

Solent University

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on
Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 17:00hrs in Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building and on Teams

Present	Winston Alla, Student Governor Louise Bennett, Staff Governor Stephen Bolton, Independent Governor and Deputy Chair Phil Cotton, Independent Governor and Chair of the Board Nigel Duncan OBE, Independent Governor (Teams) Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor (Teams) Dr Francesca Gwynne, Staff Governor Neil Hayward, Independent Governor Don Iro, Independent Governor Mohandas Jeyakumar, Student Governor James Knowles, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Julie Lydon DBE, Independent Governor (Teams) Lisa-Jane Risk, Independent Governor (Teams) Philip Wake OBE, Independent Governor (Teams) Councillor Alexander Winning, Co-opted Governor
In attendance	Professor Syamantak Bhattacharya, Provost Jim Irving, Chief Student Officer & University Secretary Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial Officer Angela Milln, Interim Chief Marketing Officer Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors Andy Squire, Chief Executive (Solent Students' Union) (Min 23/98 only)

23/89 Apologies & Welcome

- i. The Chair welcomed Angela Milln, Interim Chief Marketing Officer.
- ii. Five members attended virtually, some due to the rail strike.
- iii. Apologies had been received from Philip de Klerk, Sharath Ranjan and Noreen Biddle Shah.
- iv. Councillor Alexander Winning was absent.
- v. The meeting was quorate throughout.

23/90 Conflict of Interests

- i. No conflicts of interests were declared.

23/91 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2023 – Approved.

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23/92 Matters Arising

Paper 23/BG/47
Confidential Unreserved

PART 1:

23/93 Chair's report Presented by Phil Cotton, Chair of the Board	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
23/94 Vice-Chancellor's report Presented by Professor James Knowles	Paper 23/BG/48 Confidential Unreserved
23/95 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Presented by Professor James Knowles	Paper 23/BG/49 Confidential Unreserved
23/96 Finance & Resources Committee Chair's report Presented by Stephen Bolton	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
23/97 Student Recruitment report Presented by Angela Milln, Interim Chief Marketing Officer	Paper 23/BG/50 Confidential Unreserved
23/98 Students' Union Accounts 22/23 & Budget 2023/24 Presented by Andy Squire, Chief Executive SoSU	Paper 23/BG/56 Confidential Unreserved
23/99 Annual Financial Statements 2022/23 Presented by Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial Officer	Paper 23/BG/51 Confidential Unreserved
23/100 Annual Financial Return (AFR) Presented by Eran Kochlany	Paper 23/BG/52 Confidential Unreserved
23/101 Strategy Update report Presented by Professor James Knowles	Paper 23/BG/53 Confidential Unreserved
23/102 Audit Committee Chair's report Presented by Don Iro, Audit Committee Member	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
23/103 Annual Report of Audit Committee Presented by Don Iro	Paper 23/BG/54 Confidential Unreserved
23/104 Quality & Academic Standards Assurance Report Presented by Jim Irving, Chief Student Officer & University Secretary	Paper 23/BG/55 Confidential Unreserved
23/105 People & Culture Committee Chair's report Presented by Jim Irving	Oral Report Confidential Unreserved
23/106 Student Governor report Presented by: Winston Alla, Student Governor	Oral Report Restricted
23/107 Staff Governor report Presented by Louise Bennett, Staff Governor	Oral Report Restricted
23/108 Report from the Remuneration Committees Presented by Neil Hayward, Remuneration Committees Chair	Oral Report Confidential Reserved

For Publication

PART 2:

23/109 Standing Orders

**Paper 23/BG/59
Open**

Noted.

23/110 Report of recruitment of Chair of Board

**Paper 23/BG/60
Confidential Unreserved**

Noted.

23/111 Governance Effectiveness Review (GER)

**Paper 23/BG/61
Restricted**

Noted.

23/112 Degree Outcomes Statement

**Paper 23/BG/62
Open**

Approved.

23/113 Annual Report on Research, Innovation & Enterprise

**Paper 23/BG/63
Confidential Unreserved**

Noted.

23/114 Annual Remuneration Statement

**Paper 23/BG/64
Open**

Noted.

**23/115 Minutes of Academic Board
held on 15 November 2023**

**Paper 23/BG/65
Restricted**

Noted

23/116 Office for Students Compliance – Annual Report Paper

**Paper 23/BG/66
Restricted**

Noted.

23/117 Employment Tribunal – annual report

**Paper 23/BG/67
Confidential Reserved**

Noted.

23/118 Modern Slavery Act Statement

**Paper 23/BG/68
Open**

Approved.

23/119 Annual Value for Money (VfM) Report

**Paper 23/BG/69
Confidential Unreserved**

Approved.

23/120 Scheme of Delegation

**Paper 23/BG/71
Restricted**

Noted.

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23/121 Annual Health & Safety Report

**Paper 23/BG/72
Restricted**

Noted.

23/122 Minutes of Governance Committee meeting
held on 7 November 2023

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Noted.

23/123 Minutes of People & Culture Committee meeting
held on 16 November 2023

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Noted.

23/124 Minutes of Audit Committee meeting
held on 20 November 2023

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Noted.

23/125 Minutes of Finance & Resources Committee meeting
held on 29 November 2023

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23/126 Affixing of the seal

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23/127 Reportable Events

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23/128 Meeting dates

Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 17:00hrs - Silver Birch Suite

Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 14:00hrs – joint meeting with Academic Board – Silver Birch Suite

Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 17:00hrs - Silver Birch Suite

Wednesday 24 July 2024 at 17:00hrs - Silver Birch Suite, **followed by dinner on the Bridge at 7.30pm**