

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2018 [BG18/01] were confirmed as a correct record. The Chair commented that the Training and Development Programme for Governors 2018-19 [BG17/62] was continuing and confirmed that the visit to the Lakeside Campus would now be in 2019.
- 3.2 The Notes of the Board Strategy Away Day [BG18/02] held on 2nd October 2018 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

- 5.1.1 The Vice Chancellor congratulated all involved with the 10 ceremonies of Graduation 2018 and highlighted the spontaneous standing ovation for Auschwitz survivor, Mindu Hornick, one of the recipients of an honorary award. The Vice Chancellor reported that he had received a letter of thanks from a mother of a graduating student, who expressed her thanks to the University's Mental Health Team for their assistance with her son during his time at the University.
- 5.1.2 The Graduation Dinner was successful in integrating the Graduation Prize Winners Ceremony for the first time establishing the graduates' place at the centre of the happy event.
- 5.1.3 The funeral of student Thomas Jones took place on Friday 9 November and the University was represented by Tom Taylor, Head of Security. The Vice Chancellor reported that he had received an email of thanks from Thomas' family for the University's assistance throughout.
- 5.1.4 The Education Select Committee publication of "Value for Money in Higher Education" on 5 November 2018 emphasised the challenging context the University was operating in. A number of recent reports and media stories about the possible bankruptcy of some Universities and the reduction of tuition fees to £6,500 with no indication of a guarantee of replacement funding from government grants have added to the sense of anxiety in the sector
- 5.1.5 The University's Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2017-18 show that the University has made good progress and is on a sound financial footing, which will be discussed at greater length later in the agenda.
- 5.1.6 The University has significantly improved its position in a number of surveys and league tables including the 2017/18 National Student Survey which rated the University in the top 25% of universities, at joint 35th out of 151; ten courses at the University received 100% satisfaction. The Destinations of leavers from Higher Education Survey (DLHE) 17-18 (n) 3 (ent) 214 (ed) 0221214 366.8521214 6(w) 1.9 (ed) ja (ed) 1.09 (1.15) 1d0.028 gT %

audited by external auditors and Stage 3 comprised documentation relating to the curriculum, student support, quality, governance, staffing and facilities.

5.3.2 The Board received and considered the Medical School Business Case noting that it included three possible scenarios:

1. Funded students based at St Johns' Campus
2. Funded students based at Severn Campus
3. Self-funded students

Intelligence suggests that there may be another opportunity to bid for student numbers in Spring 2019 which the University hopes to be successful in. The Business Case included a scenario based on self-funded students in addition to the two scenarios with funded student numbers.

5.3.3 The Board noted that the Business Case set out two proposals for providing physical space for the Medical School. In addition to the possibility of building a new building at the Severn Campus as previously discussed consideration was given to the proposal to utilise space at St Johns' Campus. The Board noted that the proposal to utilise space at St Johns' Campus was considered to be a viable option. The Board noted that the proposal to utilise space at St Johns' Campus was considered to be a viable option.

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The planned review of the New Financial Ledger was incomplete due to issues encountered by the University regarding implementation. This review is included in the 2018-19 Internal Audit Annual Plan.

8.2 The Board received and noted both reports.

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12.1 Finance and Development Committee

12.1.1 The Board received the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Development Committee that was held on 25th October 2018 [BG18/20]

12.1.2 A confidential report was made by the Chair and Vice Chancellor in relation to University Park, this is recorded in the confidential minutes

12.1.2 The Board received the report.

12.2 HR Committee

12.2.1 The Board received a verbal report of the meeting of the HR Committee that was held on 2nd October 2018 [BG18/21]. It was noted that the Annual Report of the Committee had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

12.2.2 The Board formally approved the revised Terms of Reference for the HR Committee [BG18/22].

12.3 Audit Committee

12.3.1 The Board received the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee that was held on 12th November 2018 [BG18/23].

12.3.2 The Chair of the Committee advised members that the Committee had congratulated the Students' Union CEO and her team on an excellent set of accounts and financial performance over the last financial year. Members noted that the £500k block grant received from the University was used to provide a range of support for students.

12.3.2 The Board formally approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee.

12.4 Academic Board

12.4.1 The Board received the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board that was held on 4th July 2018 [BG18/24]

12.4.2 The Deputy Vice Chancellor advised members that the restructuring of the academic institutes into schools had gone well and there was now only a very small number of posts to be filled. It was agreed that a new structure chart would be sent to members.

13.1 There was no additional business

14.1 The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 5th February 2019.

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John Bateman OBE, Chair of the Board of Governors