

Minutes of the meeting of the University Academy of Engineering Learning & Teaching Committee
held at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 21 February 2017
University Academy of Engineering - Trafalgar Street, London SE17 2TP

Present

Tony Roberts (Chair for the meeting)
Gary Nelson
Steve French
Tony Roberts

Apologies

Lesley Morrison (Chair)
Farah Nur
Karen Fowler
Rao Bhamidimarri

In attendance

Pervena Singh (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies

Governors were welcomed to the meeting.

The committee elected Tony Roberts as Chair for the meeting following apologies from Lesley Morrison.

The above apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of interest

No governors declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The committee approved the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, 9 November 2016.

4. Matters arising

The committee discussed the progress of OfSTED preparations in light of the upcoming inspection, the recruitment of a new Head of English and the roll out of homework.

The committee noted that a new CRIB sheet was being prepared for governors and will be circulated in due course.

The committee discussed the roll out of homework and the response from parents. The principal confirmed feedback towards homework has been

positive, and comments from the newly established Parents and Family association group have endorsed the new timetable.

All other matters arising were to be covered on the agenda.

5. Principal's report

The committee was presented with the Learning and Teaching Principal report which included the student profiles for year 7, 8 & 9, in-term admissions, English as an additional language, SEND, outcomes of student performance and progress, and actions and strategies for improvements.

The committee discussed the levels of recruitment for new students, and the need to engage females into engineering.

The committee noted that progression in year 9 has been slightly behind the rest of the school's year group. In response the school has arranged for focus groups between year 9 and senior leaders as well as developing a mentor/buddy program with LSBU undergraduates.

The committee commented on the attainment graphs included within the paper, and requested that additional key cohort comparison graphs for all years be provided as an overview of performance comparison.

The committee discussed the tabled reports for year group achievement by subject, and student progress at post 16.

The science review outcomes report was tabled and the committee noted the actions and next steps.

The committee discussed streaming of high ability learners, which is being led by the learning and teaching strategic team and the senior leadership team. It was reported that they had recently launched a policy on marking, and will be focusing on high ability learners.

The Principal confirmed that the Learning Resources Centre has incorporated a careers advice section within it, which has been greatly received by parents.

6. Development awards

This item was deferred and will be discussed at the local governing body meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22 February 2017.

7. Any other business

The committee discussed the tabled Academy Times newsletter, produced by the students.

The committee congratulated the Principal on the achievement of students going to the Regional Finals for the F1 Formula One in schools competition.

The committee suggested news from the student council meetings to be incorporated into the principal's report. The committee proposed that an informal presentation with the student council ahead of a LGB meeting to be arranged for governors.

Date of next meeting
4.00 pm, on Wednesday, 10 May 2017

Confirmed as a true record

..... (Chair)