

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Wednesday 15 February 2017, 10:45am

Council Room, Hughes Hall

Present: Mrs Gwyneth Barton (GBa) (Support Officer), Dr Gemma Burgess (GBu), Mr Gordon Chesterman (GC), Mr David Goode (DG), Dr Stephen Kell (SK), Dr Carmel McEniery (CMcE), Mr Tim Milner (TM), Dr Liz Morfoot (LM) and Dr Cristiano Ristuccia (CR).

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Ms Saba Alai (SA), Dr Lydia Drumright (LD) (Chair), Dr Simon Frost (SF) and Mr Ian Wright (IW). The meeting was chaired by SK.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 1 February 2017:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2017 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- i) Minute 2 – delete ‘for the past seven years’ and replace with ‘throughout the current Vice-Chancellor’s term’
- ii) Minute 5, title – add ‘Professor Sir’ before ‘Leszek Borysiewicz’
- iii) Minute 5, v) – capitalise ‘city’
- iv) Minute 7 – add ‘Professor’ before ‘Graham Virgo’.

4. Matters Arising:

Preparation of the Board’s Annual Report

Board members discussed the process for the preparation of the Board’s Annual Report and the timing of its publication.

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

The Board welcomed Graham Virgo, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education. The following items were discussed:

- i) The Education Committee’s work on student health, wellbeing and workload management
- ii) The progress of the Examination Review working group and the classing of degrees
- iii) Equality and diversity in relation to students
- iv) The development of joint Triposes and other steps being taken to ensure that Cambridge’s degree course offerings remained competitive
- v) Implementation of the Digital Strategy for Education, including computer-based exams and digital lecture capture; and the proposed role of Digital Advocates

- vi) The University's participation in TEF2, CUSU's decision to boycott the NSS and future rounds of TEF
- vii) The proposal to abolish public class lists and the roles of the Education Committee, CUSU and the Regent House in debating this issue
- viii) Recruitment of postgraduates and the quality of their experiences at Cambridge.

6. Any Other Business:

None.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 1 March 2017, 10:45am

Guest: Professor Duncan Maskell, Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Resources)

Venue: Peter Richards Room, Hughes Hall

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

Gwyneth Barton
Support Officer