

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

COUNCIL

ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2009

Present: Professor Geoffrey Crossick (Chair), Dr Toby Abse, Professor Chetan Bhatt, Professor Frank Bond, Dr Philip Broadhead, Dr Stephen Cottrell, Dr Basem El-Haddadeh, Professor Andrea Gilroy, Dr Richard Grayson, Dr Helen Jones, Dr Chris Kearney, Mr Gerald Lidstone, Professor Simon McVeigh, Ms Mary Nixon, Mr Richard Noble, Professor Carrie Paechter, Mr Jeremy Peyton Jones, Dr Frances Pine, Professor Jane Powell, Ms Sian Prime, Professor Sanjay Seth, Mr Robert Smith, Professor Kay Stables, Dr Gareth Stanton, Ms Joan Turner.

Apologies: Dr Catherine Alexander, Dr Debbie Custance, Professor Alan Downie, Mr Ian Gardiner, Mr John Ginman, Professor John Hutnyk, Professor Mark d'Inverno, Dr Jean-Paul Martinon, Dr David Oswell, Professor Maria Shevtsova, Dr Derval Tubridy, Dr Marian Ursu, Mr Matt Ward.

In attendance: Registrar and Secretary, Head of Corporate Governance and Information Management, Head of Goldsmiths Learning Enhancement Unit, Head of Quality and Standards (Secretary).

Observers: A visiting researcher.

OPEN BUSINESS

1 MINUTES

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2009 be approved.

2 REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHAIR

Received:

a report on action taken by the Chair since the last meeting of the Board (09-368).

Noted:

that, since the last meeting of Academic Board, the Chair had taken action:

- (i) to resolve that Dr John Jessel (Educational Studies) be appointed to fill the vacancy for a member of the academic staff in Group C on External System Committee, for three years from 1 September 2009;

- (ii) to resolve that Mr John Wadsworth (Educational Studies) be appointed to fill the vacancy for a member of the academic staff on Health and Safety Committee, for three years from 1 September 2009;
- (iii) to resolve that Dr Marie-Claude Canova-Green be appointed to fill the vacancy for a member of the academic staff on Programme Scrutiny Sub-Committee, for three years from 1 September 2009;
- (iv) to resolve that, with effect from 1 September 2009, amendments be made to the *ex officio* memberships of committees, as set out in Appendix A to paper 09-368, consequential upon the abolition of the office of Academic Registrar;
- (v) to recommend to Council approval, with effect from 1 September 2009, of the terms of reference and composition of new sub-committees of Human Resources Committee, which relate to academic and some other promotions, as set out in Appendices B and C to paper 09-368;
- (vi) to recommend to Council approval, with effect from 1 September 2009, of amendments to Ordinances 8 and 10 consequential upon the abolition of the post of Academic Registrar, as set out in Appendix D to paper 09-368.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Received:

the College Policy on Conflicts of Interest, including in particular its committee section (09-319).

4 STANDING ORDERS

Received:

the Standing Orders applicable for 2009-10 (09-320).

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE, COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

Received:

details of the terms of reference, composition and membership of the Board in 2009-10 (09-365).

Matters for Discussion

6 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CHARTER AND STATUTES

Received:

proposed revisions to the Charter and Statutes (09-367).

Noted:

- (i) that thanks should be extended to all those who had contributed to the degree-awarding powers process;
- (ii) that the negative terminology "non-academic staff" was widely seen as unfortunate, but that the issue would be best addressed in the next revision of the Charter and Statutes, which would relate primarily to employees;
- (iii) that a discussion of the future use of degree-awarding powers would be held at a meeting of the Board later in the current academic year.

Recommended:

that the amendments to the Charter proposed in paper 09-367 be approved.

[Secretary's Note: Following the Academic Board meeting on 20 October 2009, minor amendments were made to the wording of the proposed amendments concerning Honorary Degrees, which did not affect the main substance of the proposals, before transmission to Council.]

Matters for Report**7 SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Received:

a schedule of regular items of business for Academic Board for the 2009-10 session (09-369).

8 EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

Noted:

the approval of new External Examiner appointments by the Pro-Warden (Students and Learning Development) (09-370).

Other Business**9 NEXT MEETING**

Noted:

that the next meeting would be held on 9 December 2009 at 2.00pm.