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**Of**  
**The President &  
Vice-Chancellor.**

## **Minutes**

## **University Executive Board**

- Date:** 17 June 2019
- Present:** Professor K Lamberts (KL) (in the Chair), Professor J Derrick (JD), Mrs H J Dingle (HJD), Professor S Fitzmaurice (SF), Professor M J Hounslow (MJH), Professor J Marsh (JM), Professor D Petley (DP), Mr R Sykes (RS), Professor G Valentine (GV), Professor C Watkins (CW)
- In attendance:** Dr T Strike (TS); Dr R Birch, Mr R Gower, Ms T Wray (items 1 & 2); Lilian Jones, Anna Crump Raiswell, Mel Kee, Rex Bechu, Mayeda Tayyab, Cecilia Hudson Molinaro, Sarah Morse (item 4)
- Apologies:** Professor W Morgan (WM), Professor Dame Pamela Shaw (PS)
- Minute Secretary:** Mr N Button (NB)

Professor Koen Lamberts informed UEB that Mrs Helen Dingle had decided to leave the University at the end of the year. UEB noted its thanks to Helen for her longstanding commitment to the University and its best wishes for the future. Practical arrangements were being put in place to recruit a new Chief Financial Officer.

### **1. University Vision and Engagement**

(Dr R Birch, Mr R Gower & Ms T Wray in attendance for this item)

- 1.1 UEB considered the latest version of the Vision for the University of Sheffield and the plan for staff and student engagement, which had been amended following discussions at a recent UEB Away Day.
- 1.2 During discussion, UEB noted the following:
- The Vision provided a useful framework for wider engagement with students and staff.
  - Engagement with Council and Senate should involve articulating the broad overview of the Vision without detailing the specific actions listed under each heading.
  - Early stage academic consultation was the right approach.
- 1.3 UEB agreed the Vision and the plan for staff and student engagement. FVPs would work with HR to ensure that HoDs were appropriately engaged with the town-hall sessions.

### **2. Development of Strategic Plan Framework**

(Dr R Birch, Mr R Gower & Ms T Wray in attendance for this item)

- 2.1 UEB considered the proposed Strategic Plan Framework, which would be used to understand strengths and weaknesses in Departments. Attention was drawn to the worked examples contained in the paper, which were partially based on real data, and the role of the Strategic Plan Framework in delivering the Vision discussed in the previous item.
- 2.2 During discussion, UEB noted the following:
- The importance and value of the Strategic Plan Framework should be clearly communicated to Departments.
  - An overreliance on metrics could mean the Framework was seen in purely negative terms. Encompassing some of the language from the Vision would help to frame it more positively.
- 2.3 UEB noted that the existence of the Framework would be communicated to Council, Senate and UEB-HoDs at the meetings later in the week.

### **3. Closed Paper and Minute**

#### **4. SU Officer progress against objectives**

(Lilian Jones, Anna Crump Raiswell, Mel Kee, Rex Bechu, Mayeda Tayyab, Cecilia Hudson Molinaro, Sarah Morse in attendance for this item)

- 4.1 UEB received a presentation from the outgoing Students' Union Sabbatical Officers outlining their progress against their objectives. Following the presentation, UEB discussed the progress made and highly commended the Officer team for their work over the previous year.