

Nominations & Remuneration Committee

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Paper Title	Student Elections to GCRB
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Responsible Officer	Penny Davis, Board Secretary
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Action	For Information

1. Report Purpose

1.1 To ensure the Committee is fully apprised of the proposed arrangements for student elections to the Board, which have been amended to ensure the new student members of GCRB are selected prior to the start of the new academic year.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is invited to **note** the proposed arrangements.

3. Background

3.1 In previous years, student elections to GCRB have taken place after the start of the autumn term, leaving a gap of several months between the former student members leaving office and new members coming into post.

3.2 Discussions were held with NUS and students association representatives to seek a solution to the problem.

4. Detail

4.1 The issue lay in the timing of appointments of student association officers, who were required to vote in elections but were not appointed in some cases until after the start of the new academic year in August.

4.2 It was suggested that elections for GCRB positions could take place prior to the end of the summer term, while previous students association officers were still in post and able to vote, and Presidents for the following year had been elected.

4.3 Members of the Student Executive agreed that this would be an appropriate solution for implementation from 2017-18 onwards.

4.4 To comply with legislation on the term of office for student members, the Board will, in effect, be appointing new members in place of previous members for the remainder of their terms of office, i.e., to 31 August, and then reappointing them for a year from 1 September.

5. Risk Analysis

5.1 The Regional Strategic Body must be satisfied that appropriate arrangements are in place for the election or nominations of its student members, and must seek to ensure student members are in place throughout the year in the interests of good governance. This paper, therefore, helps to mitigate Risk 0012: there is a breach of legislation/guidance/code of practice and this results in a failure of governance.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications other than those to which the paper refers.

7. Resource Implications

7.1. There are no known resource implications arising from this paper.

8. Strategic Plan Implications

8.1 Robust governance arrangements, including the effective engagement of students in governance, are the essential to the effective determination and delivery of strategic ambitions.