

MINUTES - Draft

SRUC Board Meeting

Date: 23 August 2018

Place:

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18.26 Register of Interests and Conflict of Interest

Noted that:

- a) A

it was noted that any official queries received by Board members should be directed to the SRUC Communications team.

Action: CB

- e) The Academic Director confirmed that non-Scotland based staff had been mapped into the regional Dean structure.
- f) The Board congratulated the Director of Policy Engagement in her new appointment as the Scientific Director of the Scottish Consortium for Rural Research (SCRR, <http://www.scr.ac.uk/>). The Chair requested that she outline SRUC's policy engagement at a future Board meeting.

Action: SS

18.30 Items for approval/discussion

18.30.01 ASRC Follow-up report (Confidential, closed business)

18.30.02 Academic and Commercial Business Plans

The Board received a paper on "Academic and Commercial Business Plans" from the Academic Director and Director of Commercialisation & Innovation (paper 326).

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18.31.03 Aviagen update

- a) The Board received an update on SRUCSA activities and their plan for the upcoming year from the SRUCSA President.
- b) The update included information on the election results, by-elections, liberation officers, Healthy Body Healthy Mind, responsible futures, revamp of class rep system, speak week, gender based violence, ELIR, student partnership agreement, and developing internships/work experience.
- c) The Board suggested that in terms of developing internships/work experience, there was potential for SRUCSA to form links with Women in Agriculture.
- d) The SRUCSA President confirmed that he was in discussions with the Head of Environment, Health & Safety regarding the daily mile initiative in order that they did not duplicate their efforts.

18.32 Board Sub-committee updates

18.32.01 Finance & Estates Committee – 14 August

The Board received a verbal update from Professor S McDaid, the Chair of the Finance & Estates Committee.

Noted that:

- a) the Committee Chair confirmed that the F&E had spent time discussing the accounts at their meeting and most other items had already been covered elsewhere on the Board agenda.
- b) The Committee also highlighted the need to make the governance around the Trusts more robust, which is being taken forward.

18.32.02 Audit & Risk Committee – 14 August

The Board received a verbal update from Mr A Marshall, the Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee.

Noted that:

- a) The Committee Chair confirmed that most items discussed by the Committee had been covered elsewhere on the Board agenda.
- b) The Internal Audit report highlighted three moderate findings which the Committee accepted.
- c) The Committee felt that the Critical Finding (Purchase Orders) remained an issue and asked the Director of Finance to make improvements in this area by their next meeting.

18.32.03 Remuneration & Appointments Committee – 23 August

The Board received a verbal update from Professor C Williams, the Chair of the Appointments & Remuneration Committee.

Noted that:

- b) The Finance & Estates and Audit & Risk Committees had reviewed the report and recommended it to the Board.

Agreed that:

- a) A strong strategy and ELT were now in place and the Board had no hesitation in accepting the Going Concern Report.
- b) The Board thanked the Director of Finance, the Head of Finance and the finance team for compiling the accounts and acknowledged the wider executive team for their efforts in delivering an improved financial position.

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