

18/29 Minutes

29.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 February 2019 [BG18/39] were confirmed as a correct record with the exception of Mr E Morrison being recorded as present, instead of having sent apologies.

29.2 There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

18/30 Chair's Business

30.1 The Board held a minutes silence in respect of Dorma Urwin, the Principal of University College Worcester from 1992 to 2002 who had recently died.

30.2 University Autonomy OfS Letter: Financial Sustainability [BG18/40]

- 32.1. The SU Officers attended their last meeting as student governors to present their written report and to introduce the new SU Officers for July 2019– June 2020. Thanks were expressed from the entire Board to Lucy Conn, SU President, Euan Morrison, Education and Harrison Jarret, VP Student Activities. A warm welcome was given to Harry Lonsdale, SU President, Meg Price, VP Education and Mike Harris, VP Student Activities. The Audit Committee commented upon the impressive turnaround of the SU over the previous few years into a successful organisation.
- 32.2 The current President presented the SU report and drew members' attention to the work of the SU Advice Centre. Members noted that the Service is operating at 37% above the previous academic year and that a significant proportion of the work of the Service was supporting students in relation to matters relating to their academic studies.
- 32.3 The Board noted that the SU Leadership Elections had seen a small increase in participation on the previous year's record breaking turnout, with 1862 students casting a total of 5208 votes for the 11 candidates.
- 32.4 The Board congratulated the Students' Union for raising £25,000 through RAG (Raise and Give) which exceeds the previous year's total.
- 32.5 The Chair of Audit Committee congratulated the SU Officers for their work over the past year and the continued transformation of the Students' Union operations since 2014/15, when the SU received a limited assurance internal audit report on its operations. The recent student surveys show that student satisfaction with the Students' Union has increased by 20% over the last 3 years, which is an excellent endorsement of the good work undertaken.
- 32.6 The Board received the report from the Students' Union.

18/33 [Access and Participation Plan \(APP\)](#) [BG18/42]

- 33.1 The Pro Vice Chancellor Students presented a paper setting out the regulatory changes to Access and Participation Plans. It was noted that the OfS, subsequent to a consultation, now required 5 year Access and Participation Plans, as opposed to the previous arrangement of yearly plans.
- 33.2 The new plan, for the period 2020 – 2024/25 would be subject to an annual impact statement. The Access and Participation Plan (APP) to be submitted by the 1st July, would comprise of a word document of no more than 20 pages and excel spreadsheet which detailed the projected outcomes over the time of the plan, key milestones and evaluation measures.
- 33.3 Members noted that there was a clear focus in the guidance on the need to eliminate gaps between the most and least advantaged learners progressing into higher education and their

33.5 Due to the 1st July 2019 submission date once the AP~~Plan~~ has been approved by VCEB it would be circulated to the Board with sufficient time for members to have the opportunity to raise any queries and comments ahead of the submission deadline.

33.6 The Board received the report and approved the proposed direct~~or~~ travel.

18/34 **Reports from SubCommittee and Academic Board**

34.1. Audit Committee[BG18/44]

34.1.1 The Chair of the Committee presented the report of the Committee not~~ing~~ outcomes of the

34.3.4 The Board received the report.

34.4 Nominations Committee [BG18/47]

34.4.1 The Chair presented the report of the Committee noting that there would be one vacancy for an

- Opportunities to experience other cultures outside of the UK are promoted to UK home students including at Open Days. A new development is the opportunity for students in education and health courses to take short placement opportunities in India during the summer.

35.3 The Board thanked the Director International for giving the presentation and invited him to return in 18 months time for an update.

18/36 **Any Other Business**

36.1 Members agreed that a BBQ after the July Board meeting should be considered.

Those in attendance at the Board meeting are