

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Wednesday 17 March 2021, 10:30am

Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:

Mr Graham Allen (Chair), Mr Ian Wright (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Dr Karen Ottewell, Dr Annamaria Motrescu-Mayes, Professor Martin Jones, Dr John Fawcett, Dr David Butterfield, Dr Gilly Carr and Dr Mark Smith.

The meeting began at 10:33am.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr David Goode and Professor Richard Mortier.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Guest – Ms Emma Rampton, Registry:

The Board welcomed Ms Emma Rampton, and the following topics were discussed:

- i.) The timetable for Council responding to submitted reports;
- ii.) Lessons learned from the University's response to the pandemic;
- iii.) An assessment of the current state of the UAS;
- iv.) Progress on the recruitment of a new Director of HR and Head of Legal Services;
- v.) The recent suspension of various reward and promotion schemes;
- vi.) Recent problems with the publication of The Reporter;
- vii.) Outcomes from the OurCambridge initiative;
- viii.) Objectives and timescales for the Re-imagining Professional Services project;
- ix.) Mitigating problems with the closure of Hermes; and
- x.) The remit of the Senior Leadership Team and Covid Gold Team.

4. Updates from Working Groups:

The Finance group updated the Board on a recent meeting with David Hughes.

5. Minutes of meeting on 3 March 2021:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 3 March 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

6. Matters arising:

a.) Membership:

The Chair informed the Board that there had been no nominations for the vacancy, therefore Council will exercise their ability to make an appointment based on the recommendation of the Proctors. The next Council meeting is next Monday.

7. Future meetings with individual Officers:

The Governance and Systems & Processes Working Groups will arrange a meeting with Mike Glover, the Academic Secretary, regarding the Reimagining Professional Services programme.

8. Any Other Business:

None.

9. Date of next full Board meeting:

The next full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 May at 10:30am via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 12:00pm.

Rachel Rowe
Support Officer