

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Code of Good HE Governance Steering Group held on 21 March 2013, at 3.30pm at Glasgow Caledonian University

Attendance

Steering Group Members

Lord Robert Smith (Chair)

Mr Simon Pepper

Mr David Ross

Mr Tony Brian

Mr Eric Sanderson

Consultants/Advisers

Lord Iain Vallance (by phone)

Mr Kevin Clarke

Dr Peter West

Secretariat

Mr David Lott

Miss Pauline Ward

13-09 Welcome and Apologies (Oral)

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. There were apologies from Dame Elish Angiolini.

13-10 Approval of Minutes from 30 January 2012

A number of revisions to the minutes were agreed.

13-11 Matters Arising

There were none.

13-12 Consideration of a draft code (Papers SCoG 16 & ScoG 17)

The Steering Group discussed the production of a summary document and a preface to accompany the Code.

A number of textual amendments for clarity were agreed, particularly on the sections concerning equality and diversity, advance publication of agendas for Court meetings and academic freedom.

It was agreed that there was no need for a bibliography, nor an equivalent to the annex of the CUC Code describing the Higher Education sector in Scotland.

13-13 Next steps: consultation and engagement (Paper SCoG 18)

It was agreed that the original timetable could stand i.e. the agreed amendments would be made in time for the Draft Code to be considered by the Chairs of Court at their meeting on 8 April.

It was agreed there should be a public consultation on the Draft Code, following which the Group would meet again to finalise the Code.

It was agreed that there should be a formal launch of the Draft Code, most likely in the week commencing 15 April.

13-14 Decision on date of next meeting

It was agreed a date should be set for a meeting in June.

13-15 AOB

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting

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Pauline Ward
11 April 2013