

# **Board Bulletin – March 2020**

The Board of Trustees met on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Before the meeting, we enjoyed brief presentations from Regent's new professors – Stephen Barber, Jonathan Wilson, Zubin Sethna and Linda Li – on their academic backgrounds and interests.

#### Covid-19

The Board heard from David Willey (Chief Operating Officer) on the University's state of readiness to deal with the impact of the Covid-19 virus. Although the University is generally well-prepared to address business interruption, a lot of work has been done in a short space of time to address this particular threat. We would like to thank David and his colleagues from across the University in helping to plan the University's response, and thank staff and students for their cooperation.

# The "3P" Projects

The Vice-Chancellor reported on progress with the "3P" projects:-

- Portfolio (re-shaping the portfolio of programmes to be more appealing to students and to meet the needs of tomorrow's global leaders);
- Pedagogy (developing an approach to teaching special to Regent's); and
- People (culture change and an integrated structure).

His report included an overview of the projects and key milestones. The Board was pleased with the progress that has been made to date – particularly in developing the new pedagogy - and delighted to see the involvement of so many staff. The Board will be monitoring progress with these projects at each meeting.

### Marylebone

Having approved the move out of Marylebone at its last meeting, the Board formally approved the disposal of the Marylebone properties at this one. We look forward to welcoming staff and students currently based at Marylebone to the Park Campus later in the year.

### **Partnerships**

The Board received an overview report on partnerships. (One of our strategic aims is to "actively seek institutional partnerships and alliances...") Although a lot of work has been done in this area, there is still more to be done to build stronger partnerships, identifying opportunities for growth and expansion.

## **Culture Change**

Thank you to all the staff who completed the recent staff survey. We understand the response rate was very high, which is good news. The results of this will be fed back at a Town Hall meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April, and the Board looks forward to seeing the results and Directorate's response at our next meeting.

With best wishes

**Dr Diana Walford** 

**Chair of the Board of Trustees** 

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