

The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Minutes of the Board of Governors Held on 25th February 2022 on Zoom Meeting No. 02/22

Governors Present: Professor Ali Asani Professor Tashmin Khamis

Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Mr Naguib Kheraj

Ms Karina Govindji Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar Dr Arif Jamal Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova

Mr Rahim Karim Mr Habib Motani

Mr Alykhan Kassam Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz

Mr Amyn Kassim-Lakha Dr Farid Panjwani

Governors Absent: None **Quorum present:** Yes

Others present: Dr Farhad Daftary (permanent guest)

Ms Selina Ramji (permanent guest)

The meeting was called to order at 13.30pm.

1. Conflicts of interest

a) There were no declarations of interest over and above the current standing list of interests notified to the Board.

2. Director's Report

- a) The Director's Report for January 2022 was noted.
- 3. Board Committee and Working Group Updates
 - a) Updates from the Board Committee and Working Group Chairs were noted.
- 4. 2022 Budget Meeting debrief
 - a) The proposed Operational Plan and Budget were approved during the annual budget meeting which was held in the presence (virtual) of Prince Rahim and Princess Zahra.
- 5. Academic Career Development
 - a) The interim policy was approved and will be presented to staff.
 - b) A final policy should be developed in 2022.
- 6. 2022 Key Projects and Priorities
 - a) One of the key priorities for 2022 will be the development of a new strategic plan.
 - b) The Governors expressed the need to arrange a few face-to-face meetings in 2022.
- 7. 2021 Board Evaluation
 - a) Members of the Board of Governors and Senior Management team participated in this exercise.
 - b) An ad-hoc committee of the Board will be established to take this forward.
- 8. Any other business
 - a) Governors discussed correspondence received by the students on catch up activities as well as an in-person graduation ceremony. The Governors accepted management's recommendation to hold an in-person graduation ceremony, subject to feasibility, and no other catch-up activities.

Selina K Ramji IIS Board Secretary 25 February 2022