ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2016

Present: Janine Watson (JW) (Chair), Claire Kilner (CK) (Secretary), Michael Taylor (MT), Paul Sutherland (PS), Rajkaran Singh Kharbanda (RSK), Hian Seng Tang (HST), Mel McMahon (MM), Paddy Hackett (PH), Bill Craig (BC) and Helen Stevens (HS)

In attendance: Janice Cornish (JC)

1. Apologies

RECEIVED: Kate White, Colin Bailey, Naa Acquah, Andy Spinoza, Jayne Charnock, Katherine Leopold

2. Chair’s verbal update

RECEIVED: JW provided a verbal update.

NOTED: JW attended the Cockcroft Rutherford Lecture with Danielle George last month and took part in the Celebrating Inspiring Women event in March. JW joined the judging panel for the Volunteer of the Year awards for the staff and alumni categories. There was a Lemn Sissay welcome event at the Foundling Museum, London.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes

RECEIVED: Minutes of the Advisory Board meeting 23 February 2016

ACTION: Circulate link to Letty Newton’s biography (JC)
https://your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/governance/

NOTED: CK updated the board with the progress of Aluminate, the new system which is to be implemented to enable graduates and senior alumni to connect.

ACTION: Aluminate presentation to take place at the next Advisory Board meeting (Richard Screaton)

ACTION: The minutes were approved and will be posted online (JC)

4. To consider: Chairman of Alumni Association – Proposed representation on the General Assembly (JW) (15 minutes)

NOTED: A Task and Finish group met to discuss the constituency of the General Assembly, the consensus was that the chair of the Alumni Association and Advisory Board should be able to stand for election for one of the 20 places available to alumni. It should be a decision of the Alumni Advisory Board whether its chair should stand for election. Because there are 20 places already available, there should not be an extra place allocated for the chair.
5. To note: Arrangements for the 2016 election of Alumni Association representatives on the General Assembly (5 minutes)

3 June 2016 – A ‘Call for nominations’ email sent to all graduate members – including members whose term of office expires at the end of August 2016
1 July 2016 - Closing date. Should there be more candidates than vacancies, an election to occur
18 July 2016 - Voting will open should an election be necessary
1 August 2016 – Voting closes

ACTION: Check if we can determine the location of electors (CK)

6. To note: Next Open Meeting 18 July 2016 (JW) (5 minutes)

NOTED: Julian Skyrme, Director of Social Responsibility to give a presentation on how Social Responsibility is embedded across the University at the next Open meeting to be held in University Place, Manchester 18 July 2016, 4.15pm.

7. To receive: Update on Global Impact Travel Awards and reports from 2015 recipients of the awards – papers attached

RECEIVED: Paul Sutherland provided an update on the Global Impact Awards.
NOTED: There has been an increase in the number of awards from 10 to 13. Paddy Hackett provided some ideas which could promote the awards. Paul thanked David Hargreaves for his assistance with the awards.
ACTION: Arrange a meeting for Paul Sutherland, Dave Hargreaves and Paddy Hacket (JC)
NOTED: JW thanked Paul for the work he carried out in relation to the Global Impact Awards.
ACTION: The Global Impact Awards to be mentioned at the next Open Meeting (JW)

8. Update on events

RECEIVED: CK provided an update on forthcoming events.
NOTED: The following events are to take place:-

- Your Manchester Insights Lecture – Devolution Manchester - 16 June 2016
- Alumni reception to welcome Lemm Sissay as Chancellor - 20 July 2016
- Your Manchester Insights: Building Brains – 26 July 2016

NOTED: The schedule of events can be seen on the Your Manchester Online website

9. Any other business

ACTION: Forward details of the Disability Support Office to MM to progress ideas re Disability Access in the University (CK/JC)
ACTION: Forward suggestions to Richard Screaton about employability, student experience and alumni engagement (RSK)

10. The date of the next meeting – to be advised.

JW concluded the meeting.