

Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2020

19/27 Attendance

27.1 Present

Mr J Bateman OBE	Independent Governor, Chair
Mr C Arntzen	Independent Governor
Dr D Beech	Independent Governor
Mr S Devlin	Co opted Governor
Mr R Dudley	Staff Governor
Mrs D Gant	Independent Governor
Professor D Green CBE	Vice Chancellor & Chief Executive
Mrs A Hooper	Independent Governor
Mr D Iddon	Independent Governor
Mr N Khan	Independent Governor
Mr H Lonsdale	Student Governor
Dr D McDougall	Staff Governor
Rev'd Dr A Pettersen	Independent Governor
Dr S Pittaway	Staff Governor
Miss M Price	Student Governor
Mr M Scriven	Staff Governor
Mr I Smith	Independent Governor
Mrs S Speck	Independent Governor

27.2 In Attendance

Mr J Aston	Partner, National Head of Education, BDO (Item 19/37)
Mr R Bonham	Director of Finance & Resources
Mrs J Britton	Director of Communications & Participation
Mrs A Cope	Director of Human Resources
Mrs J Forbes	Shakespeare Martineau (Observer)
Professor S Greer	Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost
Mr M Harris	Vice President, Students' Union
Ms H Johnstone	Head of Governance and Regulatory Affairs (Clerk to the Board)
Mrs J Newland	Assistant Clerk to the Board
Mr R Renton	Pro Vice Chancellor Students
Mr J Rushforth	Shakespeare Martineau (Observer)

27.3 Apologies

Mr J Bothamley CBE	Independent Governor
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Rushforth, both from Shakespeare Martineau, present as observers to the meeting as part of the Review of Board Effectiveness.

19/28 Declarations of Interests

28.1 There were no declarations of interest declared.

19/29 Minutes

29.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2019 [BG19/29] were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

29.2 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

29.2.1 It was noted minute 18.3 is to be sent to the OfS as per their information request reported on at the meeting of 25th November 2019 relating to late payment of the QAA fee.

29.2.2 There are currently two vacancies on the Board and interviews are taking place.

19/30 Chair's Business

30.1 Chair's update

30.1.1 The Chair thanked members for completing questionnaires for the Board Effectiveness Review, adding a special meeting of the Nominations Committee will review the draft report before the final report is presented by Shakespeare Martineau to the Board at its June meeting.

30.1.2 The Chair reported that he had attended the Times HE Awards where the University won an award and has attended some professorial lectures that he highly recommended to members. He congratulated the Students' Union on all their work, in particular in engaging with the community. The opening of the new University Centre at Halesowen College was very well attended.

30.1.3 The Chair thanked University staff for keeping the University going during the current flooding.

30.2 Draft CUC Code of Governance Consultation [BG19/30]

30.2.1 The Board approved the draft response to the CUC Consultation on the Draft HE Code of Governance 2020 subject to the Clerk to the Board rewording comment 6 under question 15 as

Confirmed

update on returns to the OfS and any communications from the OfS. The internal auditors recently carried out an audit on the Unis