London South Bank

University

Minutes of a Meeting of the Educational Character Committee held at 4pm on Monday, 25 June 2012 in Room 1B16, Techno Park, London Road, London SE1

Present

Steve Balmont Chair Douglas Denham St Pinnock Andrew Owen

In attendance

Martin Earwicker Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive
Phil Cardew Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic)
Bev Jullien Pro Vice Chancellor (External)

Mike Molan Executive Dean, Arts and Human Sciences

James Stevenson University Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Governors

Michael Broadway Governance Officer

Welcome and Apologies

- 1. The committee welcomed Steve Balmont as the new chairman of the committee and Douglas Denham St Pinnock and Mike Molan to their first meeting of the committee.
- 2. Apologies had been received from Anisa Ali.

Minutes of the last meeting

3. The minutes of the meeting of 1 February 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and approved for publication.

Matters Arising

Membership

- 4. The committee discussed membership of the committee and felt it would be useful to have two student representatives: the Students' Union President and the Vice President: Student Experience.
- 5. The committee requested the secretary to discuss with the Chairman of the Board co-opting a member with experience of education.

Faculty Pro formas

6. The committee requested that a revised faculty pro forma is produced for the next meeting (minute 4 of 1 February refers).

Key Performance Indicators

7. The committee noted that when the key performance indicators are revised the indicators on academic matters would be considered by the committee.

Committee Plan

8. The committee requested that the annual committee plan be revised and circulated to committee members. It was agreed that this would a standing item on future agendas.

Faculty Visit

9. The committee felt that the visit to the Arts and Human Sciences faculty was useful and requested feedback from the faculties to help inform the next visit. The committee agreed that the next visit would be to the Faculty of Health and Social Care in February 2013.

Links to Schools and Colleges

- 10. The committee noted a detailed presentation on the University's links to schools and colleges from Mark Ellis, Senior Manager, Schools and Partnerships, Louise Andronicou, Faculty Director of Recruitment and Marketing and Tere Daly, Head, Student Recruitment and Partnerships.
- 11. The committee were encouraged by the developing relationships with schools and colleges.

Educational Character Statement

- 12. The committee discussed a draft statement of the educational character of the University (paper **EC.07(12)**), introduced by the Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic). The committee noted that the draft statement had been produced following the Board Strategy Day of 22 March 2012 when the Board requested clarification on the University's educational character.
- 13. The committee requested the draft statement to be reviewed by the Executive, the Academic Board and the Students' Union sabbatical offers before being submitted to the committee for recommendation to the Board. Benchmarking the draft statement against that of other HEI's would be useful.

Academic Board Report

- 14. The Board discussed the Academic Board report for 2011/12 (paper **EC.07(12)**), introduced by the Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic). The committee noted that the report was a formal part of the quality assurance mechanism and was required in order to give the Board assurance.
- 15. The committee requested to consider the individual reports which made up the Academic Board report throughout the year. The timings of these reports would govern the committee's annual plan. The academic strategy would be considered at the next meeting.
- 16. The committee noted that at its next meeting it would consider responses to the Destination of Leavers of Higher Education survey and the National Student Survey.
- 17. The committee agreed to report to the Board that it would review specific sections of the Academic Board report in future.

Honours

18. The committee noted that Jeffrey Weeks and Mary Lovegrove, two of LSBU's professors had received OBE's and that Maxine Room, a former governor, had received a CBE.

Next Meeting

15. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 26 September 2012 at 4pm.

Chair	•••••	 	 	•

Confirmed as a correct record