

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

**Tuesday 5 September 2023
3.30pm in the SCR at Christ's College**

Present:

Dr Seb Falk (Chair), Mr Graham Allen (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Dr Orsola Rath Spivack, Dr Charles Read, Dr Rob Doubleday, Dr Mark Purcell, Mr Rob Hopwood, Dr Nazia Habib, and Dr Gilly Carr.

The meeting began at 3.35pm.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Dr David Butterfield and Rev Dr Andrew Hammond.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Guest – Vice-Chancellor, Professor Debbie Prentice:

The Board welcomed Professor Debbie Prentice and the following topics were discussed:

- i.) The Vice-Chancellor's first impressions of the University and her short-term priorities;
- ii.) Any identified shortcomings in the support available;
- iii.) How her academic background in psychology and prior administrative experience has shaped her leadership style;
- iv.) Recent issues such as pay and pensions, recruitment and retention, and the EJRA;
- v.) Challenges relating to the availability of resources within the University;
- vi.) The effectiveness of the University's decision-making processes and the Collegiate system;
- vii.) Longer-term priorities for the remainder of her tenure.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2023:

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising:

None.

6. Discussion of Draft Annual Report:

The Board discussed some proposed edits to the draft Annual Report and the included recommendations, with a plan to submit the first draft to the Registry for fact-checking by the following week.

7. Any Other Business:

None.

8. Future meetings:

It was agreed to confirm the date of the Board's Handover Meeting by a Doodle poll and email circulation.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

Rachel Rowe
Support Officer