

**BOWLAND COLLEGE**  
**Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Syndicate**  
**Held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**Present:**

Claire Duff, Jenny Brine, Ian Saunders, Steve Charman, Lee Dudding, Paul Arthur, Alison Platt, Louise Banton, Chris Green, Lucy Kim Clews, Julia Sammons, Lauren Mann, Marten Hinz, Caroline O'Connor, Jo Hutchinson, Paul Farley, Jo Hardman, Kate Haywood, Abigail Wells, Jean Bennett, Jo Dickinson, Laura Ing-Beaufils, Lucia Ardovini, Dan Bowen, Robert Blake, Simon Corless (Chair), Charlotte Rumble.

**Apologies**

Helen Ashman, Liz Hickingbotham, Val Bramhall, Pat Brown, Joanne Wood, Sherry Currington, Andrew Long, Bob Jessop, Richard Eglese, Sarah Brearley, James Marengi, Robin Lewsey.

The Principal of Bowland College, Joe Thornberry, opened the meeting and explained that the meeting had been called to discuss the outcome of the Search Committee's recent attempt to find a nominee who, if deemed acceptable to the College, would serve as Principal of Bowland College for the next three years.

Joe explained the constitutional responsibilities, role and function of Syndicate and the process for selecting College Principals. He then read out a personal statement and recused himself.

Simon Corless, Vice-Principal, then took the Chair.

It was noted that despite the Search Committee having met, no nominee had been brought forward for approval to Syndicate even though the current College Principal had stood for re-appointment. This was considered to be an unacceptable outcome for the College, and an implied slur on the capabilities of the current College Principal.

Members expressed deep concern over the exceptional position which had been taken by the Search Committee and agreed that Joe had been, and would continue to be an excellent Principal for the College.

**The view of Syndicate was as follows:**

- Syndicate expressed overwhelming support and confidence in Joe Thornberry as Principal of Bowland College.
- Syndicate was perplexed at the absence of a nomination particularly as the current College Principal is eligible for re-appointment, is willing to serve a further term of office and has the support of the College and agreed that this message should be conveyed back to the search committee/senate/council.
- Syndicate confirmed that had Joe's name been brought forward by the Search Committee for approval to Syndicate, this would have been approved.
- Syndicate re-affirmed Joe's leadership as Principal of Bowland College and felt that there was, and is, no reason why this should not continue.
- Syndicate seeks and supports the re-appointment of Joe Thornberry for a further term of office.

**MEETING CLOSED**