

BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LINCOLN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 15TH MAY
2:00 PM IN ROOM 102, SKINNER BUILDING

Present

Mr Richard Corn
Mr Michael Jacob
Mr Maximilian Manin (Chair)
Professor Muriel Robinson

In attendance

Ms Vicky Mays, Clerk to Governors

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Haydn Beeken, Mrs Jasmit Phull and Ms Haf Merrifield, Deputy Principal.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held 2nd February 2012

The minutes of the meeting of the 2nd February 2012 were confirmed as a true record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

4. Matters arising

(i) Trustee indemnity insurance

It was reported that The Director of Resources was investigating the cost of increasing the cover. He would also clarify to governors whether the breach of duty referred to the University College and not the individual.

5. Ethos sub-committee

The Principal reported that a meeting of the ethos sub-committee has been arranged for the 28th June 2012.

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6. University College Fellows

The Principal reported that all the suggestions for Fellows had been approved by Governors via email and these had all been accepted.

7. Instrument and Articles and Charitable Objects update

The Clerk to the Governing Body reported that there had been some delays with the work due to the contact at the Charity Commission being away due to long term illness and the solicitor who was dealing with the work had left the company. A new solicitor at the same company had taken over the work and appeared to be making much swifter progress and was meeting with the Charity Commission towards the end of May.

8. University title update and plan

The Principal reported that it was likely that the Government would announce their response to the Technical Consultation towards the end of the following week. It was anticipated that the rules regarding University title would be amended allowing us to apply for university status. If this happened it was agreed that we would start the application process which would probably involve writing to the Privy Council in September.

Currently GuildHE are working on a press campaign and have appointed a press agency and are in communication with us and our press agency. If the application goes through in September it is anticipated that we will know by the end of the calendar year. In the meantime we can start thinking about a branding refresh and consultation on university name.

9. Effectiveness

(i) Governor performance reviews

It was noted that governor reviews were on track.

(ii) Suggestions for Governing Body working lunches/Hub leader presentations

It was agreed that suggestions for future working lunch and Hub leader's presentations would be made in the new academic year.

(iii) Governance effectiveness review update

It was noted that the main issues apparent in the governance surveys appeared to be the size of the Governing Body.

It was agreed that the Clerk to the Governing Body would be commissioned to write a paper which would present a more radical option for a streamlined Governing Body.

It was also noted that the staff attendance at Governing Body meetings could be more effectively managed and more training for student governors is needed.

10. Recruitment of new governors

(i) Vacancies

It was reported that Mark Thompson would be replacing John Fothergill as the higher education representative. Mark Thompson is Senior Pro-Vice Chancellor at The University of Leicester.

Members noted that although there was still one vacancy on the Governing Body it was sensible to wait until the review of the Governing Body had taken place.

(ii) Terms of office including Provost

Mayhew

Members noted that Dame Judith ~~Mayhew~~ Jonas had expressed her intention to end her role as Provost a year before her second term was due to end.

11. Agenda suggestions

- University title update;
- Recommendations arising from the effectiveness review;
- Honorary Graduates for academic year 2012/13.

12. Any other business

There was no other business to discuss.

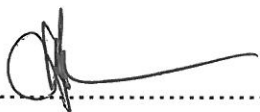
13. Key items for the Governing Body

- University title and plan;
- Recruitment of Governors;
- Update on the effectiveness review.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Governance and Nominations Committee would take place on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 2:00 pm.

Signed



Date

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