

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Governors**

APPROVED/CONFIRMED

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AS PART OF THE BOARD AWAY DAY ON 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 IN ROOM 001, HAWKER WING, ROEHAMPTON VALE CAMPUS**

**PRESENT:** Francis Small (Chair), Stephan Burow, Samad Chaudhry, Jane Hargreaves (*until 11.00am*), Dirk Kahl, Caroline Mawhood, Alison Osborne, Bimal Patel, Steven Spier, Katy Taylor (*from 10.30am*)

**In attendance:** Louisa Green, Executive Director for Student Services; Caroline Harries, Chief Operating Officer; Helen Laville, Provost; David Mackintosh, PVC, Strategy; Adrian Parry, Interim University Secretary; Amir Alani, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Computing & the Environment; Kathy Curtiss, Dean, Faculty of Health, Science, Social Care & Education; Jane Hendy, Dean, Faculty of Business & Social Sciences; Mandy Ure, Dean, Kingston School of Art; Kate O'Doherty, Governance Support Manager (minutes)

**Formal matters**

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Pedro Barra, Sandra Campopiano, Roger King, Andrew Pearce, Jason Pemberton-Billing and Tom Smyth. The meeting was deemed quorate.

**2. Board membership**

2.1 The Chair reported that Jason Pemberton-Billing had decided to step down from the Board, and from Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC), with immediate effect. He would continue as a co-opted member of Academic Governance Committee. Roger King would join ARAC in his place.

**3. TEF results**

3.1 The Provost reported that Kingston had been awarded a Gold rating in the recent Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), a significant rise from its previous Bronze status.

3.2 The University also secured a Gold award in the framework's two new student experience and student outcomes categories, making it one of just 26 universities and colleges across the United Kingdom who were awarded TEF Gold awards across all three categories.

3.3 The Board congratulated the University on its achievement.

**4. Executive reports**

4.1 Governors were provided with briefings and updates on the following areas of University activity:

- Industrial Action
- OfS update:
  - New Conditions of Registration

- House of Lords and Regulators Committee Inquiry into the Office for Students
- Recruitment and Financial Implications
- Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)
- National Student Survey (NSS)
- League Tables
- Staff Survey

## **5. Revisions to Articles of Government (Paper BG 01/23)**

- 5.1 The Board welcomed the updates from the Interim University Secretary
- 5.2 The Board **approved** the paper and the agreed **actions**.

## **6. Town House Strategy**

- 6.1 Governors were provided with updates on the following areas:
  - Introduction to Implementation plan
  - Breakout groups on major projects on being 'sought after':
    - Employer / Business engagement
    - Learning and Teaching Excellence
    - Values

## **7. Faculty of Engineering, Computing & the Environment - Introduction**

- 7.1 Governors were provided with an oversight of the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and the Environment, including presentations on key research areas and a short tour of the Roehampton Vale facilities.

## **8. Any other Business**

None.

### **Dates of forthcoming Board meetings:**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 23  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 24  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 24  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 24

### **Dates of forthcoming Academic Council meetings:**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 23  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

**Signed:** Francis Small (Chair)