



Mercian Board Meeting

Friday 29th November 2024 – 10:30 – 15:00

Seminar Rooms 4 & 5, Betty Boothroyd Library, Open University, Milton Keynes
This will be a hybrid meeting with several Board members joining via Teams

Agenda

Arrival and Refreshments 10:00 – 10:30

1. Welcome and overview, apologies & introductions (Chair) – 10:30

2. Governance:

Minutes of meeting of 23rd August 2024 and matters arising – 10:35

<https://www.merciancollaboration.org.uk/sites/default/files/minutes/Mercian Board Minutes 23August2024 draft i.pdf>

- Update on review of Mercian Groups (Chair) – paper to follow
- Recommendation from Steering Group & Chair concerning Term of Office and moving handover to autumn 2025.

3. Treasurer's Report (Pete Maggs) – 11:15

4. Name change proposal (Tim Wales) – 11:30

Lunch break - 12:00 – 12:30

5. Conference update (Sue Ackermann) – 12:30 – 13:00

6. Workshop to discuss the Value of the Mercian Collaboration - 13:00 – 14:00

- More details to follow.
- This workshop will be facilitated by Gary Elliott-Cirigottis.
- Those who are joining the meeting online will participate via a virtual 'breakout group' on Teams.

Comfort break 14:00 – 14:15

7. Challenges and change – 14:15-14:45

Brief discussion about whether/how Mercian Collaboration can support members through challenges and change, e.g.:

- Organisational restructuring
- New approaches to service delivery, including 'hubs' combining different student services.

8. Next meeting date(s), format and suggestions for topics and speaker(s) – 14:45-15:00

Meeting close 15:00

Please see previous Directors Board agendas and meeting minutes:

<https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/about-collaboration/agendas-minutes-directors-board>

Please see previous Steering Group agendas and meeting minutes:

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