

Board of Directors of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15.00 - 16.00

Coleg Offices, Phoenix House, Cardiff and over the video network

Present:

Directors:

Andrew Green (Chair)
William Callaway, Director, Higher Education Sector
Fflur Elin, Director representing students
Professor Jerry Hunter, Director, Higher Education Sector (Bangor studio)
Professor Iwan Davies, Director, Higher Education Sector (Swansea studio)
Gwilym Dyfri Jones, Director, Higher Education Sector
Dr Hefin Jones, Director representing academic staff / Coleg Dean
Dr Gwyn Lewis, Independent Director (Bangor studio)
Dr Rhodri Llwyd Morgan, Director, Higher Education Sector (Aberystwyth studio)
Ieuan Wyn, Independent Director (Bangor studio)

Observers:

Dr Cliona O'Neill, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (CCAUC/HEFCW)

Officers:

Dr Ioan Matthews, Chief Executive
Catherine Rees, Secretary

Apologies:

Linda Wyn, Independent Director and Vice-chair
Geraint James, Independent Director
Professor Hywel Thomas, Director, Higher Education Sector

Item	Chief discussion points	Action points	Timescale
1. Welcome and introduction	1.1 Members were welcomed by the Chair.		

	<p>1.2 Apologies were received for inclusion in the minutes.</p> <p>1.3 Reported that Geraint James had submitted his resignation for personal reasons and that the Secretary would make the resignation operative on the tenth working day after its receipt. This would mean a vacancy for an independent director on the Board of Directors, and for a chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.</p>	Secretary to implement the resignation and advertise for a new independent director by means of the Appointments Committee	7 February
2. Declarations of interest	<p>2.1 Noted that the directors would need to declare any interest after they had heard from the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Meirion Prys Jones, who the new Chair would be.</p>		
3. Receive and approve the recommendation of the Appointments Committee for the post of Coleg Chair	<p>3.1 A verbal report was received by the Chair of the Appointments Committee, Meirion Prys Jones, on the Appointments Committee Chair's recommendation for the post of Chair, namely Dr Haydn Edwards. There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>Meirion Prys Jones outlined the open process followed by the Appointments Committee, in accordance with its Remit. There was more than one applicant for the role and thorough interviews were held. Excellent references were received for Dr Edwards by Meilyr Rowlands, Estyn Chief Inspector, and from Elizabeth Elias, President of the National Museum of Wales Trustees.</p> <p>3.2 A discussion was held on the above recommendation, and it was agreed that the fact that Dr Edwards is associated with the National Centre for Learning Welsh does not conflict with the function of Coleg Chair. Noted that he was Chair of the Centre's Consultative Board and thus sat on the Company Board.</p> <p>3.3 The appointment of Dr Haydn Edwards as Chair of the Board of Directors was unanimously approved. Dr Edwards will take over on 1 April 2017.</p>		

	<p>3.4 The directors were asked to keep the name confidential until an official announcement has been made by the officers. The Secretary will contact the directors when this takes place during the following week.</p>	<p>Secretary to inform the directors when the official announcement will be made.</p>	
<p>4. Any other business</p>	<p>4.1 There was no other business.</p>		
<p>5. Dates and venues of next meetings</p>	<p>5.1 The following dates were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court Meeting, 4.00 on 8 March 2017, Swansea University • Annual Coleg Congregation, 6.30, 8 March 2017, Swansea University • Next meeting of the Board, 22 March 2017, Swansea University <p>5.2 The simultaneous translators were thanked for their work, and the officers for their work in implementing the arrangements for appointing the Chair.</p>		