



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 20 September 2007 at 4:00pm in the Boardroom, Lakes College, West Cumbria

PRESENT: Howard Beanland, Norma Boyes, Joe Holliday, Paul Pharaoh and Cath Richardson

IN ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Foote (Clerk to the Governors)

01/07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Committee received the minutes of its meeting held on 28 June.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

02/07 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Committee received the report of the Clerk on the current membership of the Board. It was confirmed that both student governors had returned to study for a further year. It was also reported that a governor (MC) would continue to be absent due to ill health. Two terms of office were due to expire at the end of December 2007 and the Clerk requested a steer on whether to approach the current incumbents to ascertain if they would be prepared to serve a further term or whether the Committee wished to seek to make new appointments. The Committee debated the issue with regard to the Nolan recommendation that governors should serve two terms of office against the experience that governors who had served more than two terms could bring to the Board. It was understood that one of the governors concerned (MC) would not necessarily seek a re-appointment and the other governor (CC) had financial qualifications which were required under the current skills mix of the Board.

RESOLVED that :

1. The Board be recommended to extend Mark Condrón's leave of absence until 31 December 2007 due to continuing ill health
2. The Clerk approach Carole Carre to ascertain if she would be willing to serve a further term of office.

03/07 INDIVIDUAL GOVERNOR ATTENDANCE 2006/07

The Committee received the report of the Clerk summarising details of individual governor attendance for the academic year 2006/07. It was noted that three governors fell below the Corporation's benchmark in respect of attendance at Board meetings. It was recognised, however, that in two cases the governors concerned had made valuable contributions to the College in other ways and that



this should mitigate, to some extent, the issues in respect of non-attendance. In respect of the third governor (BC), who had attended only one meeting in twelve months, the Committee believed that the governance of the College would be best served by seeking another appointment from the nominating authority.

RESOLVED that the Clerk

1. approach CC and ES to ascertain if there are any measures the Corporation could take to help address issues in respect of their attendance at Board meetings.
2. write to Cumbria County Council to request a further nomination as a result of the non-attendance of the current County Council nominated governor.

The meeting closed at 4:25 p.m.