker Dixon and B Spagnolo.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were noted.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2025 (Paper A) were received and **approved**.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not already on the agenda

The Board noted some feedback on the University's leadership development programme.

5. Consideration of the Secretary of the Board

The Board elected Dr Plummer Braeckman as Secretary for the remainder of the academic year to cover Dr Lloyd's leave.

6. Matters arising from the election of the Chancellor

The Board noted that Professor Evans is standing for election as Chancellor. It was **agreed** that, if nominated, he would pause his membership of the Board for the period of the election.

7. Timeline for the Report

The Board raised concerns that they have not been granted access to some of the reports that they have requested from the University.

It was **agreed** to make 10 recommendations from the areas of Finance, Estates, People, Education, and Sustainability. There will also be a separate section on transformation programmes.

It was **agreed** that the first draft will be completed in July, at which point the Board will meet to discuss next steps.

Action: Administrator to the Board

Drs Gehring and Doubleday left the meeting.

8. Any Other Business

The Board considered an email sent to them and **agreed** that this is not within their remit to respond.

The Chair reminded the Board that elections for membership will happen in June/July and asked current members to encourage colleagues for nomination.

The next meeting will be at midday on Wednesday 21 May 2025 at Murray Edwards College.