

## BOSTON COLLEGE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEARCH AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 5 FEBRUARY 2018

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#### 1. PRESENT

Nick Worth (chair), Peter Cropley, Jo Maher and Steve McCracken

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mick Gallagher.

Meeting attendance: 80%

#### 2. ACTION LOG

The committee reviewed the action log and noted the progress made against the identified items.

#### 3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 were reviewed and approved.

It was reported that the applicant with a potential conflict of interest had been advised of the committee's decision and had understood the reasons behind it. Members were advised that Jayne Mitchell had resigned as a member of the Corporation creating an additional vacancy.

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that an indication of potential interest had been received from an Ofsted inspector and that this would be pursued.

A discussion took place about the possibility of recruiting a Head Teacher to contribute educational expertise particularly following the resignation of Jayne Mitchell. Jo Maher indicated that ideally this would not be a Head Teacher at this stage but would perhaps be someone from a University.

A question was raised about payment to members which is an issue which has been raised by potential members.

The committee reviewed an application from Ann Savage to join the Corporation. Peter Cropley reported back from a meeting with Ann, it was identified that she had technical knowledge, was enthusiastic and was used to taking high level and difficult decisions. The committee agreed to recommend her appointment to the Corporation.

A further discussion took place about the recruitment of a member with property expertise and a number of possibilities were discussed.

#### 5. ANNUAL REPORT

Members reviewed a draft committee annual report and agreed that this should be passed on to the Corporation.

**6. GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

Jo Maher explained that research into the governors skills had helped shaped the format of the development event in March. Strategic objectives of the College would form one focus but the issues identified in the skills audit and a demonstration of VITAL would also form a section with members being asked to submit questions for advance for round table discussions. A discussion took place amongst committee members about how to access information on sector issues. Jo Maher explained that the event would also look at how link work might be developed and Steve McCracken explained that the Nottingham University objectives to develop their governance project which would also form part of the event.

**7. SUCCESSION PLANNING**

A discussion took place about the arrangements for succession for the Corporation chair and it was noted that options should be identified by the Summer.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the committee would be on 16 April 2018.