

Minutes of the Open Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in Room 326, Professor Stuart Hall Building, Goldsmiths

MEMBERS:

Tom Sleigh	Independent Council Member (Chair of Council)
Aaron Porter	Independent Council Member (Deputy Chair)
Irene Adeyinka	Independent Council Member (via Microsoft Teams)
Professor Susan Dilly	Independent Council Member
Andrew Laurence	Independent Council Member
Pam Raynor	Independent Council Member
Philip Stoltzfus	Independent Council Member
Kelly Mills	Elected Council Member (via Microsoft Teams)
Professor Richard Noble	Elected Council Member (via Microsoft Teams)
Dr Jamie Ward	Elected Council Member (via Microsoft Teams)
Gammorah Britton-Gibson	Ex-officio Council Member
Professor Frances Corner	Ex-officio Council Member
Professor Ernest Caldwell	Ex-officio Council Member (via Microsoft Teams) (<i>from item xx</i>)
Professor David Oswell	Ex-officio Council Member

ATTENDEES:

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

In Attendance:

Sarah Martyn	Head of Secretariat
Gavin Barber	Director of Student and Academic Services (<i>for item X</i>)
Orocknyo Nsoatabe	Access and Participation Plan Manager

Apologies:

Dr Ronke Akerele	Independent Council Member
Dr Clare McConnell	Independent Council Member
Fiona McLaren	Independent Council Member
Ben Morton-Wright	Independent Council Member

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18.0 Identification of Items for Discussion

18.1. There were no items additionally identified for discussion.

19.0 Chair's Actions (Paper K)

19.1. Council noted that the Chair took the following actions on behalf of Council:

- (i) On 7 August 2024, to appoint either Imran Chughtai, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Chief Operating Officer or David Kuper, Head of Legal, to countersign the deed and to make the associate Statutory Declaration that the Lease is outside the protection of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

20.0 Open minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2024 (Paper L)

- 20.1. Council approved the minutes of the Open meeting held on 26 June 2024 as a correct record of the meeting.

21.0 Matters Arising

- 21.1. There were no matters arising.

22.0 Open Action Tracker (Paper M)

- 22.1. Council noted the action tracker.

Controls and Assurance**23.0 OfS Reportable Events**

- 23.1. Council noted the following:
- (i) 28 June 2024 – reported a change in the chair of the governing body; and
 - (ii) 22 July 2024 – reported Industrial Action having a material impact on the interests of students.

24.0 Internal Audit Plan (Paper O)

- 24.1. Council noted the Internal Audit Plan for 2024/2025 which would be considered by the Audit and Risk Committee and will be approved, if appropriate.

25.0 Fraud Questionnaire (Paper P)

- 25.1. Council noted the external audit fraud questionnaire which will be considered by the Audit and Risk Committee.

26.0 Any Other Business

- 26.1. There were no items of any other business.

27.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 27.1. The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 4 December 2024.

6:11pm - The meeting closed.