

# Summary of the Board of Directors meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Summary of the hundred and twenty-sixth Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10:00 via Microsoft Teams.

## Present Non-Executive Director Members

Aaron Porter	Chair and Non-Executive Director
Ian Creagh	Non-Executive Director and Chair of Academic Council
Prof. Martyn Jones	Non-Executive Director

## Present Executive Director Members (BPP University & BPP Education Group)

Prof. Tim Stewart	Vice-Chancellor, BPP University
Sarah McIlroy	Dean of the Business School & Dean of International Higher Education, BPP University
Richard Simmons	Executive Chairman, BPP Education Group
Gary Dart	Group Finance Director, BPP Education Group

## Attendees

Associate Prof. Dr Alex Griffiths	Director of Academic Governance & Proctor (Secretary)
Professor Tim Jones	Deputy Vice-Chancellor, BPP University
Associate Prof. Dr Peter Alston	Dean of Education Services, BPP University (in attendance for matters for information)
Andy Payne	Chief Operating Officer, BPP Education Group (Observer)

## Apologies

Graham Gaddes	Chief Executive Officer, BPP Education Group
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## Introduction

Detailed below are the matters which the Chair of the Board of Directors wishes to draw to the attention of the Academic Council arising from the Board of Directors meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## OfS Financial Return

The Board noted the successful prior approval and submission of the Annual Financial Return to the OfS. Requirements for the upcoming April 2025 Interim Financial Return were highlighted.

## **Value for Money Statement**

The Value for Money Statement was approved for publication on the University website.

## **Annual Schedule of Delegation**

The Annual Schedule of Delegation was presented and noted.

## **Vice-Chancellor's Update**

The Vice-Chancellor reported the shift in the external policy landscape, particularly with the government's intention to defund Level 7 apprenticeships. The School of Healthcare and Nursing was noted to be continuing to expand, with Bristol approved for Nursing delivery. Programme development was accelerating to meet the needs of our students and partners, with major Spring/Summer revalidations underway and strengthened collaboration across BPP Education Group. Finally, the University was reviewing its student records system to deliver enhancements, while also progressing efforts to integrate AI to streamline institutional processes.

## **Financial Report**

The University's financial position was noted to remain stable and strong, following the recent OfS submission. Year-on-year growth continues, with programme areas outperforming expectations. It was also noted that the interim financial submission to the OfS (April 2025) was reviewed and supported by the Board.

## **Report from Academic Council**

The Board received a summary report of the 80<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting.

## **Strategic/Risk Discussion**

### **▪ Risk Register & Regulatory Update**

The Vice-Chancellor informed members of the risks that were required to be brought to the Board's attention, all of which were being monitored and managed effectively.

## **Committee Reports**

The Board received the following sub-committee minutes:

- Audit Committee

## **Annual Reports**

The following annual reports were discussed:

- Annual Audit Committee Report

## **Matters for Information**

Members received updates on the following Matters for Information:

- OfS Ongoing Conditions of Registration
- Equality and Diversity
- Health & Safety
- Prevent Duty and Safeguarding
- Anti-Money Laundering Update
- Group Ethics and Compliance Issues Updates & Anti-Bribery and Corruption Update