

MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON

GOVERNING BODY

Minutes of a Meeting held by Microsoft Teams on Monday 1 February 2021 at 5.00 pm.

Present:

Dr Stuart Edwards, External Governor (**Chair**)

Ms Pauline Egan, External Governor (**Vice-chair**)

Miss Justine Brian, External Governor

Miss Shola Bryan, Student Governor (Items 1-2 only)

Mr Pedro Dias Ferreira, External Governor

Mr Nic Durston, External Governor

Ms Gill Evans, External Governor

Ms Heather Fry, External Governor

Dr Andrew Gower, Principal and Governor

Mrs Gail Le Coz, External Governor

Ms Susan Lindsey, Student Governor (Items 1-2 only)

Mr Victor OIP 11.04

requirement for staff governors to withdraw from the meeting when these appointments were discussed.

- 2.2. All governors confirmed that they had no interests that they were under a duty to disclose in accordance with Article 5 of the College's Articles of Association.

At this point Shola Bryan and Susan Lindsey withdrew from the meeting

3. Governor appointments

- 3.1. The Clerk reported that the terms of office of the two existing student governors (Shola Bryan and Susan Lindsey) were due to end on 2 February. Susan Lindsey was not seeking re-appointment as a student governor. Shola Bryan had indicated that she was willing to continue for a further period.
- 3.2. The Clerk explained that, when the new constitution of the student representative bodies had been approved by the Board in November 2020, it had been the expectation that more students would 'return to learn' from January 2021 and that by February not only the Programme Management Committees and Student Experience Fora (SEFs) but also the new Student Council would be well established. But with the great majority of courses still being delivered online, and most students only having the opportunity to make each other's acquaintance remotely, if at all, it had taken longer than expected to set up the representative bodies.
- 3.3. There were now, however, 140 elected class representatives and enough of these had shown an interest in serving on the Student Council for an inaugural meeting of the new Council to be arranged for a date later in February. It was hoped that that meeting would elect a Chair and a Student Governor (unlike its predecessor, the new constitution did not link these two roles, although there was still an expectation that the Chair of the Student Council would normally hold one of the two student governor positions).
- 3.4. Governors agreed that student voice on the Governing Body would be stronger if there were some continuity of student representation. Accordingly, the Board resolved that rather than seek two nominations from the Student Council (and have no student governor in place until both those nominations had been made and approved) it would re-appoint Shola Bryan to serve alongside any new student governor who might be nominated, and that both appointments would come to an end on 30 November 2021. By that date students enrolling from September 2021 would have had tp

3.7. Asked about the progress of the recruitment campaign for a Chair designate, the Clerk reported that the advertisement was close to being finalised, a video message