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/32 Welcome [item 1]

The Chair welcomed members to the Board's first meeting and thanked all members attending their first meeting.

/33 Disclosure of Interests and Risk Register [item 2]

Board members were reminded of the requirement to declare any personal interest in agenda items at this meeting.

Members were invited to email any further comments to the Chair and Secretary to inform the report to the Risk Management Group. It was also noted that the Risk Management Group would be undertaking a strategic and holistic review of the corporate risk register in this coming academic year.

Action: Secretary to provide Board feedback to the Risk Management Group

21/34 Research governance, Terms of Reference and membership [item 2]

The Board received the research governance structure, including reporting committees and other research-

Research awards and applications performance 2020/21. The Board received the end of year position for research awards and applications. The University had received over £37m in research awards, around 88% to the single year target. The Board agreed that, whilst this was below target, this was a positive performance; there were also reasons to be cautiously optimistic given the healthy level of applications. It was noted that anecdotally other institutions' research income had been impacted by the pandemic; the extent of this impact would be known once sector finances were published next year.

The University would be revisiting longer term income targets following the publications of REF

21/46 Research Endowment Trust Fund (RETF) allocation [item 10a]

The Board heard that final breakdown of RETF expenditure from last year had yet to be confirmed; the outturn would inform levels of available expenditure for this coming year. Notwithstanding, it was intended to continue to support larger programmes and ongoing multi-year commitments, including the Open call, research fellowships, projects to support concordats, and the British Museum relationship. A detailed paper would be brought to the next meeting.

Action: Co-Chair (Dominik Zaum) to bring RETF paper outlining planned priorities to the next meeting

21/47 Update on Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 [item 11a]

The Board received information on ongoing activity with regard to REF 2021, which had been submitted in spring 2021, notably.

The University had submitted its Equality Impact Assessment in July 2021, a copy of which was provided to the Board

Colleagues in professional services were coordinating responses to Funding body audits of the submission, primarily around eligibility of staff, outputs and assurance processes for staff circumstances.

Some colleagues across the University were involved in panel review of submissions.

The University was beginning planning for the results of the submission, which would be published in May 2022.

21/48 Reporting committees [item 11b and 11c]

The Board received minutes from the recent meetings of the following Committees/Groups

Committee on Open Research and Researcher Integrity: minutes from the autumn term meeting. The Board noted the following

Committee had reviewed progress on the Open Research action plan, including the successful introduction of open research champions.

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