

ROBERT GORDON UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on **29 November 2022** at **1.30pm** in **H230**, Ishbel Gordon Building, Garthdee.

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 22 November 2022

Declarations of Interest

Members are required to declare an interest, as appropriate, in any matter due to be discussed.

Publication of Board Papers

The Chair to ask Board members to consider, as we go through the agenda, whether there are any papers under discussion, that it would **not** be appropriate to publish on the intranet for access by staff and students.

AGENDA A: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chair's Opening Remarks

1. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE **Strictly Confidential**

(No members of the Executive will be present for this item)

To consider: (a) Principal's Objectives 2022/23. **Strictly Confidential** for circulation to Board members only.

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To receive: (b) Oral report by the Convener on the meeting held on 18 November 2022.

To note: (c) Minute of the meeting held on 18 November 2022. **Strictly Confidential** for circulation to Board members only.

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2. MINUTE

To approve: (a) Minute of the meeting held on 27 September 2022.

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To note: (b) Matters arising.

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3. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

To note: (a) Report from the Principal. **- Copy herewith**

To consider: (b) Report from the Communications Manager on external stakeholder engagement. **- Copy herewith**

To receive: (c) Oral report from the Principal on vibrant campus.

4. **VISIONING AND LONG-TERM AMBITIONS DISCUSSION**

To consider: Report from the Principal and Vice-Principal for Strategy and Planning. **- Copy herewith**

5. **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

To consider: (a) KPMG Year End Report 2021/22. **- Copy herewith**

(b) Letter of representation relating to the Annual Report and Financial Statements. **- Copy herewith**

(c) Report on the Financial Results for the year ended 31 July 2022 by the Director or Finance and Group Financial Controller. **- Copy herewith**

To receive: (d) Input from Conveners of the Audit and Financial and General Purposes Committees.

To approve: (e) Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022, as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. These require to be signed at the meeting. **- Copy herewith**

6. **BUSINESS PLAN 2022/23**

To approve: Report from the Vice-Principal for Strategy and Planning. **- Copy herewith**

7. **STUDENT RECRUITMENT UPDATE**

To receive: Presentation by the Vice-Principal for Strategy and Planning with supported paperwork for information.

- Copy herewith

8. **OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

To receive/approve: (a) Outcome Agreement Self-Assessment Report 2021/22.

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To consider: (b) Final Draft Outcome Agreement 2022/23 from the Vice-Principal for Strategy and Planning.

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9. **STREETSPORT**

To receive: Presentation by David Suttie, Trustee, Denis Law Legacy Trust and Filippo Antoniazzi, Director of Student Life.

10. **RESEARCH INVESTMENT**

To consider: Report from the Vice-Principal for Research and the Principal.

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11. **SIR IAN WOOD BUILDING [Strictly Confidential]**

To consider: Progress update report from the Director of Estates and Property Services.

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12. **FUTURE OF TEACHING LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT**

To receive: Presentation by the Vice-Principal for Student Experience and Academic Development.

13. **RGU FUNDRAISING [Strictly Confidential]**

To consider: Report by the Vice-Principal for Economic Development.

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14. **BOARD EVALUATION**

To consider: (a) Cover paper by the University Secretary and Vice-Principal for Corporate Services together with the summary of results.
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To receive: (b) Oral report from University Secretary and Vice-Principal for Corporate Services on Equality Monitoring.

15. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

15.1 **Audit Committee**

To receive: (a) Oral report by the Convener on the meeting held on 8 November 2022.

To note: (b) Minute of the meeting held on 8 November 2022.
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To approve: (c) The Annual Report to the Board of Governors for the year ending 31 July 2022.
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15.2 **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

To receive: (a) Oral report by the Convener on the meeting held on 15 November 2022.

To note: (b) Minute of the meeting held on 15 November 2022.
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15.3 **Governance and Nominations Committee**

To receive: (a) Oral report by the Convener on the meeting held on 18 November 2022.

To note: (b) Minute of the meeting held on 18 November 2022.
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15.4 **Staff Governance Committee**

To receive: (a) Oral report by the Convener on the meeting held on 18 November 2022.

To note: (b) Minute of the meeting held on 18 November 2022.
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To consider: (c) Synopsis of the Occupational Health and Safety Annual Report which has received detailed consideration by the Committee.
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16. **REVISED SCOTTISH CODE OF GOOD HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE**

To consider: Revised Scottish Code of Good Higher Education Governance.
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17. **VALEDICTORY**

AGENDA B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

18. **BOARD OF GOVERNORS: STAFF ELECTIONS**

To receive: Oral report University Secretary and Vice-Principal for Corporate Services on the results of the staff elections on 28 November 2022.

19. **BOAT RACE**

To note: The Boat Race will take place on 11 March 2023, 1.00 – 4.00pm.

20. **BOARD OF GOVERNORS: TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

To note: (a) Aileen Easton attended the AdvanceHE Event - New Governors of Scottish HEIs 2022 on 19 October 2022.

- (b) A Board session on:
- Board Management Software by Team Engine;
 - Unconscious Bias Training by for Emmanuel Akerele; and
 - HE Governance Training

(c) AdvanceHE: Diversity of Governors in Higher Education Report 2022.

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21. **BOARD STRATEGY EVENT/BOARD DINNER**

To note: The Board Strategy Event (1.30 pm), RGU Campus and Board Dinner (7.00pm) at the Marcliffe will take place on Thursday 2 February 2023.

22. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note: The next Board meeting will take place Thursday 9 March 2023 at 9.00 am in H230.

AGENDA C – ITEMS FOR BOARD WITHOUT THE CHAIR PRESENT

23. **CHAIR'S APPRAISAL**

To note: In accordance with the Scottish Code of Good HE Governance a meeting of Board members and the Board Intermediary, without the Chair present, will take place to appraise the Chair's performance. The Chair will retire for this item.

24. **TERM OF OFFICE OF THE LAY CHAIR**

To receive: Recommendations from Governance and Nominations Committee.