

| <u>NORTHERN SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY DANCE</u> | | |
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| <u>BOARD OF GOVERNORS</u> | | |
| Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 12 January 2021 at 6pm via Zoom. | | |
| Present: | Peter Moizer (Chair), Sharon Watson (Principal) ,Pam Bone, Kate Buckham, Tamsin Cooper, Tina Gill, Vinny Leach, Sarah McCann, Phil Sanger, Peri Thomas, Sara Wookey | |
| In attendance: | Director of Finance and Resources, Vice-Principal and Director of Studies and Clerk to the Governors | |
| Apologies: | None | |
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| <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> | | |
| B20/51 | There were no declarations of interest. | |
| <u>OFFICE FOR STUDENTS APPLICATION</u> | | |
| B20/52 | <p>The final application to the Office for Students had been circulated and it was noted that the figures from the five-year financial plan approved at the meeting in December 2020 had been entered into the submission document, along with some factual additions to the commentary. The Clerk highlighted the additional section setting out the initial findings from the Advance HE Governance Effectiveness Review which had now been incorporated.</p> <p>A Governor sought confirmation about consistency of dates in the Student Protection Plan and it was confirmed that although the documents assumed the financial changes would be effective from 2023, the School was ready to leave CDD earlier.</p> <p>Governors were asked to submit any final minor comments or amendments to the Vice-Principal and, subject to incorporation of those, unanimously endorsed submission of the application to the Office for Students.</p> | |
| B20/53 | RESOLVED: That, subject to any final minor amendments, the application to the Office for Students be approved and submitted. | Vice-Principal & Director of Studies |
| <u>TUITION FEES 2021-22</u> | | |
| B20/54 | <p>A paper had been circulated proposing an increase in the Home fees for the MA to £12,000 for the Verve option and to £10,000 for the Professional Placement option. It was also proposed that Overseas Fees increased to £20,000 for the Verve option and remained at £17,500 for the Professional Placement option. It was noted that fees for Verve had not been increased when it became a MA course and since it had been running at a loss, it had been subsidised with income from other courses. Given the cost savings required in the coming years, it was appropriate to address the costs of the course and the new fees would apply to anyone offered a place for 2021-22 entry.</p> <p>A question was asked about whether Verve would remain fully subscribed with such an increase and it was reported that the market would need to be tested although the fees were not unrealistic compared to other providers. Consideration had also been given to how the course might be remodelled whilst retaining the quality of the provision and opening access to other funding opportunities. It was recognised that it was a well-respected course within the sector and with some other providers having suspending touring postgraduate programmes, there was an opportunity to access a wider market.</p> | |

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| B20/55 | RESOLVED: That the proposed amendment to tuition fees for 2021-22 be approved as circulated. | |
| B20/56 | <p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> <u>Update on students</u> A Governor requested an update on how students were coping with the latest lockdown and the Student Governor reported that whilst they recognised that the School was doing everything it could, it was disappointing not to be able to return to the building. It was reported that undergraduates were learning online and the curriculum had been rearranged to make best use of time later in the year.</p> | |
| B20/57 | <p><u>Congratulations</u> The Board congratulated the CEO and Principal on her MBE in the New Year's Honours.</p> | |
| B20/58 | <p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 9 February 2021 at 6pm.</p> | |
| | The meeting closed at 6.45pm | |
| Signed | | |
| Date | | |