

**Minutes of the Open Council meeting held on Wednesday 04
December 2024 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in Room 326, Professor Stuart
Hall Building, Goldsmiths**

MEMBERS:

Tom Sleigh	Independent Council Member / Chair of Council
Dr Ronke Akerele	Independent Council Member
Professor Susan Dilly	Independent Council Member
Andrew Laurence	Independent Council Member
Dr Clare McConnell	Independent Council Member
Fiona McLaren	Independent Council Member
Pam Raynor	Independent Council Member
Philip Stoltzfus	Independent Council Member
Gammorah Britton-Gibson	Ex-officio Council Member / President of the Students' Union
Professor Frances Corner	Ex-officio Council Member / The Warden
Professor David Oswell	Ex-officio Council Member / Pro Warden for Research, Enterprise and Knowledge Exchange
Professor Paul Rowlett	Ex-officio Council Member / Interim Pro Warden for Education and Student Experience
Professor Michael Guggenheim	Elected Council Member / Elected Member of Academic Board

ATTENDEES:

Matt Brooks	Secretary to Council / Director of Governance and Legal Services / Registrar and Secretary
Philip Henry	Interim University Secretary / Director of Governance and Legal Services
Imran Chughtai	Chief Financial Officer / Interim Chief Operating Officer

In Attendance:

Sarah Martyn	Head of Secretariat
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Apologies:

Aaron Porter	Independent Council Member (Deputy Chair)
Irene Adeyinka	Independent Council Member
Professor Moorad Choudhry	Independent Council Member
Ben Morton-Wright	Independent Council Member
Kelly Mills	Elected Council Member
Professor Richard Noble	Elected Council Member
Dr Jamie Ward	Elected Council Member

Open Session**13.0 Identification of Items for Discussion**

13.1. There were no items additionally identified for discussion.

14.0 Chair's Actions (Paper J)

- 14.1. Council **Noted** the action taken in respect of the appointment of Pam Raynor until August 2025.

15.0 Minutes of the Open Meeting held on 18 September 2024 (Paper K)

- 15.1. Council **Approved** the minutes of the open meeting held on 18 September 2024.

16.0 Matters Arising

- 16.1. There were no matters arising.

17.0 Open Action Tracker (Paper L)

- 17.1. Council **Noted** the Open Action Tracker.

Academic Controls and Assurance

18.0 Research and Integrity Return (Paper M)

- 18.1. Council **Approved** the Research and Integrity Return.

Governance

19.0 Nominations and Governance Committee (Paper N)

- 19.1. Council **Noted** that there were four members of Council demitting in the summer of 2025; there was a need to undertake a recruitment exercise during the Spring term and Council members were encouraged to think of anyone within their networks that would be willing to consider joining Council, or in the first instance as co-opted committee members with a view to moving to Council members in due course.

19.2. Constitutional Documents (Paper N, Annex 1)

- 19.2.1. Council **Approved** the updated Ordinances.

19.3. Committee Terms of Reference, Composition and Membership 2024/2025 (Paper N, Annex 2)

- 19.3.1. Council **Approved** the Council Committee Terms of Reference, Composition and Membership 2024/2025.

19.4. Governance Review (Paper N, Annex 3)

- 19.4.1. Council **Approved** the terms of reference for the Council Effectiveness Review 2024/2025.

20.0 Academic Board Report (Paper O)

- 20.1. This report was withdrawn.

21.0 Assuring Quality and Standards (Paper O, Annex 1)

- 21.1. This report was withdrawn.

22.0 External Relations Committee (Paper P)

- 22.1. Council **Noted** the External Relations Committee report.

23.0 Health and Safety Committee Report (Paper Q)

- 23.1. Council **Noted** the Health and Safety Committee report.

24.0 People, Organisational Development and Equalities Committee (Paper R)

- 24.1. Council **Noted** the People, Organisational Development and Equalities Committee report.

25.0 Prevent Return (Paper S)

- 25.1. Council **Approved** the Prevent Data Return for 2023/2024.

26.0 Anti-Slavery Return (Paper T)

- 26.1. Council **Approved** the 2024 Modern Slavery Statement.

27.0 Any Other business

- 27.1. Council recorded its thanks to Matthew Brooks, the outgoing Secretary to Council, Registrar and Secretary, and Director of Governance Legal Services, for his extraordinary service to Goldsmiths over the past ten years.

28.0 Date of Next meeting

- 28.1. Council noted the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 19 March 2025.

The meeting closed at 6:46pm.