

## **Foundation Committee**

### **Terms of Reference**

1. To provide a close and ongoing link between the University's Anglican foundation and to oversee those aspects of the University's mission and objects relating to its Anglican identity.
2. In so much as they concern the Anglican foundation of the University, this Committee will support and develop the culture and behaviour within the institution, and the delivery of the University Strategic Plan, by annually monitoring the interpretation and execution of the University Mission, Values and Foundation Strategy, and the Spiritual Wellbeing Strategy.
3. To ensure that the University continues to work towards the following goal: As a University, our goal is to provide an environment which is respectful of faith; a place where debate is fostered and in which people of all faiths and none feel comfortable in expressing their convictions within the law, without fear of discrimination or ridicule; a place which provides opportunities for individuals who so wish to explore, deepen and express their faith; and which promotes awareness of the historical, intellectual and cultural significance of faith (particularly the Christian Faith) for the University and our society. As a University, we are, and should always be, a place that values open and honest debate about fundamental issues, and that sustains the pursuit of knowledge, insight and truth – including in relation to faith and religion. It is not a corporate objective of the University as an organisation to seek to proselytise, although the Foundation and the Chaplaincy do uphold and promote the Christian faith. As a University, we do not want our Anglican identity to be a cause of division or exclusion but want it to be a source of strength, and a distinctive characteristic and asset for the University.
4. To foster the wider development of awareness and debate on matters of faith, and positive relations between faith communities, the Diocese of Winchester, the Cathedral, the local parish and beyond. To review work undertaken and to suggest other areas of activity to maintain the Anglican identity of the University, including the promotion of Foundation events.
5. To report bi-annually to the Board on the work of the Committee.
6. The Committee will conduct itself in accordance with the CUC HE Code of Governance.

### **Frequency of Meetings**

Twice per year

### **Specific Responsibility for Review of University Area of Activity**

To ensure the continued Anglican identity of the University and to maintain the link between Board and the Anglican Foundation of the University.

### **Reporting Line**

Board of Governors

### **Current Sub-Committees**

None

## **Membership**

### ***Ex Officio***

- i. Bishop of Winchester
- ii. Chair of the Board of Governors
- iii. Vice-Chancellor
- iv. Deputy Vice-Chancellor
- v. President of the Winchester Student Union
- vi. Dean of Chapel
- vii. Head of Department of Philosophy, Religions and Liberal Arts
- viii. Creative Director of the Winchester Music Centre
- ix. Director of the Centre of Religions for Reconciliation and Peace

### **Appointed**

Three members Board; two from the external members and one from the staff governors.

One student appointed by the Christian Union

One student appointed by the Student Christian Movement

### **Committee Chair**

The Committee Chair will normally be the Bishop of Winchester. If they are unable to chair a meeting, they will nominate a deputy from the external members on the Committee. If no deputy is available, then the meeting will be rescheduled.

### **Terms of Office**

Appointed members shall serve an initial term of three years and be entitled to be reappointed subject to approval by the Nominations Committee.

### **Co-opted Members**

- i. A representative of the ministerial training department of the Diocese of Winchester
- ii. The Director of Education for the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth
- iii. A representative of the Cathedral Chapter
- iv. The Vicar of Christchurch

### **Meeting Procedures**

### **Agenda**

The agenda shall be circulated to members at least one week prior to meetings, except in the case of emergency meetings. Members shall be entitled to submit relevant agenda items to the Chair for inclusion in the agenda.

### **Quorum**

There shall be a quorum of two governor members with half the members plus one (when the membership is an even number) or half the members plus one half (when the membership is an odd number).

### **Secretary**

The Clerk to the Board of the Governors, or a nominee appointed by the Board of Governors, shall attend as secretary to the Committee.

### **Minutes**

Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of all meetings of the Committee and the Committee Chair will present an update twice annually to the full meeting of the Board of Governors. Minutes are available to all Governors on request. Minutes will be made available upon request to non-Governors, subject to compliance with privacy regulations and consultation with the Committee Chair.

### **Attendance of Advisers/University Officers**

The Chair shall be entitled to invite to a meeting a person or persons to act in an advisory capacity. The Chair may call University Officers to attend to provide information or explanation in respect of matters under discussion. If a University Officer is required to attend, the request should be directed through the Vice Chancellor.

### **Amendments to the Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Governors.