

Southlands College – Oversight Committees

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Action Required	Approve new membership of Southlands College oversight groups
Resolutions	112/1. The Council receives the report. 112/2. The Council appoints the Southlands Liaison Group and the Southlands Methodist Trust as set out in the report.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To seek approval for a nominee to the Southlands Liaison Group and Southlands Methodist Trust
Main Points	Addition of one new member
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	Detailed information about the College, the University and its activities can be found at: www.roehampton.ac.uk/colleges/southlands-college www.southlandsmethodisttrust.org.uk www.susannawesleyfoundation.org.uk Further information can be requested by emailing the Southlands College office (southlands.college@roehampton.ac.uk). This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Reports from the University of Roehampton on the activities of Southlands College in respect of the lease with the Methodist Church • Annual Report of the Southlands Methodist Trust to the Charity Commission • College-specific publications, including: <i>Southlands College: The Methodist College of the University of Roehampton</i>

1.0 The Committees

- 1.1 The Southlands Liaison Group (SLG) has responsibility for overseeing the activities of Southlands College as they relate to the governance arrangements between the Methodist Church and the University of Roehampton (of which Southlands is a constituent college), established by the Conference in 2010. The Southlands Methodist Trust (SMT) is a charity of the Methodist Church with charitable objects linked closely to the life of the college. These bodies report annually to the Methodist Council and the Charity Commission.
- 1.2 Membership of the two bodies overlaps significantly. Included amongst the membership of the Liaison Group are some individuals who are not trustees of the SMT, but attend its meetings.
- 1.3 After the retirement of one member of both groups, this paper proposes a new member in their place, as indicated below.

2.0 Nominee and Short Supporting Statement

- 2.1 Members of the SLG and SMT unanimously propose that Mr Alan Davies be appointed to both groups.

2.2 Mr Davies has been an important figure in the development of Methodist Education in recent years, having recently stepped down as Chair of the Wesley Trust and of Methodist Academies and Schools Trust. He worked closely through those roles with the trustees of the SMT to establish a working partnership around education and to develop the identity of Southlands College as a partner with Methodist Schools. As such, he has a good understanding of Southlands, its role, and its potential for growth as a significant Church provider for education. Mr Davies has a professional background in teaching and schools leadership.

3.0 Resulting membership of the Southlands Liaison Group:

- The Revd Dr Tim Macquiban (Chair)
- The Revd Stan Brown
- The Revd Dr Joanne Cox Darling
- Mr Alan Davies
- The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean (Connexional representative)
- Mr Matheeshan Gnanakumar (Student representative)
- The Revd Nicola Morrison (College Chaplain)
- Prof Sunitha Narendran
- Dr Clive Norris
- The Revd Colin A Smith
- Dr Christopher Stephens (Head of College)
- The Revd Michaela Youngson (Local District Chair)

4.0 Resulting membership of the Southlands Methodist Trust

- The Revd Dr Tim Macquiban (Chair)
- The Revd Stan Brown
- The Revd Dr Joanne Cox Darling
- Mr Alan Davies
- Dr Clive Norris
- The Revd Colin A Smith
- The Revd Michaela Youngson

5.0 Detailed Annual Reporting

It has been standard practice in recent years for Southlands College (including the SLG and SMT) to report to Methodist Council annually at its October meeting.

Given the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on higher education and the charitable work of the Trust, and given the present uncertainty around university admissions across the UK, reporting will be delayed to the March Council meeting. By that time a clearer description of the work and life of Southlands College in the context of the coronavirus pandemic will be possible.

Meantime, the Trust has completed its reporting to the Charity Commission and the web address links in the cover sheet for this paper offer the opportunity for members of Council to learn about the various ongoing activities at Southlands.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

112/1. The Council receives the report.

112/2. The Council appoints the Southlands Liaison Group and the Southlands Methodist Trust as set out in the report.