

Boston College

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEARCH AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 JUNE 2022

1. PRESENT

Nick Worth, Peter Cropley, Claire Foster, Heather Lee and Gerry Tawton.

Also in attendance: Janet Hemmant (Clerk to the Corporation).

Meeting attendance: 100%

2. ACTION LOG

Members reviewed progress made against items in the committee's action log.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 31 January 2022 were reviewed and approved.

4. VACANCIES

Members received a report from the Clerk to the Corporation on existing and anticipated vacancies.

A discussion took place about the recruitment of new governors. It was suggested that the use of LinkedIn and advertising for governors as a college vacancy could be useful. Heather Lee suggested that reducing barriers to membership should be reviewed and that the requirement for completion of an application form could be removed. The use of open events and employer events as recruitment opportunities should be considered and members offered to support this. ●

5. CODE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

Members received a report from the Clerk to the Corporation on the new AOC Code of Good Governance.

Members reviewed the changes from the existing Code and Peter Cropley suggested that some of the Code requirements could be onerous. It was agreed that the extent of cover offered by the governors' liability insurance should be checked. Claire Foster offered to map how governors satisfied the required elements of the Code and Heather Lee offered to join a working group looking at the Code before it is reconsidered at a future meeting. ●

6. GOVERNANCE

Members received a report from the Clerk to the Corporation on a range of governance issues.

Members noted the advice received from AOC about the costs for an external review and agreed to book an AOC review for Summer 2023. ●

The internal audit report on governance and the governance action plan were reviewed. The proposed contents of the 2022 governance questionnaire were approved.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the schedule of meeting dates for 2022-23 would be agreed at the next Corporation meeting.