

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Wednesday 30 November 2016, 10:45am

Seminar Room A, Hughes Hall

Present: Dr Lydia Drumright (LD) (Chair), Mrs Gwyneth Barton (GBa) (Support Officer), Ms Saba Alai (SA), Dr Gemma Burgess (GBu), Mr Gordon Chesterman (GC), Dr Simon Frost (SF), Mr David Goode (DG), Dr Stephen Kell (SK), Dr Carmel McEniery (CMcE), Mr Tim Milner (TM), Dr Liz Morfoot (LM) and Dr David Secher (DS)

1. Welcome to New Members:

The Chair welcomed to the Board one former member, DG, and two new members, SA and SF. SA had been elected to September 2019 and SF and DG to fill the remainder of terms of previous Board members to September 2017.

2. Apologies:

Dr Cristiano Ristuccia (CR).

3. Declarations of Interest:

GC declared an interest in relation to item 6 below as his Service was due to be re-housed in the north range of buildings on the New Museums site.

4. Minutes of Meeting on 16 November 2016:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the deletion of item 5 and the renumbering of subsequent items.

5. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

6. Guest:

The Board welcomed Jason Matthews, Director of Estate Management, and the following items were discussed:

- i) The new Strategic Framework recently published by Estate Management; its difference in scope from the previous Framework and the reasons for this; and the opportunities and risks associated with its delivery;
- ii) Asset management;
- iii) Possible alternative funding models;
- iv) The effective use of space, particularly for teaching and examinations;
- v) The quality of internal working environments and external settings, including local amenities;
- vi) The University's interface with the City Deal;
- vii) How the University's Collegiate structure is taken into account;
- viii) How Estate Management plans to consult and involve Regents.

The Board thanked Jason Matthews and accepted his invitation for a delegation of Board members to visit him at Greenwich House.

7. The Council's Response to the Board of Scrutiny's 21st Report and its Recommendations:

The Board noted that the Council's Response to its 21st Report and Recommendations had been published. Board members discussed the nature of the Response and how it might influence the Board's 22nd Report and Recommendations. It was agreed to discuss this in more detail at the next Board meeting on 7 December 2016.

8. Discussion on 22 November 2016:

The Board noted that the Discussion of a topic of concern relating to the University's Statement of Investment Responsibility had taken place on 22 November 2016 and had been well attended.

9. Any Other Business:

Induction arrangements for new Board members were discussed.

The Board agreed to review its schedule of meetings and guests for the Lent term.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 7 December 2016, 10:45am

Guest: None

Venue: Peter Richards Room, Hughes Hall

**Gwyneth Barton
Support Officer**