



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on Monday, 21 March 2011.

Present: C Booy; G Camm (chair); I Gray; Dr M Hagen; Dr J Harrington; J Laycock; S Mills; C Offler; Professor P Olomoloyaie; Professor G Upton; Rt. Revd. B Rogerson; T Smallwood; G van der Lely; Professor S West.

Apologies: T Harrison; L Seager.

In Attendance: A Gilkison; Professor P Gough; W Marshall; Professor S Neil; A. Osborn (clerk); J Rushforth.

G11.3.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Board was invited to note that the FIN30 regulations, recommended to the Board by Finance Committee, had been approved by Chairs Action.

G11.3.2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 February 2011

Paper G11/3/1 was received.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2011 were confirmed.

Agreed:

Corporate Risk Register to be carried forward to the next meeting of the Board.

G11.3.3 VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Paper G11/3/2 was received.

The Vice Chancellor highlighted items within the paper received by the Board including:

- constructive dialogue with the Trades Unions over the local and national disputes;
- the success of the Department of Education in securing positive outcomes from the recent Ofsted inspection; in particular he congratulated the Head of Department and the wider team for the outcome;
- the change of name of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Humanities (CAHE) to the Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries and Education (FACIE) to align the institution closer to sector partners;
- the HEFCE institutional visit which had confirmed confidence in the University's approach to financial planning; and
- following a recent visit to the United States of America the emerging similarities between the respective funding environments.

G11.3.4 HEFCE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR 2011/12

Paper G11/3/3 was received

AVC Marshall briefed the Board on the scale of HEFCE funding reduction in 2011/12 which amounted to a real term decrease of between 6-8% in addition to a 75% reduction of capital funding. However, the University had predicted the reduction for some time and as a result was well prepared.

G11.3.4.1 Discussion:

- (i) The Board noted that the loss of capital funding would have a negligible impact on the Masterplan as this represented a small percentage of the anticipated total investment in the Frenchay campus; and
- (ii) DVC Gough highlighted the refocusing of research funding towards Russell Group institutions. To mitigate against this UWE would look to focus funding towards 3-4 star research activity. The Board noted the need to carefully manage any internal concentration of research funding.

G11.3.5 Minutes G11.3.5 up to, and including minute, G11.3.6.2 are confidential to the Board.

G11.3.7 HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Paper G11/3/6 was received

The Board received a presentation by DVC Rushforth.

G11.3.7.1 Discussion:

- Health and safety standards developed by UWE would be supported by an audit process and would allow comparison across the institution. Early results indicated a varied performance that was mostly good with some aspects to improve on;
- Significant work remained but the goal was still to achieve excellence across the institution; and
- A full audit was scheduled in May which would be available for Audit Committee consideration in the new academic session.

G11.3.7.2 Agreed:

- (i) Formal report on progress to be provided to the last meeting of the Board at the end of the academic year.
- (ii) To be added to the business of Audit committee.

ACTION: Clerk

G11.3.8 REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Papers G11/3/7 G11/3/8 G11/3/9 were received

G11.3.8.1 Commercial Activities

Paper G11/3/10 was received

G11.3.8.2 Minute G11.3.8.2 is confidential to the Board.

G11.3.9 Calendar of meetings 2011/2012

Paper G11/3/11 was received

G11.3.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24th May 2011.