

## Solent University

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on  
Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 17:00hrs in Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building and on Teams

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- Present
- Winston Alla, Student Governor (from 24/05)
  - Louise Bennett, Staff Governor
  - Stephen Bolton, Independent Governor and Vice Chair
  - Phil Cotton, Independent Governor and Chair of the Board
  - Philip de Klerk, Independent Governor (Teams)
  - Nigel Duncan OBE, Independent Governor
  - Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor
  - Dr Francesca Gwynne, Staff Governor
  - Neil Hayward, Independent Governor
  - Don Iro, Independent Governor (from 24/06)
  - Mohandas Jeyakumar, Student Governor (from 24/05)
  - James Knowles, Vice-Chancellor
  - Professor Dame Julie Lydon DBE, Independent Governor
  - Sharath Ranjan, Independent Governor (from 24/06)
  - Lisa-Jane Risk, Independent Governor (Teams)
  - Philip Wake OBE, Independent Governor (from 24/06)
- In attendance
- Andrew Bird, Chief Marketing Officer
  - Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students and Governance
  - Helen Jones, Chief People & Culture Officer
  - Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial & Operating Officer
  - Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

#### 24/01 Apologies & Welcome

- i. The Chair welcomed Andrew Bird, Chief Marketing Officer.
- ii. Apologies had been received from Councillor Alexander Winning, Noreen Biddle Shah and Professor Syamantak Bhattacharya.
- iii. The meeting was quorate throughout.

#### 24/02 Conflict of Interests

- i. No conflicts of interests were declared.

24/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2023 – Approved.

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24/04 Matters Arising

Paper 24/BG/01  
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#### PART 1:

*(Winston Alla and Mohandas Jeyakumar arrived.)*

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<b>24/05</b>	<b>Chair's report</b> Presented by Phil Cotton, Chair of the Board	<b>Oral Report</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/06</b>	<b>Vice-Chancellor's report</b> Presented by Professor James Knowles  <i>(Don Iro and Sharath Ranjan arrived.)</i>  <i>(Philip Wake OBE arrived.)</i>	<b>Paper 24/BG/02</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/07</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Resources (F&amp;R) Committee Chair's report</b> Presented by Stephen Bolton	<b>Oral Report</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/08</b>	<b>Student Recruitment report</b> Presented by Andrew Bird, Chief Marketing Officer	<b>Paper 24/BG/03</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/09</b>	<b>Management Accounts</b> Presented by Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial & Operating Officer	<b>Paper 24/BG/04</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/10</b>	<b>BoG Strategy Oversight Group report</b> Presented by Neil Hayward, Group Chair	<b>Oral Report</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/11</b>	<b>2022/23 Annual Equality Workforce report</b> Presented by Helen Jones, Chief People & Culture Officer  <i>(Lisa-Jane Risk left the meeting.)</i>	<b>Paper 24/BG/05</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/12</b>	<b>Chair Recruitment report</b> Presented by Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students and Governance	<b>Paper 24/BG/06</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/13</b>	<b>Remuneration of Chair of Board</b> Presented by Jim Irving	<b>Paper 24/BG/07</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>
<b>24/14</b>	<b>Student Governor report</b> Presented by: Winston Alla & Mohandas Jeyakumar, Student Governors	<b>Paper 24/BG/08</b> <b>Restricted</b>
<b>24/15</b>	<b>Staff Governor report</b> Presented by Louise Bennett & Dr Francesca Gwynne Staff Governors	<b>Paper 24/BG/09</b> <b>Restricted</b>
<b>PART 2:</b>		
<b>24/16</b>	<b>Governance Effectiveness Review progress report</b> Written by Jim Irving & Bridget Woolven	<b>Paper 24/BG/10</b> <b>Confidential Unreserved</b>

- i. The Board noted the report.

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**24/17 Minutes of Finance & Resources Committee meeting** **Minutes**  
held on 28 February 2024 **Confidential Unreserved**

Post meeting note: The minutes were circulated to the Board on 7 March 2024.

**24/18 Affixing of the seal** **Confidential Unreserved**

**24/19 Reportable Events** **Confidential Unreserved**

**24/20 Meeting dates 2023/24**

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**

**24/21 Chair's Address**

- i. The Chair, on behalf of the Board,:
- ii. thanked Louise Bennet, Staff Governor (Professional Services) for her valuable contributions to the Board and wished her well for her maternity leave;
- iii. thanked Professor Syamantak Bhattacharya, Provost, for his hard work for the University and wished him well in his future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 19:40hrs.