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**Minutes of the meeting of the University Academy of Engineering Local  
Governing Body  
held at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 18 July 2017  
University Academy of Engineering - Trafalgar Street, London SE17 2TP**

**Present**

Rao Bhamidimarri (Chair)  
Karen Fowler  
Steve French  
Samantha Jury-Dada  
John Taylor

**Apologies**

Michael Broadway  
Natalie Ferer  
Lesley Morrison  
Tony Roberts  
Dan Smith

**In attendance**

Jason Philipsz (Vice Principal)  
Pervena Singh (Clerk)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed governors to the planning and review meeting for the academic year. The above apologies were noted.

**2. Declarations of interest**

No governors declared a conflict of interest in any item on the agenda.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The LGB approved the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 21 June 2017.

**4. Matters arising**

The LGB reviewed the matters arising from the previous meeting. It was agreed that the new principal would pick up the pending matters and provide an update on actions at the next meeting in the new academic year.

*Karen Fowler joined the meeting.*

**5. UAE development plan & self evaluation form**

The LGB discussed the Academy's development plan and self-evaluation form. The LGB noted that Ofsted provided positive feedback on the report, and that there has been good progress on the development plan.

The LGB noted that further data on both reports would be available in the autumn term.

## **6. Student recruitment numbers**

The LGB were provided with a verbal update of the student recruitment numbers. It was reported that the projected number of students for 2017/2018 is 140.

The LGB discussed the potential boost in interest from students following the publishing of the 'Good' result from the Ofsted inspection.

The LGB discussed various options on how to better attract students and parents.

It was suggested whether the school should specialise in one special educational needs (SEN) condition, and work towards becoming an expert in the condition. The LGB noted that further discussion into the infrastructure of the school and capacity is required.

## **7. Student progression**

The LGB were presented with the students' attainment and progress report. The LGB were pleased to hear of the 75% of students that are making better or expected progress towards their targets.

It was reported that year 9 students' progress is steadily catching up with years 7 and 8, which is leading to more standardised performance across the cohorts.

The LGB discussed the performance of male students in year 8, who are outperforming females. The LGB requested further review into the matter.

The Vice Principal emphasised the impact of the new Head of English on the performance of students, which will be seen in data presented in the autumn term.

The LGB discussed the benefits of thematic learning. The Principal would arrange to visit a school which focuses on high impact project based learning. An update will be provided to the LGB at its November LGB meeting.

## **8. Staff recruitment**

The LGB discussed the current staff recruitment plans for 2017/2018. The LGB noted that a total of 20 new teaching staff will be joining the school in the new academic year.

The LGB discussed the turnover of staff at the school and queried whether any trends in departing staff needed addressing. It was reported that all departing staff left the school for the right reasons and not because of any underlining issues.

*Karen Fowler left the meeting.*

9. **2018 meeting calendar**

The LGB noted the 2018 meeting dates. The Chair discussed the need for a welfare committee as safeguarding had increased in priority for DfE and Ofsted.

If approved by the Board the committee would be established for the new academic year.

10. **Any other business**

The LGB discussed the feedback in the Ofsted report, especially on careers advice. The Chair reported that a part time careers advisor would be recruited to improve the service for students.

**Date of next meeting  
4.00 pm, on Wednesday, 13 September 2017**

**Confirmed as a true record**

..... (Chair)