

COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Council held on **Friday 26 April 2024** at 2.00pm via Microsoft Teams.

- Present:** Professor Stuart Palmer (SP), *Chair*
Ms Amanda Rowlatt CBE (AR), *Deputy Chair*
Mr Mukhtar Ahmed (MA)
Ms Janet Dean (JD)
Dr Rita Gardner, CBE (RG)
Ms Lucinda Hunt (LH)
Professor Andrew Jones (AJ), *Vice-Chancellor & President*
Mr David Kennedy (DK)
Ms Josie Mangan (JM)
Mr Shashank Manjunatha (SM)
Mr Chris Maw (CM)
Ms Tone Rosingholm (TR)
Mr Suraj Shaw (SS)
Professor Claire Turner (CT)
Professor Jonathan Wastling (JW)
- In attendance:** Dr Manuel Alonso (MA), *Chief Operating Officer*
Ms Gemma Bailey (GB), *Director of HR*
Ms Maddie McGowan (MM), *Director of Marketing, Communications and Recruitment*
Ms Anne Nathan (AN), *Chief Finance Officer*
Professor Geoffrey Rodgers (GR), *Pro-Vice Chancellor, Enterprise and Employment*
Dr Nicola Rogers (NR), *Chief of Staff*
Dr Rosa Scoble (RS), *Director of Strategic Planning*
- Officers:** Mr Tristan Foot (TF), *University Secretary and General Counsel*
Ms Helen Dalrymple (HD), *Associate Director of Governance - minutes*
- Apologies:** Ms Sharon Blackman, OBE (SB)
Professor Dave Delpy (DD)
Mr Mark Garrett (MG)
Professor Paul Hellewell (PH)
Dr Peter Thomas (PT)
Ms Anne Waltham (AW)

23/76 DECLARATION OF INTEREST(S)

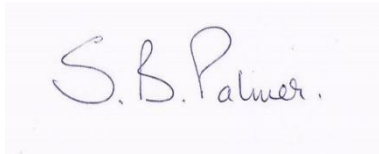
76/01 **NOTED:** that there were no declarations of interest.

23/77 RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (CO/4021res.)

- 77/01** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. This extraordinary meeting of Council had been called in order to consider the application to join the University of London (UoL).
- 77/02** The Vice Chancellor gave a brief introduction and explained that the application contained information the University had been asked to provide. A cover letter would emphasise clearly the reasons why Brunel was applying for membership of UoL.
- 77/03** Thanks were extended to all those who had worked hard preparing the application. News of the initiative had been very well received by staff and students.
- 77/04** Further to a preliminary discussion with Council in March, the timeline remained broadly the same. A panel from UoL would be visiting the campus on the 21 May and would meet with members of the senior team, some members of Council and selected staff and students. A decision was expected in July 2024.
- 77/05** Brunel's research strengths were emphasised in the application, UoL was made up of a group of research-intensive universities, and the meeting of the 21 May would showcase Brunel's research strength.
- 77/06** Members made some drafting points on the application and these would be implemented before submission. These included re-emphasising the successful opening of the medical school and the strength of creative writing at Brunel.
- 77/06** Council discussed the cost of membership and heard that there was budget allocated to it from contingency in the next financial year. There was discussion over what the membership package contained; the campus space and use of the library were very attractive to staff and students.
- 77/08** Members agreed that the application was an excellent document and suggested that a version of it, without confidential information, was circulated to Council as a briefing document on the strengths of the University. **ACTION: AJ**
- 77/09** **COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:**
- “The Council of Brunel University London approves the submission of an application for membership of the University of London and requests that the Vice-Chancellor submit the application on or before 3 May 2024 with the full support of the Council.”

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 3 July 2024

Meeting Minutes Approved:

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3 July 2024

Professor Stuart Palmer, Chairperson

Date