

SENATE – MINUTES

11 September 2017

PRESENT: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair); Professor N. Alexander; Professor D. Angwin; Professor P. Ashwin; Professor A. M. Atherton; Professor P. Atkinson; Dr S. Awanis; Professor S. Bainbridge (*for* Professor R. Geyer); Mr D. Barcroft; Professor P. Barker; Dr A. Belton; Ms J. Bennett; Dr P. Bishop; Mr T. Buckley; Professor S. Bushell; Professor K. Cain; Dr A. Collins; Ms C. Davies (*for* Ms C. Povah); Professor S. P. Decent; Professor J. Faulconbridge; Professor A. Friday; Professor A. Gillespie; Ms O. Gomez-Cash; Dr K. Grant; Professor S. Guy; Professor B. Hollingsworth; Professor S. R. A. Huttly; Professor R. W. L. Jones; Professor A. W. Laing; Professor C. May-Chahal; Professor C. Paoloni; Professor R. Pickup; Professor E. Semino; Ms T. Walters; Mr J. Woolf; Professor M. B. Wright; Professor S. Young.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P. Boustead; Mr S. Franklin; Ms C. Geddes; Ms H. Hunter; Ms H. Knight; Ms N. C. Owen; Mrs S. J. Randall-Paley; Mr M. Swindlehurst; Professor J. Taylor (*for item 9*); Ms L. Wilkinson.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Professor P. Bates; Professor S. Bradley; Professor J. Boylan; Professor A. G. Chetwynd; Dr S. Hughes; Dr R. Isba; Mr S. J. Jennings; Professor N. Johnson; Mr M. Khokhar; Ms H. Laycock; Dr A. Leeson; Professor C. Leitch; Mr P. Maggs; Professor J. Mottram; Ms A. Mullan; Professor M. M. Smyth; Dr S. Weare; Professor M. Zanardi.

1. APOLOGIES AND WELCOMES

1.1 Senate noted the apologies and welcome to new members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

No questions had been received for the current meeting.

3. MINUTES

PAPER A

3.1 Senate approved the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2017 and the notes from the Joint Senate/Council meeting held on 13 July 2017.

SECTION 1: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4. REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

- 4.1 The Vice-Chancellor provided an oral report on activities of interest to Senate, including:
- (a) the recent and ongoing press coverage of higher education, particularly in relation to student funding and senior salary pay, and focus on grade inflation by the Minister at the Universities UK (UUK) conference;
 - (b) that the Office for Fair Access (OFFA) had approved the University's access agreement;
 - (c) that the University had been awarded TEF Gold status in the Teaching Excellence Framework;
 - (d) the University's performance in recent league tables: it had been ranked at 301-400 in the 2017 Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) and had performed strongly in the subject tables with statistics, finance, management, environmental science and water sciences all ranked in the top 100 and nine other subjects ranked in the top 200; it had been ranked at 150 in the 2018 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, which was down from 137 the previous year, although the changes in scores under the individual measures were relatively small; it had scored 91% student satisfaction rates in the 2017 National Student Survey (NSS), which was 7% above the national average.
- 4.2 Senate noted the report.

5. SUMMARY OF UMAG BUSINESS RELEVANT TO SENATE PAPER B

- 5.1 Senate noted the report.

6. FORWARD SCHEDULE OF SENATE BUSINESS PAPER C

- 6.1 Senate noted the report.

SECTION 2: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION REQUIRING DECISION

7. ARTS STRATEGY GOVERNANCE PAPER D

- 7.1 The Deputy Vice-Chancellor introduced the paper setting out a proposal for changes to the governance processes for overseeing the University's Arts Strategy.
- 7.2 Senate noted the review of arts strategy governance, approved the laying down of the Public Arts Strategy Committee and approved the creation of the new Arts Strategy Committee under the terms of reference set out in the paper.

8. COMMERCIALISATION GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS PAPER E

- 8.1 The Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) introduced the paper, setting out proposed changes to governance arrangements in relation to commercialisation, noting that further work would be carried out, led by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) in consultation with Enterprise

and Innovation Committee, Finance, Research and Enterprise Services and Strategic Planning and Governance, in order to define the delegation schedule and take a recommendation to Finance and General Purpose Committee and Council for approval.

- 8.2 Senate agreed to recommend the proposals to Finance and General Purposes Committee and Council, specifically that the Commercialisation Sub-Committee became a committee of Finance and General Purposes Committee and noting the further work to be undertaken to develop the delegation schedule.

SECTION 3: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING DECISION

- 9. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY UPDATE** **PAPER F**
(Restricted and Commercial in Confidence)

- 10. TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK YEAR TWO: OUTCOMES AND ANALYSIS** **PAPER G**

10.1 The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) introduced the paper providing a summary of the TEF Year Two outcomes together with an analysis of the University's performance and a note about the future development of TEF.

10.2 Senate noted the report.

- 11. REVIEW OF ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS AGAINST NEW CRITERIA** **PAPER H**

11.1 The Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development introduced the report providing a review of academic promotions for the past three years including areas of strengthening performance and where additional work was being undertaken. There would be a further report to Senate on promotions criteria in due course.

11.2 Senate noted the report.

SECTION 4: ITEMS FOR DECISION UNLIKELY TO REQUIRE DISCUSSION

- 12. EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** **PAPER I**

12.1 Senate approved the proposed appointments as set out in the paper.

SECTION 5: ITEMS FOR REPORT

- 13. SENATE CHAIR'S ACTIONS** **PAPER J**

13.1 Senate noted the report.

- 14. FACULTY ASSOCIATE DEANS AND HEADSHIPS OF DEPARTMENTS: APPOINTMENTS** **PAPER K**
- 14.1 Senate noted the report.
- 15. WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS** **PAPER L**
- 15.1 Senate noted the reports.
- 16. NEW AND REVISED PROGRAMMES** **PAPER M**
- 16.1 Senate noted the report.