

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

COUNCIL

7 October 2025

CONFIRMED MINUTES

A meeting was held on Tuesday 7 October 2025 in hybrid format (in person and by electronic platform). The formal meeting items took place during the Council Away Day.

Present: Dr Susan Liautaud (Chair), Ali Nikpay (Vice-Chair and Senior Independent Director), Sir Masood Ahmed (Independent Member), Dr Julia Biggane (Professional Services Staff nominee), Sonali De Rycker (Independent Member), Professor Francesco Caselli (Vice-Chair of Academic Board), Suchad Chiaranussati (Independent Member), Professor Tamar Gendler (Independent Member), Johannes Huth (Independent Member), Dr Musimbi Kanyoro (Independent Member), Professor David Kershaw (Academic Board nominee), Professor Larry Kramer (President & Vice Chancellor), Tito Molokwu (General Secretary of the Students' Union), Professor Niamh Moloney (Academic Board nominee), Saara Parijaat (Students' Union nominee), Gavin Patterson (Independent Member), Stuart Roden (Independent Member), Dr Angela Spatharou (Independent Member), Professor Wim Van der Stede (Academic Board nominee), and Dr José Viñals (Independent Member).

In attendance: James Aitken (Head of Executive Office and Strategy Delivery), Mike Ferguson (Chief Financial Officer), Professor Emma McCoy (Vice President & Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education)), Professor Susana Mourato (Vice President & Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research)), Elizabeth Messud (General Counsel), Louise Nadal (School Secretary), Professor Eric Neumayer (Vice President & Pro-Vice Chancellor (Planning & Resources)), Ben Plummer-Powell (Chief Philanthropy & Global Engagement Officer), Professor Alex Voorhoeve (Vice President & Pro-Vice Chancellor (Faculty Development)), Dr Andrew Young (Chief Operating Officer), and Dr Lyndsay Galpin (Governance Officer, acting committee secretary).

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 1.1 The Chair noted there were no conflicts of interest regarding the matter discussed below. *Secretary's note: Saara Parijaat was not present for the item, and Professor Niamh Moloney, Dr Musimbi Kanyoro, and Suchad Chiaranussati did not participate in the decisions under item 2.*

2. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

CL25.26-1

- 2.1 Council approved:
- a) the appointment of Saara Parijaat to Council as the Students' Union nomination for Council membership from 7 October 2025 to 30 June 2026;
 - b) the re-appointment of Kalika Jayasekera as the external member of Governance Committee for a further year from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026;
 - c) the appointment of Professor Niamh Moloney and Dr Musimbi Kanyoro to Governance Committee as co-opted members from 1 September 2025 to 31 July 2026 for matters relating to the appointment of the Chair of Council only;
 - d) the appointment of Suchad Chiaranussati to the Finance and Estates Committee from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2028 and an amendment to the composition of the Committee.

There were no other formal items considered at the Away Day.