

# THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

## COUNCIL

11 February 2020

### CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Present:** Dr Susan Liautaud (Interim Chair) (*excluding item 8, when not present*), Ali Nikpay (Vice-Chair) (*Chair for item 8*), Dame Minouche Shafik (Director) (*excluding item 8*), Professor Martin Anthony (Vice-Chair of Academic Board), Alastair Da Costa (Independent Member), Zulum Elumogo (General Secretary of the Students' Union), Sir David Higgins (Independent Member), John Hughes (Independent Member), Nigel Hugill (Independent Member), Professor Simona Iammarino (Academic Board nominee), Donald Kaberuka (Independent Member) (*by phone for items 1, 3, 4.1-4, 4.7-8*), Roger Mountford (Independent Member), Dr Claudine Provencher (Professional Services Staff member), Professor Terhi Rantanen (Academic Board nominee), Isha Sharma (Students' Union nominee), Elisabeth Stheeman (Independent Member) and Professor Alex Voorhoeve (Academic Board nominee).

**Apologies:** None.

**In attendance:** Professor Julia Black (Strategic Director of Innovation), Mike Ferguson (Director of Finance), Professor Dilly Fung (Pro-Director Education), Professor Simon Hix (Pro-Director Research), Dr Brigid McClure (Head of Directorate and Strategy Delivery), Louise Nadal (School Secretary), Professor Eric Neumayer (Pro-Director Faculty Development), Ben Plummer-Powell (Chief Philanthropy and Global Engagement Officer), Professor David Webb (Pro-Director Planning & Resources), Dr Andrew Young (Chief Operating Officer), and Hilary Hunter (Head of Governance Services, committee secretary). (*None present for item 8 except Louise Nadal and Hilary Hunter*). Sophie Hutchinson (Director of Alumni, Supporter Engagement and Operations) and Helen Jones (Director of Development) for item 2.2.

The Chair welcomed Donald Kaberuka and Isha Sharma to their first meeting of Council and congratulated Professor Julia Black on her CBE awarded in the New Year 2020 Honours List, in recognition of her achievements in the study of Law and Regulation.

*[The agenda order was taken out of sequence, so not in the order indicated below, to allow discussion of decision items first and for Donald Kaberuka to be present.]*

### BRITISH LIBRARY OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCE: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEE

Council is required to meet annually as the trustee of the British Library of Political and Economic Science (BLPES) and discharged its responsibility under this item.

a) Minutes from previous meeting **(BLPES PAPER A)**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2019.

b) The British Library of Political and Economic Science: Annual Report 2018-19 **(BLPES PAPER B)**

Council noted the report and confirmed it was satisfied that the BLPES fulfils its obligations under the Trust.

## 1. FORMAL BUSINESS

## **1.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.1.1 There were no declaration of interest.

## **1.2 MINUTES**

**PAPER A**

1.2.1 Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2019 and the reserved section of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2019.

## **1.3 MATTERS ARISING**

1.3.1 Council noted that there were some items that would come back to future meetings for consideration and that an action log would be prepared to allow monitoring. There were no further matters arising.

## **2. STRATEGIC BUSINESS**

### **2.1 LSE 2030 DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND DASHBOARD**

**PAPER B**

2.1.1 Council noted the paper and the oral report of the Director, including that there was a UUK consultation regarding the employers' position in the USS pension dispute.

2.1.2 **Restricted and Confidential.**

### **2.2 LSE 2030 REPORT ON GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

**PAPER C**

2.2.1 Council noted and discussed the paper and the presentation from Ben Plummer-Powell, the Chief Philanthropy & Global Engagement Officer, which provided an overview of the School's performance and plans within the context of the School strategy.

2.2.2 Council congratulated the Director, the Chief Philanthropy & Global Engagement Officer and his team for their excellent progress.

### **2.3 DEVELOPING A BUSINESS CASE FOR 35 LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS (35LIF)**

**PAPER D**

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## **3 OVERSEAS UNDERGRADUATE FEE**

**PAPER E**

3.1.1 Council approved the fee for Overseas undergraduate students for 2021 entry as set out in the paper.

## **4. GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL**

### **4.1 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY**

**PAPER F**

4.1.1 Professor Julia Black, Strategic Director of Innovation, introduced the proposal for a new Intellectual Property Policy, noting that due to the scale of the changes to the School's ownership of intellectual property rights that it required Council approval. In particular, Professor Black outlined i) the key reasons for updating the policy, which were to enable the introduction of an opt-out policy for lecture recordings, to facilitate the commercialisation of research, and to bring the policy in line with School practices, and ii) the extensive consultation that had taken place in preparing the policy, noting that there were some final outstanding points of clarification with UCU.

- 4.1.2 Council discussed the proposal including how it compared to other approaches in the sector and possible issues and considerations associated with introducing the opt-out policy for lecture recordings.
- 4.1.3 Council approved the Intellectual Property Policy for implementation.
- 4.1.4 Council requested that it received a further report, following a year of implementation, on the status of implementation and enforcement of the new policies, including with respect to the opt-out policy for lecture recordings, and developments in commercialisation activities.

## **4.2 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS** **PAPER G**

- 4.2.1 Following recommendation from Governance Committee, Council approved:
- a) the committee appointments as set out in the paper;
  - b) the removal of the provision from the 'General terms and conditions applying to the delegation of powers by Council or Academic Board to committees' that allows Council sub-committees to appoint their own co-opted members (so that all appointments are overseen by Governance Committee);
  - c) the removal of the co-opted independent member category from Council sub-committees from 1 August 2020 (as there was already an 'external expert' category);
  - d) the proposed amendments to the terms of reference and membership constitution of the Honorary Awards Committee as set out in the paper.

## **4.3 HONORARY AWARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS** **PAPER H**

- 4.3.1 Following recommendation from Honorary Awards Committee, Council approved the recommendations for conferral as set out in the paper, subject to satisfactory due diligence outcomes remaining on one candidate and Academic Board concurrence.

## **4.4 ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE** **PAPER I**

- 4.4.1 The School Secretary introduced the paper, which set out the role of Council in overseeing academic governance and confirming how it operates at the School, together with proposals to further enhance Council's engagement in this area through better clarifying/ supplementing currently received information and/or providing additional information/ support.
- 4.4.2 Council discussed information that would provide further assurance about the adequacy and effectiveness of the School's academic governance arrangements. It was agreed that the School Secretary would establish a timetable capturing the provision of current information and incorporating new/additional approaches.

## **4.5 HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19** **PAPER J**

- 4.5.1 Council noted the report.

## **4.6 RESEARCH GOVERNANCE** **PAPER J**

- 4.6.1 Council noted the report providing the annual report on allegations of research misconduct 2018-19 and the LSE Annual Statement of Research Integrity 2018-19.

## **4.7 SOLDO ACCOUNTS FOR HALL COMMITTEE FUNDS** **PAPER L**

Council approved the use of SOLDO accounts for Hall Committee Funds.

**4.8 NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE FOR INDIAN ENTITY PAPER M**

4.8.1 Council approved the Chair or Director of LSE signing the No Objection Certificate at Annex B of the paper.

**4.9 SECRETARY'S ORAL REPORT**

4.9.1 There had been no further progress with the application for University title, which remained pending OfS confirmation concerning next steps/timeframe.

**5. REPORTS FOR NOTING**

**5.1 ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19 PAPER N**

5.1.1 Council noted the report.

**5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS PAPER O**

5.2.1 Council noted the reports.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

12 May 2020, 15:00.

**8. UPDATE ON THE CHAIR SEARCH**

The Vice-Chair provided an update on progress.