ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2016

Present: Janine Watson (JW) (Chair), Richard Screaton (RS) (Secretary), Kate White (KW), Paddy Hackett (PH), Naa Acquah (NA) and Bill Craig (BC) Katherine Leopold (KL) and Helen Stevens (HS)

In attendance: Kate Bradbury (KB) and Janice Cornish (JC)

1. Apologies

RECEIVED: Claire Kilner, Michael Taylor, Paul Sutherland, Rajkaran Singh, Hian Seng Tang, Mel McMahon, Colin Bailey, Andy Spinoza, Shazia Choudhry, Jayne Charnock and Joel Oxberry.

2. Events update

RECEIVED: Kate Bradbury, Senior Events Officer provided an update on forthcoming events.

NOTED: The following events are to take place:-

- Celebrating inspiring women - 8 March 2016
- The Lemn Sissay Welcome Reception - 10 March 2016
- Your Manchester Insights Lecture - Is the water safer than the land? - 17 March 2016
- Volunteer Thank You Event – 28 April 2016
- Annual Cockcroft Rutherford lecture with Professor Danielle George - 26 May 2016
- Your Manchester Insights Lecture – Devolution Manchester - 16 June 2016
- Alumni reception at graduation - July 2016
- Manchester Alumni Dinner hosted by Michael Wood - 3 November 2016

NOTED: The schedule of events can be seen on the Your Manchester Online website www.your.manchester.ac.uk/forthcoming-events

ACTION: Send details of the Lemn Sissay Welcome reception to HS (KB/JC)

ACTION: Kate advised if any members would like to attend any of the events or had suggestions for speakers at future Cockcroft Rutherford lectures to email the events team alumnievents@manchester.ac.uk (ALL)

ACTION: Forthcoming Events Programme to be forwarded to HS and KL (JC)

3. Chair’s verbal update

RECEIVED: JW provided a verbal update.

NOTED: JW advised that she had attended Foundation Day, the Alumni London Dinner, the General Assembly meeting and a number of Policy week events. She will be attending a number of ESOF (EuroScience Open Forum) events and the ‘Celebrating inspiring women’ event. She recommended attending the Royal Exchange Theatre Platform Events in association with the University and has joined the board of the Maggie Centre at the Christie Hospital. The University said a farewell to
Christopher Cox, the Director of Development last month. JW welcomed Kate White as the Interim Director.

Secretary’s note - Kate has now been appointed to the post of Director permanently.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes 6 October 2015

RECEIVED: Minutes of the Advisory Board meeting 6 October 2015.
NOTED: NA thanked everyone who had completed the survey she had circulated.
ACTION: The minutes were approved and will be posted online (JC)

5. Changing membership of the Board

NOTED: JW advised that Shazia Choudhry and Joel Oxberry have reached the end of their term as Advisory Board members and are to leave the board. The board approved the appointment of Letty Newton. Letty was a former General Secretary of the Student’s Union and Advisory Board member. She has experience of sitting on the General Assembly.
ACTION: Send formal thanks to Shazia Choudhry and Joel Oxberry (CK)
ACTION: Circulate Letty Newton’s biography details (JC)
ACTION: JW asked the board to email CK with suggestions for another suitable board member (ALL)

6. Task and Finish group on alumni representation on the General Assembly

NOTED: The board agreed with JW’s suggestion to holding a task and finish group over the next 6 months, one meeting to include inviting JA to expand on her views. JW felt there should also be some legal input as with the task and finish group that worked on the constitutional changes. PH, NA, JW, HS and BC volunteered to be part of the group.
ACTION: Arrange first meeting (JC)
ACTION: To approach other board members who submitted apologies today but may be interested in joining the group (JC/JW)
ACTION: To consider obtaining legal support from an appropriate alumni who might have volunteered their services (JW/CK)

7. Global Impact Awards

RECEIVED: RS provided an update on the Global Impact Awards - closing date 4th March 2016
NOTED: Last year, there were 56 applications with 10 winners. JW thanked the team and Paul Sutherland for assisting with the applications.
ACTION: Circulate Global Impact Award reports and statistics of applicants 2015 to Advisory Board members (JC)

8. Board consideration of its role in enhancing student employability

RECEIVED: RS provided an update on how the board could be involved in enhancing student employability by being involved in the Global Graduates programme, the Manchester Gold mentoring programme, the career panel and ‘Meet the Professionals’ events.
ACTION: RS asked for ideas on how the board could contribute to student employability (ALL)
ACTION: Discuss a new system which is to be implemented to enable graduates and senior alumni to connect in the next meeting (RS)
ACTION: Submit KL’s comments to the Editorial Board in relation to having a feature in the magazine with ways alumni can connect with the University via societies and interests rather than by subject.

9. Next Open Meeting

NOTED: JW recommended Julian Skyrme to speak at the next open meeting and if possible, Colin Bailey to answer questions from alumni. The date of the next open meeting is to be advised.

10. Any other business

ACTION: Circulate Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni Awards 2016 (RS/JC)
ACTION: Vote for preferred Outstanding Alumni candidate (ALL)
ACTION: Send out invitations to the Student Union reunion event on 9 May to board members (NA)
ACTION: To further discuss the interest based reunions mentioned in the meeting (NA and KL)
ACTION: Send details of the Student Union tours to JC to circulate to board members (NA)

11. The date of the next meeting – Tuesday 14 June 2016 in Manchester

12. Visit to the student call centre

RECEIVED: Attendees of the board meeting visited the call centre.
ACTION: An update on the telephone calling campaign to be circulated (JC)

JW concluded the meeting.