



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Governors  
Held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 on Zoom  
Meeting No. 01/22**

<b>Governors Present:</b>	Professor Ali Asani Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Ms Karina Govindji Dr Arif Jamal Mr Rahim Karim Mr Alykhan Kassam Mr Aryn Kassim-Lakha	Professor Tashmin Khamis Mr Naguib Kheraj Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova Mr Habib Motani Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz Dr Farid Panjwani
<b>Governors Absent:</b>	None	
<b>Quorum present:</b>	Yes	
<b>Others present:</b>	Dr Farhad Daftary (permanent guest) Ms Selina Ramji (permanent guest) Meherin Aklas, Dr Omar Ali de Unzaga, Dr Hakim Elnazarov, Dr Laila Halani, Hussain Jasani, Dr Shainool Jiwa, Dr Shiraz Kabani, Dr Tullio Lobetti, Dr Gurdofarid Miskinzoda, Dr Nourmamadcho Nourmamadchoev, Dr Shiraz Thobani, Mark Verrier and Tara Woolnough (items 2 & 3) Dr Laila Halani and Dr Alex Henley (item 6)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dr Walid Ghali and Liz Geary	

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The meeting was called to order at 13.00pm.

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 December 2021 was noted.
3. *2022 Operational Plan and Budget*
  - a) The Governors noted the submission and provided input.
  - b) The Governors noted that despite the challenging circumstances in 2021, the IIS should be proud of the volume and depth of activity undertaken last year.
  - c) The final version of the document will be shared with the Governors via email for sign-off.
4. *Board Committee and Working Group Updates*
  - a) Updates from the Board Committee and Working Group Chairs were noted.
5. *Academic Governance Structures*
  - a) The Chair of the Academic Steering Committee provided a verbal update.
6. *Proposals for third year programmes (Graduate Programme in Islamic Studies & Humanities)*
  - a) Both proposals were approved by the Governors.
7. *Any other business*
  - a) All outstanding submissions as part of the self-assessment exercise should be completed by 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Selina K Ramji  
IIS Board Secretary  
13 January 2022