



Board Bulletin – March 2019

The Board of Trustees met on 6th March 2019, with the main focus of the meeting on developing the University's strategy.

Global Perspectives

Before the meeting, we had an excellent presentation on the Global Perspectives module given by Josef Mueller (Director of Regent's Institute of Language and Culture) and Rob Johnson (Global Perspectives Leader). Our thanks to both of them for their presentation and to all the staff involved in delivering this important module.

Vice Chancellor Recruitment

I updated the Board on the recruitment of a new Vice Chancellor. The deadline for applications was on 6th March, and we are on course to hold interviews at the beginning of May. We are hoping that the interview panel will be joined by a current Vice Chancellor from another university, both to check that the process is fair and to give an independent outsider's view on candidates.

Acting Vice Chancellor's Report

Though the Board knows Prof Simon Jarvis well as the Deputy Vice Chancellor, this was his first Board meeting as Acting Vice Chancellor and CEO, and we welcomed his overview report.

I understand that some of its contents was communicated to staff at the recent Town Hall meeting, particularly the importance of attracting more student applications to drive enrolments, as meeting our targets for student recruitment and retention are crucial to ensure we are financially resilient.

We also had the opportunity to comment on Regent's draft response to the independent review of the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF). In particular, we are concerned that the current TEF does not measure learning gain – how much students advance while they are here – and excludes non-UK domiciled students from some of the metrics.

Strategy Development

The Board spent a significant part of the meeting reviewing an updated draft of the Strategic Plan that highlighted areas that require further discussion or development. There will be further discussions at the Board away day in April before we approve the final version of the Plan at our next meeting on 15th May.

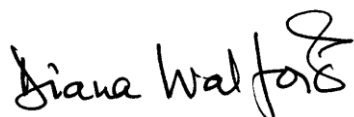
Draft Student Retention, Progression and Completion Strategy

While student recruitment is an important measure of the success of our University, it is just as important that we keep students who have joined us and that they successfully progress and complete their studies. We welcomed the opportunity to discuss this draft strategy and were particularly encouraged that plans are in place to monitor students' reasons for leaving us (though it was acknowledged that making contact at that juncture can be difficult) and to communicate with students on scheduled breaks or in breaks in study, to encourage them to return after the break. The working group developing the strategy will continue to meet and report into the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

The Board would like to send its congratulations to everyone involved in achieving bronze level of the Green Apple Awards for Environmental Best Practice, and achievement level of the London Healthy Workplace Charter. We hope you enjoy Wellbeing Week.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Diana Walford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'D' and 'W'.

Dr Diana Walford

Chair of the Board of Trustees