



Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2023

Joel Richards Suite, University Arena

22/33 Attendance

33.1 Present

Mrs S Speck

Independent Governor, Chair

Mr M Hardy	Independent Governor
Mr T Heywood	Independent Governor
Dr C Jones	Independent Governor
Ms M Lee	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
Mr M Scriven	Staff Governor
Mr I Smith	Independent Governor
Mr K Sorrell	Independent Governor
Ms L Taylor	Independent Governor

33.2 In Attendance

Mr R Bonham

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33.3 Apologies

Ms G Allcott	Student Governor
Mr L Coiffait-Gunn	Independent Governor
Mr N Khan	Independent Governor

22/34 Declarations of Interests

34.1 Ian Smith: Kildare Trust.

22/35 Institutional Commitment to Concordat to Support Career Development of Researchers [BG22/33]

- 35.1 The Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor presented a paper on institutional commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, a HE sector-level agreement to support the personal and professional development of researchers. Institutional commitment to this Concordat can be demonstrated in two ways: through submission to the Europe-wide HR Excellence in Research Award (HREIR) process or through becoming a formal signatory of the Concordat. The University has held the HREIR award since 2016 and has now become a formal signatory to the Concordat. An annual report on progress will be submitted to Academic Board and the Board of Governors.
- 35.2 The Board thanked the Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor for his report and noted the Institutional Commitment to the Concordat.

22/36 Minutes

- 36.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2022 [BG22/34] were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting, with the following changes:
- item 16.1, Attendance: Mrs S Morgan was not present at the meeting.
 - item 21.5, page 3: 'Qualified Teacher Success' to be changed to 'Qualified Teacher Status'.
- 36.2 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- 36.2.1 Board members' support for student initiatives [minute 22.2]: the Pro Vice Chancellor Students will share details when available of initiatives such as the 're(worc)' scheme.
- 36.2.2 People & Culture Committee terms of reference [minute 25.1.2]: the Committee is to consider whether its terms of reference should cover performance management processes.

22/37 Chair's Business

- 37.1 The Chair reflected on the excellent progress in the development of the Severn Campus seen by Board members on a tour of the Elizabeth Garratt and Elizabeth Casson buildings prior to this meeting. The Chair also thanked everyone involved in the work on the Medical School.

22/38 Vice Chancellor's Report [BG22/35] Confidential

The Vice Chancellor presented ht(s)-1.3 (.3 (in)2.nu006 Twe)-6 (p7 (e)-r h(4n,a08595.32 Tc -0.008 Tw -32r10.36 1

- 38.3 The School of Sport and Exercise Science has won a contract to evaluate the experience of participants, families and coaches in the forthcoming Invictus Games.
- 38.4 A very successful visit by the General Medical Council (GMC) took place on January 12th, after which the GMC confirmed significant progress had been made on all points raised previously and were happy the Medical School was ready to admit the first cohort of students in September 2023. The next GMC visit will be in January 2024. The University has since increased the momentum in its campaign for funded places for UK students and the Vice Chancellor noted his thanks to Board members and Fellows who have written to their MPs on the issue of funded places.

[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

- 38.5 The Law School continues to thrive and the Times 'Complete University Guide' rated Law at the University 2nd in the UK for student satisfaction and 3rd for Graduate Prospects.

38.6 *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

- 38.7 The University has submitted an Expression of Interest to Research England's Expanding Excellence in England (E3) scheme. The scheme is designed to support the expansion of excellent research units in less research-

