

**UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON  
COUNCIL  
NOMINATIONS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Committee  
4pm on Monday 7 February 2022  
Meeting held remotely via MS Teams**

Present: Phil Walker (Chair), Farrah Black, Janet Cooper, Professor Jean-Noël Ezingard, Sheena Pindoria, Tom Rowson, Kevin Thomas

Secretary: Dr George Turner

Notes: Elaine Lentell

Apologies: There were no apologies.

**Regular Business Matters, Minutes and Reports**

**RNGC43.1 Welcomes, introductions, apologies, conflicts of interest**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No conflicts of interest were declared by those present.

**RNGC43.2 Minutes**

The minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee (Paper RNGC43/1), which was held on 4 October 2021, were **confirmed** and the Committee **approved** the redactions for the published minutes as highlighted.

**RNGC43.3 Matters arising**

The Committee noted progress on matters arising as set out in the Paper (RNGC43/2).

**Governance**

**RNGC43.4 Amendments to the Articles of Association  
(Paper RNGC43/3)**

The Committee received the paper on the outstanding amendments to the University's Articles of Association and considered the recommendations.

The Committee noted that the trade unions had been notified of the proposed changes and invited to comment, but that no feedback had been received. The Committee asked the Secretary to confirm whether any further engagement was necessary before submitting the proposals to a General Meeting of the University.

Subject to the above, the Committee **endorsed** the recommendations as detailed in the paper.

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**Action: Secretary**

## **Nominations**

### **RNGC43.5 Appointments to Council and Council Committees** (Paper RNGC43/4)

The Committee noted the recommendations set out in the paper, in particular the following:

#### **Council**

The Committee noted that the Society of the Sacred Heart's nomination, Christine Carpenter, was a very strong candidate and duly **recommended** her to Council for appointment.

That the Secretary had been working with the Chair of Whitelands College on candidates for the College's second nominee to Council. The Committee considered two potential candidates, including one put forward by the Whitelands Chair, and agreed that both leads should be taken forward.

The Committee noted that Professor Laura Peters, current Senate nominee to Council, had asked the Committee to consider whether there was a potential conflict of interest following her promotion to Pro Vice-Chancellor. The Committee extended thanks to Laura for raising the issue but agreed there were no objections to her continuing in the role until the term expired in October 2022. However, it was suggested that the process to recruit a successor should commence as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition.

#### **Council Committees**

Health, Safety & Welfare Committee. The Committee discussed an appropriate Member of Council to replace Tim Macquiban if he joined the Research Ethics and Integrity Committee (REIC). It was agreed that Tim Macquiban would be considered for the REIC, and that the suggestions noted in the paper would be considered further with reference to the Skills Matrix.

Remuneration Committee. The Committee **approved** the reappointment of Lindsey Doud for a second term until 20 October 2025 and asked the Secretary to approach the member about serving an additional term.

#### **Senate**

The Committee **endorsed** the amendment to Paragraph 10.1.11 of the University Regulations as set out in the paper, to reflect that a number of professional services directors have less involvement with Senate business since the revised terms of reference were implemented. The minor change will enable Senate to vary its membership as appropriate. The proposed

amendment would be shared with Senate and thereafter recommended to Council for approval.

**Actions: Secretary**

**RNGC43.6 Any other business**

43.6.1 The issue of whether the University's emergency procedures were digitised was raised. It was advised that there was a Critical Incident checklist for complex student incidents but that this was not yet digitised. Digitising documents would be considered as a longer-term project.

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**Date of next meeting**

1pm on Monday 14 March 2022

*Elaine Lentell  
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February 2022*