

## Board of Governors

### Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

#### 19/40 Attendance

##### 40.1 Present

Mr J Bateman OBE

##### 40.2 In Attendance

Mr R Bonham	Director of Finance & Resources
Mrs J Britton	Director of Communications & Participation
Mrs A Cope	Director of Human Resources
Professor S Greer	Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost
Mr M Harris	Vice President, Students Union
Ms H Johnstone	Head of Governance and Regulatory Affairs (Clerk C -0. Pro Vice Chancellor Student

##### 40.3 Apologies

Mr C Arntzen	Independent Governor
Mr N Khan	Independent Governor
Mr M Scriven	Staff Governor

#### 19/41 Declarations of Interest

- 42.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 [BG19/39] were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting
- 42.2 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda
  - 42.2.1 Members received for information the response from the Vice Chancellor to the letter on anti-Semitism from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (received at the Board of Governors meeting in November 2019)
  - 42.2.2 The Clerk to the Board submitted the Board's response to the CUC Consultation on the draft HE Code of Governance

### **19/43 Chair's Business**

- 43.1 Chair's update
  - 43.1.1 The Chair recommended to the Board a webinar on the post-pandemic future of the HE sector and details are to be circulated
  - 43.1.2

44.1.5 The Provost noted her report, that was presented to Academic Board, sets out the measures that the University has taken to ensure that

44.8.1 The Board noted arrangements put in place by the University relating to specific Conditions of Registration in light of the move to online teaching and specific guidance issued by the OfS during the pandemic, and that the report provided assurance of continued compliance with OfS conditions of registration. The Board received the report.

## 19/45 Strategic response to the new environment and institutional position brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic *NOT FOR PUBLICATION*

### 19/46 Business items

#### 46.1 Half-yearly review of the Risk Register including Covid Risk Register [BG19/50]

46.1.1 The Head of Governance & Regulatory Affairs presented the review of the University's Risk Register, noting the review predates the pandemic and a further review will be carried out in September 2020. A separate Covid19 Risk Register was included in the papers for the meeting [BG19/50] and an update will be brought to the Board of Governors' June 2020 meeting. The Chair of the Audit Committee added assurance that the Audit Committee scrutinised the review of the Risk Register and the Risk Management Policy and was happy with them.

46.1.2 Members noted VCEB considered that the Key Risk Areas and Risk Appetite Thresholds remained appropriate. As a result of the recent Internal Audit Report on Risk Management and the consequent discussion at Audit Committee the approach to Risk Appetite will be reviewed and a further report made to the September meeting of the Board. It was agreed the Audit Committee and Board should have input into the review of Risk Appetite and the Head of Governance & Regulatory Affairs and Chair of Audit Committee are to consider an approach.

46.1.3 The Board approved the amendments to the University Risk Register, including the 3 new additional risks, noted the new Covid-19 Risk Register, noted VCEB's review of Risk Appetite and approved the amendments to the Risk Management Policy. The Board received the report.

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46.4.4 [NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

**19/47 Any Other Business**

47.1 The Chair suggested the Clerk to the Board conduct a review of how the first virtual Board meeting had gone

**19/48 Date of Next Meeting**

29<sup>th</sup> June 2020