



Board of Governors

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 24th February 2021

20/57 Attendance

57.1 Present

Mr J Bateman OBE	Independent Governor, Chair
Mr C Arntzen	Independent Governor
Dr D Beech	Independent Governor
Mr J Bothamley CBE	Independent 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
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
Mr H South	Student Governor
Mrs S Speck	Independent Governor

57.2 In Attendance

Mr R Bonham	Director of Finance & Resources
Mrs J Britton	Director of Communications & Participation
Mrs A Cope	Director of Human Resources
Mr M Donovan	Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor (Inclusive Sport & Educational Development)
Professor S Greer	Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost
Ms H Johnstone	Head of Governance and Regulatory Affairs (Clerk to the Board)
Dr T Jones	Interim Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor Students
Mrs A Jordan	Deputy Provost
Ms T Manning	Vice President, Students' Union
Mrs J Newland	Assistant Clerk to the Board

57.3 Apologies

Mr S Devlin	Independent Governor
Dr C Jones	Independent Governor

20/58 Declarations of Interests

58.1 There were no declarations of interest declared.

20/59 CUC Code of Governance [BG20/52]

- 59.1 The Board received the new CUC Code of Governance issued in September 2020 and a self-assessment of the University's governance arrangements against the six elements of the code that showed the Board was well placed to adopt the code with a small number of areas where improvements could be made.
- 59.2 The Board adopted the Code in full on the basis that the four areas of work identified would be completed by the end of the academic year.

20/60 Strategic Discussion – The University Post-Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities

60.1 Vice Chancellor's report [BG20/53]

- 60.1.1 The Vice Chancellor presented his report to the Board on the challenges and opportunities for the University post-pandemic following the roadmap presented by the Prime Minister on 21st February. In person learning and working is expected to resume from September 2021, however it is anticipated teaching, learning, assessment and working at the University will move to become more blended and this will pose significant challenges and create opportunities to further extend the range of education the University offers. The development of the Medical School and expansion of health-related courses would bring stability to the University.
- 60.1.2 A fundamental debate is expected at national level about the purpose of universities and whether the era of the Bricks and Mortar University is over. The Vice Chancellor was of the view the pandemic has reinforced the desire of young people to go to University.

60.2 Strategic Discussion

[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

20/61 Any Other Business

- 61.1 There was no other business.

20/62 Date of Next Meeting

27th & 28th April 2021.