



## **Meeting of the Academic Board**

2.00 - 4.00 pm on Wednesday, 22 February 2017  
in 1B27 - Technopark, SE1 6LN

### **Agenda**

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**Date of next meeting**  
**2.00 pm on Wednesday, 7 June 2017**

**Members:** Pat Bailey (Chair), Temi Ahmadu, Sodiq Akinbade, Stephen Barber, Craig Barker, Janet Bohrer, Charles Egbu, Paul Ivey, Gurpreet Jagpal, Janet Jones, Mike Molan, Jenny Owen, Shushma Patel, Lesley Roberts, Tony Roberts, Warren Turner and Shân Wareing

**Apologies:** Kirsteen Coupar, David Mba and Michael Broadway

**In attendance:** Sally Skillett-Moore, Joe Kelly, Graeme Maidment and Saranne Weller

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### 1) General update (finances, admissions, recruitment)

- **January 2017 intake:**
  - Slightly ahead of target (BUS esp strong) for January intake
  - Int'l about 11% ahead of target
  - In-year retention lower than last year
  - But overall, a good position in a difficult market
  
- **Applications for September 2017 intake:**
  - FTUG applications down 17% but ....
  - .... only 5% excl. HSC, which expects to meet intake target
  - Nationally apps down 4%, competitor group down 10%
  
- **Finances for 2016/17**
  - Need to be heading for 5% surplus (> £7M) by 2020
  - Should meet budgeted £1M surplus (based on YTD)
  - Schools have wide variation in forecast



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## 2) Education & Student Experience

- a) TEF submission went in; fighting for silver (metrics indicate bronze); result due out in May.
- b) We also completed our Annual Provider Review (new QA requirement from HEFCE).
- c) Clean bill of health from our HEFCE 5-year review in January, which covers educational processes, governance, data monitoring and finances.
- d) With 84% reduction in our appeals metric, we are applying for a THE Leadership Management Award (THELMA) for Student Services.
- e) The Centre for Research Informed Teaching is launched.
- f) Student Dashboard just launched.



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### 3) Research and Enterprise

- The AURA process (Annual University Research Audit) is finished for 2016/2017; the results are being used for decisions relating to research centres and groups
- The Stern review of REF processes is in nationwide consultation; LSBU submitted views to UUK and Million+
- The most contentious issues are a) portability of published work between employers, and the potential requirement to submit all academics to the process
- Work is underway within LSBU to model the scenarios and implications arising from the Stern review



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## 4) International

- **Overseas Students: number and income targets were met in September and exceeded in January**
- **Tier 4 visa renewal was granted in 4 days without audit – large no risk flag in the home office for LSBU; tiers 1,2 and 5 licences have similarly been renewed via HR**
- **TNE – partnership with BUE has grown to some 3500 students and will grow further to *ca* 5000**
- **Partnership with ASU has started with the foundation programme scheduled for September 2017 and the first two engineering related courses for the following year**



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## 5) Confucius Institute

- We now have circa 90 teachers and delivering language lessons to some 50,000 school children across London (largest CI in the World!)
- New Head Teacher in post
- Working collaboratively with the LSE and Goldsmiths CIs to deliver joint action
- Many events – e.g. new exhibition from Professor Pan Gongkai in Architecture

## 6) Links with schools and colleges in London

- Business case being developed with Lambeth College
- If it proceeds, adds to our UTC (first intake Sept 2016) and the UAE

## 7) Apprenticeships

- Levy comes in from April 2017; hope for around 2000 apprentices by 2020
- We should have >500 apprentices from Sept 2017: BEA, ENG, BUS and HSC
- £5M grant from Southwark Borough Council to refurbish Grade 2 Passmore Building as the 'hub' for apprenticeships (+ £3M HEFCE Catalyst fund for IPTE)



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### 8) Estates Developments

- St. George's Quarter progressing well with architects (ACI and BEA)
- London Road refurbishment + basement labs + new top floor sports academy
- Options being explored for BUS decant, and development of Technopark

### 9) Green Week and Fairtrade Fortnight

- Happening now – please get involved
- See the Whole Earth exhibition in the Clarence Courtyard

### 10) New fora/networks

- HoDiv – DVC overseeing this group
- Course Directors – 1<sup>st</sup> event run in Jan. (short talks + NSS Q&A); Shân leading

### 11) Student-led projects

- Are running again this year – 4 teams of 3
- Support from the SU team and from CRIT; further info from Temi, SU or Saranne