

BOSTON COLLEGE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2010

1. PRESENT

Mrs H Wright (chair) Miss R Bowry, Ms S Daley, Mrs L Ladds, Mr C Nicolson, Mrs P Smith, Mr R Stanley and Mrs B Ward

Also in attendance: Mrs J Hemmant (Clerk to the Corporation) and Mr D McMillan (Head of Quality Improvement).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Huggins and it was noted that he wished to resign from membership of the committee.

The Chairman welcomed student governors to their first meeting.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 15 September were approved with the addition of Mr R Stanley to the list of those present.

It was agreed that Frank Hanson should be invited to attend the next meeting of the committee.

3. FRAMEWORK FOR EXCELLENCE

Members received a report from the Head of Quality Improvement on the College's outcomes under Framework for Excellence. It was noted that the framework was changing in nature and from 2010-11 would be used as a marketing and information tool. The new version will include two new measures, employment rate and learning rate. The methodology behind the calculation of Framework for Excellence scores was considered in detail. The committee felt that the methodology was flawed and could find little value in this as a performance measure. It was agreed that the College should continue to lobby against the use of Framework for Excellence.

4. STUDENT PERCEPTION OF COURSE 2010

Member received a report from the Head of Quality Improvement on the induction survey. Detailed results from the survey were reviewed and it was noted that the change of software for student surveys had proved to be beneficial.

5. 2009-10 QUALIFICATION PROVISIONAL SUCCESS RATES

Members received a report from the Head of Quality Improvement on provisional success rates for 2009-10. Detailed discussions took place about individual outcomes and performance against targets and the committee also approved targets for 2010-11.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on 26 January 2011.