

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Wednesday 5 October 2016, 10:45am

Seminar Room B, Hughes Hall

Present: Dr Lydia Drumright (Chair), Dr Stephen Kell (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Dr Gemma Burgess, Mr Gordon Chesterman, Dr Mike Franklin, Dr Carmel McEniery, Mr Tim Milner, Dr Liz Morfoot, Dr Cristiano Ristuccia, and Dr David Secher.

Formal Election of Chair & Secretary:

Dr Cristiano Ristuccia, in his role as Junior Proctor, assumed the role of Chair for this item. Dr Lydia Drumright and Dr Stephen Kell were unanimously elected as Chair and Secretary respectively for the new academic year. Dr Cristiano Ristuccia then handed the Chair over to Dr Lydia Drumright for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board had a discussion on its future direction and strategy, how it should engage with the University, and how to raise better awareness of the Board's activities.

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of Handover meeting on 1 August 2016:

A change was requested regarding the wording of the informal vote for the incoming Chair and Secretary. Otherwise, the minutes were agreed.

4. Matters arising:

Interviews are being arranged for Support Officer maternity cover, to begin on 1 November 2016.

5. Discussion on 11 October:

It was agreed that the following topics for concern would be raised during the Discussion:

- Brexit;
- Regent House and the University's self-governance (including geographical spread);
- HR (including EJRA);
- The Freeling Report.

6. Questions for Michaelmas guests:

The Board discussed the meeting dates for the coming year and the proposed guests to invite. The Board briefly discussed the topics to speak about with Simon Lebus at the next meeting on 19 October, with a Wiki page set up to continue discussion on specific questions for him. It was agreed that the proposed meeting on 2 November be set aside to discuss questions for the remaining Michaelmas guests.

7. Items under review:

None.

8. Any Other Business:

The Board were asked to consider people to ask to stand in the forthcoming Board of Scrutiny elections. Currently there are two vacancies to fill.

9. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 19 October 2016, 10:45am

Guest: Simon Lebus

Venue: TBC

**Rachel Rowe
Support Officer**