

Please Note: The Director & Principal will be hosting a lunch after the meeting. Please let Patrick Robinson know (020 7898 4015 or pr13@soas.ac.uk) if you are able to attend the lunch.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES

GOVERNING BODY

Friday 12 June 2009 at 11.00 a.m.
in Room 116

A G E N D A

* items are formal business; if members wish to discuss issues arising from these reports, they must inform the Deputy Secretary, Jo Halliday (jh61@soas.ac.uk), by noon on Wednesday 10 June 2009.

- I Minutes**
To approve: the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2009 [attached]
- II Matters Arising**
- Minute 30: Degree Awarding Powers*
To receive: an oral report from the Vice Principal
- Minute 31: IFCELS*
To receive: an oral report from the Vice Principal
- III Director & Principal's Report**
To receive: a report from the Director & Principal [Appendix A]
- IV Finance**
- (i) To approve: the draft revenue and capital budgets for 2009/10 [Appendix B]
- (ii) To note: reports on [Appendix C]
- (a) Cash flow
- (b) Capital and debt statement
- (c) Short-term deposits
- V Strategic Planning: KPIs**
To receive: an update on key performance indicators [Appendix D]
- VI Governing Body Effectiveness Review**
To approve: the final report on the Effectiveness Review [Appendix E]
- VII HEFCE Assurance Review**
To receive: the final interim report on HEFCE's Assurance Review of SOAS in March 2009 [Appendix F]
- VIII CUC Guidance**
*To receive: the new edition (March 2009) of the CUC Guide for Members of Higher Education Governing Bodies in the UK [Appendix G]

- IX International partnerships**
To consider: a report on international partnerships from the Director & Principal [Appendix H]
- X Research Strategy**
To receive: a report from the Pro-Director on progress, following the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise [Appendix I]
- XI Sub-Committees**
- *(i) Academic Board* [Appendix J]
To receive: the draft minutes of the meeting of Academic Board held on 27 May 2009
- *(ii) Resources & Planning Committee* [Appendix K]
To receive: the draft minutes of the meeting of Resources & Planning Committee held on 26 May 2009
- *(iii) Audit Committee* [Appendix L]
To receive: the draft minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held on 11 May 2009
- (iv) Nominations Committee* [Appendix M]
To note: changes to committee memberships, from the Nominations Committee
- XII London Middle East Institute**
*To receive: the annual report from the LMEI [Appendix N]
- XIII Standing Orders and Annexes**
*To approve: recommendations from Resources & Planning Committee for amendments to Standing Orders and its Annexes [Appendix O]
- XIV Emeritus Status**
*To note: the award of Emeritus Status to Professor Paul Gifford, Professor Gerald Hawting and Dr Avril Powell
- XV Meetings schedule 2009/10**
To note: the meetings schedule for Governing Body and committees with lay members for 2009/10 [Appendix P]
- XVI Any Other Business**
- XVII Date of next meeting**
To note: the next meeting of Governing Body will be on Friday 2 October 2009, starting at 11am followed by lunch