

## Board of Governors

Minutes of the blended meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

EE1012, Edward Elgar, St Johns Campus

## 23/02 Declarations of Interests

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## 23/03 Board Business

3.1 Primary Responsibilities of the Board [BG23/01]

3.1.1 The Board noted its primary responsibilities, presented at the start of the academic year for information.

3.2 Schedule of Business 2023/24 [BG23/02]

3.2.1 The Board received for information its Schedule of Business for 2023/24.

## 23/04 Minutes

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 [BG23/03] were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4.2 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

4.2.1 Remuneration Committee Update [minute 50.1.3] The Clerk to the Board reported the Remuneration Committee (Vice Chancellor) had met to consider the points raised at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

- 6.2 The Vice Chancellor was pleased to note no students had their results affected by the Marking and Assessment Boycott called by the UCU nationally and that the University's Graduation ceremonies went ahead very successfully.
- 6.3 *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*
- 6.4 Following on from the Silver Teaching Excellence Framework 2023 award, the Provost briefed the Board on work that has already started to secure further improvements for the next submission in 2027 and a platform to build for the Gold award. The Provost referred to the report comparing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Course Experience Survey (CES) results and the National Student Survey (NSS) which records final year student opinion, and highlighted the improved results for last year's 1<sup>st</sup> Year students. The NSS results showed modest improvement on the previous year and the Board was reminded the 2023 graduating students were the most affected by the pandemic. The Provost briefed the Board on work taking place around educational gain and driving excellence.
- 6.5 The Board received the Vice Chancellor's report.

arrangements in place for risk management, governance, value for money and management and quality of data. The Chair highlighted the emphasis on risk management, the presentation to the committee on data returns and the appointment of a new internal audit service.

9.1.2 Members discussed the risk of AI and noted it is currently seen as an emerging risk by UEB and will be kept under review. AI is being looked at in relation to research integrity.

9.1.3 The Board received the report.

9.2 Report of Audit Committee meetings [BG23/08]

9.2.1 The Chair of the Committee presented the report of the Committee meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November the Committee considered the Group annual accounts and the Board could take confidence from the Committee's considerations. The Chair noted the external auditors had not yet finalised their audit due to the OfS delaying the new Data Futures student data return meaning the auditor's tuition fee income testing could not be completed. *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

9.2.2 *[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]*

9.2.3 The Board approved the Audit Committee's updated terms of reference.

9.2.4 The Board received the report.

## 23/10 Financial Matters

10.1 Statutory Accounts 2022/23 Cover Paper [BG23/09]

10.1.1 The Board received and noted the summary of key points in the 2022/23 statutory accounts for the University and subsid4 Tw [(sUTd[(r)2.u1BDC /T.52 4A461.28 Tm( [(l)0.6 j7.826 r)3.2 (e)10.8 (cs2/t(2)Tj13 Tw [(243

10.5 Accounts for UW Worcester Wolves Ltd 2023/23 [BG23/13]

10.5.1 The Board received the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2023 for UW Worcester Wolves Ltd and noted the company made good progress in the year and made a profit.

10.5.2 The Board noted the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2023 for UW Worcester Wolves Ltd.

0 10.6 Accounts for UW Enterprises Ltd 2023 [ (2)35(6)11-01024(10)2

HR and Health & Safety related activity in the last year

Board also noted the OfS now only requires reporting of training for staff identified as key in relation to the Prevent Duty, however the University, through the Safeguarding Committee, ensures that Prevent training is provided to a wider group of staff.

- 16.2 The Board noted the University and its campus will be subject to the requirements of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill which was included in the King's Speech at the Opening of Parliament in November 2023. University officers recently met with the Regional DfE Lead for Prevent and discussed the University's approach including to external speakers and events. A number of actions to follow up had been identified and would be taken forward
- 16.3 The Board noted the report and data return 2023 and confirmed h