

**GOLDSMITHS  
University of London**

**COUNCIL**

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2009**

- Present:** Mr Christopher Jonas (in the Chair), Professor Geoffrey Crossick, Dr Gareth Stanton, Mr Richard Bolley, Mrs Alyson McGarrigle, Mr Dick Melly.
- In attendance:** Registrar and Secretary, Head of Corporate Governance and Information Management.
- Apologies:** Professor Simon McVeigh

**OPEN BUSINESS**

**1 MINUTES**

Resolved:

that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2009 be approved.

**2 TERMS OF REFERENCE, COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Received:

a statement of the Committee's terms of reference and membership in 2009-10 (09-520).

**3 COLLEGE POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Noted:

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

**4 STANDING ORDERS**

Noted:

the Standing Orders applicable to all committees in 2009-10 (09-320).

**5 EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW OF COUNCIL**

Received:

a summary of the outcomes of the Effectiveness Review of Council (2008-09) relating to Nominations Committee (09-521).

The Committee noted in particular the recommendation, approved by Council, "that Nominations Committee actively seek to ensure that one or two external members of Council are drawn from academic staff at other universities." It was further noted that the recruitment process for the current round had been adjusted to encourage such applicants, in terms of the application form and the arrangements for advertisement (in the *Times Higher* and *jobs.ac.uk*).

## 6 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT (LAY) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Received:

a statement of the impending vacancies on Council, and the procedures and current system for filling them (09-522).

Noted:

that individual cases were for consideration under confidential business.

## 7 INDEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Received:

a list of vacancies, and impending vacancies as at 31 August 2009, together with a spreadsheet showing the workload of committee members (09-523).

**Recommended:**

that the five members eligible for reappointment to places expiring on 1 September 2010, and that recommendations for filling the remaining places be delegated to the Chair, in the light of arrangements for filling the places on Council.

**CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

*Personal data relating to persons other than current staff or students*

## 8 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT (LAY) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Received:

applications and *curricula vitarum* of applicants for Council membership, together with the Skills Profile chart (according to the Skills Profiles approved by Council in 2007) showing candidates, retiring members of Council and continuing members (09-524).

**Recommended:**

**that the three independent members of Council who would reach the end of their current term on 31 August 2010 be offered reappointment for three years**

*[Secretary's Note: Dr Virginia Brooke, Ms Althea Efunshile and Ms Colleen Toomey were reappointed by Council on 25 March 2010.]*

**Resolved:**

that the Chair of Council and the Warden be invited to interview four of the candidates for membership of Council, and one for membership of Health and Safety Committee, and if suitable to recommend them to Council for appointment.

*[Secretary's Note: The outcome of this was the appointment, from 1 September 2010, of Dr Alison Henwood and Ms Cathy Runciman as members of Council. Mr James Grierson was subsequently appointed from 2010-11 as a result of a recommendation by correspondence. It was decided by Chair's action not to interview the individual originally identified for possible membership of Health and Safety Committee]*