



Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2023, 3.30 pm

Anatomy Suite, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Building, Severn Campus

22/61 Attendance

61.1 Present

Mrs S Speck	Independent Governor, Chair
Mr L Coiffait-Gunn	Independent Governor
Ms L Davies-Ward	Staff Governor
Mr S Devlin	Independent Governor
Mrs D Gant	Independent Governor
Professor D Green CBE	Vice Chancellor & Chief Executive
Mr M Hardy	Independent Governor
Mr N Khan	Independent Governor
Mr S James	Student Governor
Ms A Linforth	Student Governor
Ms C Moir	Staff Governor
Mrs S Morgan	Independent Governor
Mr A Noorani	Independent Governor
Mr D Pocha	Independent Governor
Ms I Price	Student Governor
Mr M Scriven	Staff Governor
Mr I Smith	Independent Governor
Mr K Sorrell	Independent Governor

61.2 In Attendance

Mr R Bonham	Pro Vice Chancellor Finance & Resources
Mrs J Britton	Pro Vice Chancellor Communications & External Affairs
Ms H Johnstone	University Secretary and Clerk to the Board
Ms A Jordan	Provost
Professor S Moyle	Pro Vice Chancellor Health & Science
Mrs J Newland	Assistant Clerk to the Board
Professor L Stansbie	Pro Vice Chancellor Education, Culture & Society

61.3 Apologies

Mrs L Barber	Staff Governor
Dr D Beech	Independent Governor
Mrs A Cope	Director of Human Resources
Mr T Heywood	Independent Governor
Dr C Jones	Independent Governor

Dr T Jones
Ms L Taylor

Pro Vice Chancellor Students
Independent Governor

The Chair welcomed Issy Price, new Student Governor, to their first meeting.

22/62 Declarations of Interests

62.1 Ian Smith: Kildare Trust.

22/63 Minutes

63.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2023 [] were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

63.2 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

63.2.1 Remuneration Committee reports [minute 50.1.3]: the Remuneration Committee met to consider the points raised and is to bring a report to the next Board of Governors meeting.

22/64 Chair's Business

64.1 Update from Chair

64.1.1 The Chair reported on a recent CUC event she had attended at which the Chief Executive of the UUK gave a presentation on the future of HE. Key points considered were:

students to study medicine, however there will be no new funded places until 2025. *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

66.8 *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

66.9 Members noted that the Stretton Trust charity that provides scholarships to support medical students will from this year offer bursaries to local students for each of the years of their training.

66.10 A student governor highlighted there is some misunderstanding that funded medical school places are free and it should be clearly communicated this is not the case.

66.11 The Board received the report.

22/67 Financial Matters

67.1 2023/24 Budget [BG22/63]

67.1.1 *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

67.1.2 *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

67.1.3 The Board approved the 2023/24 budget.

22/68 Students' Union Business

68.1 Students' Union Report [BG22/64]

68.1.1 The Board received the report from the Students Union officers and noted updates on the Advice Service and trends in cases being seen, a look back on academic representation over the year, Sports and Societies, work to address the low engagement in Networks and on Raise and Give. The Students' Union put together a submission on the Access and Participation Plan for the OfS, noting the difficulties involved as the submission request from the OfS was not clear. Feedback was given to the OfS.

68.1.2 The officers outlined their objectives for the coming year.

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- 70.1 The Board considered the University's draft revised Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech which has been reviewed in light of the HE (Freedom of Speech) Act that was passed into law in May 2023, and the approach the OfS has signalled it will take to a new condition in this area.
- 70.2 The University Secretary highlighted the key points of change to the Code, noting the new Act provides for protection for academic staff, and the balance needed between freedom of speech, academic freedom and the University's public sector duties under the Equality Act 2010. Under the new Act the Students' Union will be required to have its own Code.
- 70.3 The draft Code has already been considered by UEB, the Learning, Teaching & Student Experience Committee and People & Culture Committee and is to be considered by Academic Board at its meeting on 5th July. The Board agreed that in the event of there being no further amendments to the draft Code from Academic Board, it authorised the Chair of the Board to approve the new Code by Chair's Action, allowing the Code to be in place for the new academic year.

22/71 Reports from Committees

71.1 People and Culture Committee [BG22/67]

- 71.1.1 The Committee Chair presented the report of the People & CulritttttB Crt90 6(o)-3.6e t6(o)-3.6eti(r) r222so 2eed

