

Committee(s):	Date:
Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama	22 February 2016
Subject: Instrument and Articles of Government	Public
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Summary

In April 2014, the Guildhall School of Music & Drama’s application to the Privy Council for Taught Degree Awarding Powers was approved. The granting of these powers required a number of amendments to the School’s Instrument and Articles of Government, to facilitate the embedding of appropriate governance arrangements.

The requisite governance changes and associated amendments to the Instruments and Articles were approved by the Court of Common Council in March 2015 and have since been implemented. The Board of Governors is now asked to pass a resolution recording that the associated changes, as previously put to the Privy Council, are now being acted upon accordingly.

The revised Instrument and Articles are attached at Appendix 1 for your Board to receive and formally note.

Recommendation(s)

That the Board of Governors assents to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama's amended Instrument and Articles of Government as submitted to the Privy Council Office and set out in appendix 1.

Main Report

Background

1. In April 2014, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama was granted Taught Degree Awarding Powers (TDAP) by the Privy Council.
2. The Board of Governors subsequently identified two issues which were essential to allow the School to award its own degrees. First the need to establish the locus of responsibility for the exercise of taught degree awarding powers within an academic committee of the School, and second to clarify the relationship of that committee to the Guildhall School Board of Governors.
3. The School already had a Teaching & Learning Board responsible for all academic matters but the Instrument and Articles at that time were silent on its relationship to the Board of Governors.

4. It was consequently determined that the Teaching & Learning Board should be renamed the Academic Board and that it should be recognised within the School's Instrument and Articles that taught degree awarding powers reside with the Academic Board. The establishment of the locus of responsibility for the exercise of these powers, in a manner cognisant of sector practice, was considered to be vital if the School was to exercise its taught degree awarding powers and retain them in the longer term.
5. Accordingly, the Board of Governors submitted a report to the Court of Common Council on 5 March 2015 asking that the requisite amendments to the Instrument and Articles of Government for the Guildhall School, recognising the academic authority of the Academic Board and its power to confer academic distinctions, be recommended by the Court to the Privy Council for approval.
6. The Court of Common Council's approval was duly obtained and the amended Instrument and Articles of Government are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

Conclusion

7. Governors are asked to formally assent to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama's amended Instrument and Articles of Government, as submitted to the Privy Council Office and set out in appendix 1.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Instrument and Articles of Government

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