

Board of Governors Minutes

Date of meeting: September 24 2024

Duration of meeting: 3 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: Board Room Floor 5

Agenda:

No	Items
01	Minutes of the previous meeting
02	Matters Arising
03	HND Digital Technologies
04	Buckinghamshire New University – Annual Monitoring
05	Subcontractor Provision- OFS Pilot discussion
06	Employability Strategy
07	Buckinghamshire New University's Proposal to open a Law school at Shakespeare House
08	Sustainability
09	Research Conference
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Attendance:

Names	Occupation/ Directorate	Category of membership
Mr. Asim Aslam	Solicitor	Chairperson
Sayeda Zain	Principal	Ex-Officio Member

Dr David Baker	Principal Consultant at David Baker Consultancies	Member
Bilal Sheikh	CEO	Ex-Officio Member
Renata Kairiene	Vice Principal and Finance Director	Ex-Officio Member
Rana Shahbaz	Local Businessman	Member
Nouman Iqbal	Local Businessman	Member
Adam Lucas Pettit	Director of Partnerships - AECC Global	Member
Adekunla Dare Saji	Student Representative	Member

Apologies:

Names	Occupation/ Directorate	Category of membership
Omer Feroze Chughtai	Student Representative	Member
Dr Alex Bols	Deputy CEO of GuildHE	Member

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The previous meeting minutes were circulated and approved.

2. Matters Arising:

The Principal reported that the agent's due diligence documents were forwarded to the board members and have been approved.

She also reported that the research conference was attended by more than 300 people face-to-face and online. There were four keynote speakers, poster presentations, and four break-out sessions.

The Vice-Principal reported that there were some queries from the OFS regarding APP, which were answered, and we are now waiting for the outcome.

3. HND Digital Technologies:

The Principal reported about the approval of HND Digital Technologies, which we are planning to start in February 2025. In the first year, Pearson has a cap of 20 students. We will start promoting this course from now onwards.

4. Buckinghamshire New University- Annual Monitoring:

The Principal reported that the Annual Monitoring Report for all three departments' submission deadline is 20 September, it is already complete and will be submitted soon.

Action: Update on annual monitoring of the university in the next meeting

5. Subcontractor Provision- OFS Pilot discussion:

The CEO reported that we have received a letter from ofs that we have been selected for inclusion in the pilot to publish student outcomes data for sub-contractual partnerships.

Delivery provider	Lead partner
Mont Rose College of Management and Sciences Limited	Buckinghamshire New University

OfS will be in touch with us in this regard.

6. Employability Strategy:

The Vice-Principal distributed the Employability Strategy 2025-28 among the members. The 4 main objectives of the strategy and KPIs were discussed and approved.

7. Buckinghamshire New University's Proposal to open a Law school at Shakespeare House:

The CEO reported that Bucks University's three officials visited MRC to discuss opening a Law school at Shakespeare House. After the visit, they were supposed to forward us a proposal which we never received. Instead, they asked to start market research.

The Principal reported that MRC will not start working on this project until they receive a written proposal from the university. All the members agreed on this.

Action: Update concerning the opening of Bucks Law School in Shakespeare House in the next meeting.

8. Sustainability:

Mr Yannick Fansi, one of the members of the Sustainability project, gave a presentation to all the members on the work the college is doing to fulfill the sustainability agenda. He gave a demo of the data collection done through software. He also explained which UNICEF sustainability goals we will be pursuing, what our future agenda is to achieve these goals, and how we will be reporting about them.

The members also gave a few ideas in this regard.

9. Research Conference:

The Principal reported that the next Research Conference will be in June 2025. We are trying to contact other organisations as partners like CMI, and Buckinghamshire

New University, for this conference. Soon, we will be sending proposals to both companies. She also mentioned that in this upcoming conference, she will be inviting overseas academics to participate to make it an international conference. She reported that the theme of the conference will be:

Future Proofing Leadership for a Resilient Sustainable World: Innovating at the intersection of technology and human wellbeing.

Action: Update on the Research Conference 2025

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 17th January 2025.

Person Responsible	Action
Principal	Update on annual monitoring of the university in the next meeting
CEO	Update concerning the opening of Bucks Law School in Shakespeare House in the next meeting.
Principal	Update on the Research Conference 2025