Law Foundation

Annual report for the year 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018

1. Trustees serving during 2017-18

Graham White  2012-2018  (chair)
Karen Richardson  2012-2018
Richard Salter  2011-2017
Andrew Mackie  2012-2019  (representing the Vice-Chancellor)
Edwin Peel  2012-2018  (appointed by the Board)
Anne Davies  2017-2020  ex officio as Dean of the Faculty of Law
Paul Craig  2016-2019  ex officio as Associate Dean for Development & Communications

Secretary: Anthony Evans-Pughe, Donor Relations Co-ordinator in the Faculty of Law

2. Charitable Objectives

The Law Foundation is constituted as a charitable trust governed by a Declaration of Trust.

The charitable objectives of the Law Foundation are to promote and develop the study of the theory and practice of law in all its branches, whether at the University or elsewhere, by staff of the University, by those holding visiting appointments at the University, and by students pursuing courses of study approved by the University.

3. Meetings

The annual meeting of the trustees was held in Oxford on 30 October 2017. Apologies were received from Richard Salter and Andrew Mackie. One declaration of a potential Conflict of Interest was noted and addressed.

The Declaration of Trust had been revised to correct a number of errors. This was approved and signed at the meeting.

4. Membership

The membership of Andrew Mackie representing the Vice-Chancellor was approved for a further term of three years, 2016-19. David Ryan was approved as a new Trustee (to replace Richard Salter, whose appointment had expired). A formal record of thanks to Richard Salter was included in the minutes.

5. Financial position

The accounts for the preceding year were presented to the Trustees. In the financial year ending 31 July 2017, the Law Foundation received a total income of £109,054 and spent a total of £32,011. There was a surplus of £71,043 which was added to the deposit pool. The book value at the end of July 2017 was £608,288. Following the decision taken at the November 2016 meeting of the Foundation Trustees, £300,000 was disinvested from the Oxford Capital Fund and placed in the Oxford Endowment Fund. The market value of the fund at the end of July 2017 was £733,348.

6. New expenditure approved during 2017-18

£12,000 was approved for an Admissions video project, to enhance access and outreach in the Faculty, and funding for a full DPhil studentship to cover fees and living costs for three years.
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