

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors

30th September 2019

Attendance

1.1 Present

Mr J Bateman OBE	Independent Governor, Chair
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
Mr H Lonsdale	Student Governor
Dr D McDougall	Staff Governor

1.2 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	DPVC and Head of School of Sport and Exercise Science (<i>for item 8</i>)
Professor S Greer	Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost
Mr M Harris	

Minutes

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2019 [BG19/01] were confirmed as a correct record subject to correction of a typing error in item 45.4 and the following amendment: Mr M Harris was not present at the meeting.
- 3.2 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda
 - 3.2.1 Access and Participation Plan

The University's Access and Participation Plan has been approved by the Office for Students (OfS) with no modifications. The Plan has been published on the University website and is available on the Governors' portal. Updates will be given at future meetings.

Chair's Business

- 4.1 On behalf of the Board, the Chair congratulated the University for the number of awards for which it has been shortlisted.
- 4.2 The Chair had recently attended a University Open Day, Democracy Day, the Crick conference on sports coaching and the Disability Cricket series. He congratulated everyone involved in the events and reminded governors they have a standing invitation to attend Open Days.

Vice Chancellor's Report

The Vice Chancellor presented his written report to the Board and drew members' attention to the following:

- 5.1 This meeting of the Board marks a series of firsts for the University and is a mark of how far the University has developed: the first time the University has been in *The Times* Top 10 for Student Experience and Teaching Quality; the first time any university has appeared on all three shortlists for University of the Year, Social Mobility Institution of the Year and Sustainability Institution

- 5.5 The Board received the report. Members noted it would be helpful to have updates at future meetings on strategic presentations.

Provost's Report [

The Provost presented the first Provost's report.

- 6.1 Undergraduate Teaching Measures: members noted the University's remarkable progress in the National Student Survey (NSS) and the 2% increase in overall satisfaction to 88.21% in 2019, which is 4% above the University's benchmark. Only 5 courses showed a significant drop in satisfaction. Members noted how courses where there is a drop in satisfaction are closely monitored and supported. The University has moved closer to its goal of all courses being in the top two quartiles, with 72% of courses in the top quartiles this year. Members also noted the University's progress in the rankings year on year for each of the NSS measures.
- 6.2 Postgraduate Teaching Measures: the University came second out of 103 universities for overall student satisfaction in the AdvanceHE Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES).
- 6.3 Members noted the Reward and Promotion schemes for staff and the link to

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campaigning increased and there was huge success in the Hangar in engaging a wide range of students.

- 7.4 Aims and objectives for 2019/20 include wellbeing, student engagement, students knowing their course representative, democracy, recreation, mental health, a governance review of the SU, sports strategy plan, review of entertainment, review of communications, engaging with the local community and embedding new staff. It was suggested the SU could share what they do with the local young professional community.
- 7.5 SU campaigns for 2019/20 include the Night Bus, Become a School Rep, Volunteering, Plastics, Help & Advice Service, Getting Home Safely, Democracy and RAG.
- 7.6 The Board congratulated the Officers on the quality of their presentation and received the Students' Union report [BG19/04].

Severn Campus Update: Health, Well-being and Inclusive Sport

[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

Reports form Committees and Academic Board

- 9.1 Audit Committee [BG19/05]

- 9.1.1 *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

- 9.1.2 The Board also noted the Annual Internal Audit Report that gave an opinion of reasonable assurance that the University has adequate and evm[(b)-52C.6 (a1Qq02ut.7 (e)-6(c)-171.8 (09rf.001 T37

Chairs, be authorised to sign on behalf of the University any such Agreement in the form produced to the meeting (see Appendix 2). The Board noted that the responsibilities for the day-to-day administration of the Facility will be as set out in the University's Schedule of Delegation.

9.2.4 The Board received the report.

9.3 Report from Nominations Committee [BG19/07]

The Committee Chair presented the report noting recruitment of new independent governors is ongoing. The Clerk noted actions identified from the Annual Review of members and thanked everyone for taking part. A review of Board effectiveness is due to be undertaken in 2019/20 and a report will be made in due course. The Board received the report.

9.4 Report from the Academic Board [BG19/08]

Mrs Hooper, the Governor Observer on the Academic Board, presented the report noting the Academic