PRESENT: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair); Professor N. Alexander; Professor P. M. Atkinson; Professor P. Barker; Professor P. Bates; Professor Dame S. M. Black; Dr A. Belton; Ms J. Bennett; Professor S. Bradley; Mr T. Buckley; Professor A. Dawson; Professor S. P. Decent; Professor J. Faulconbridge; Professor P. R. Fielden; Professor A. Friday; Mr J. Fung; Ms O. Gomez-Cash; Dr S. Green (for Professor C. Paoloni); Professor I. Gregory; Dr C. Grover; Professor S. C. Guy; Professor H. Hinds; Professor S. Huttly; Professor C. Jackson; Professor R. W. L. Jones; Professor A. W. Laing; Ms A. Leeson; Professor C. Lewis; Mr I. Meeks; Mr D. Mirza; Professor J. Mottram; Professor U. Papen; Professor G. Pawlina; Professor M. Piacentini; Ms P. Pickles; Professor R. Pickup; Ms C. Povah; Professor J. E. Taylor; Ms E. Tinsley; Professor C. Walshe; Dr N. Watson; Dr S. Weare; Professor J. Wild; Dr K. Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P. T. Boustead; Mr A. Burgess; Dr G. Carden (for item 7.3); Dr C. Edwards (for item 7.4); Mr S. Franklin; Ms C. Geddes; Ms H. Hunter; Mr S. J. Jennings; Ms H. Knight; Dr S. Kothari (for item 7.1); Ms A. Mullan; Ms N. C. Owen; Mrs S. J. Randall-Paley.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Professor D. Angwin; Dr S. Awanis; Mr D. Barcroft; Professor J. Boylan; Professor A. Chetwynd; Dr K. Grant; Dr W. Hollmann; Dr S. Hughes; Ms C. John; Ms R. Llystyn Jones; Professor C. Paoloni; Dr W. Tych; Dr G. Vince.

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Senate noted the apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

No questions had been received for the current meeting.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Senate approved the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018.

5. SECTION 1: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (UNLIKELY TO REQUIRE DECISION)

5.1 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

5.1.1 The Vice-Chancellor provided an oral report, including:

(a) Chris Skidmore had been appointed as the new Universities and Science Minister;
(b) the Office for National Statistics (ONS) had announced its decision on the accounting treatment of student loans, confirming that it will treat part of the loan funding as financial assets and part as government expenditure;
(c) the Augar review of post-18 education and funding was still awaited;
(d) a consultation about the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) proposals was underway;
the Office for Students (OfS) had published a report on changes in graduate attainment, analysing changes in the proportion of first and upper second class degrees ('good' degrees) awarded between 2010-11 and 2016-17. The report highlighted that 11.6% of the increase in these awards was unexplained and the University was one of six institutions that did not have any of these unexplained increases of 'good' degrees;

(f) OfS had raised concerns about the use of unconditional offers within the sector and the University would continue to monitor this;

(g) the metrics for TEF4 had been released and although the University did not need to reapply at this stage it still performed strongly under these metrics, but it had concern about the supplementary metric on graduate earnings given it did not take account of regional variations. The University was due to respond to the TEF consultation currently underway.

5.1.2 Senate noted the report.

5.2 SUMMARY OF UMAG BUSINESS RELEVANT TO SENATE

5.2.1 Senate noted the report.

6. SECTION 2: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION REQUIRING DECISION

There were no items under Section 2 for this agenda.

7. SECTION 3: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING DECISION

7.1 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE FOR SENATE: HEALTH INNOVATION AT LANCASTER

7.1.1 Dr Sherry Kothari, Director of Health Innovation Campus, introduced the paper providing an update on the development of the Health Innovation Campus and an update on current activity, including the mapping exercise to identify key health challenges and priorities alongside University expertise.

7.1.2 Key points from the discussion included:

(a) the range of disciplinary areas which could potentially link to the development in order to support innovative approaches to health priorities;

(b) the importance of integrating academic activity housed in the physical building with the broader innovation concept.

7.1.3 Senate noted the report.

7.2 2018/19 ADMISSIONS FOR UG AND PGT STUDENTS AND FUTURE POPULATION PLANNING

(Restricted and Commercial in Confidence)

7.3 PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

(Restricted and Commercial in Confidence)
7.4 POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROVISION: STRATEGY UPDATE

7.4.1 The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Dr Chris Edwards, Associate Dean for Teaching (Postgraduate), Faculty of Science and Technology, introduced the report providing an update on the implementation plan arising from the strategic review of PGT provision.

7.4.2 Key points from the discussion included:

(a) working with departments to encourage a consistent approach to the provision of pre-arrival online materials;
(b) the importance of giving full consideration as to whether the introduction of an application fee for PGT applicants could have unintended consequences, including deterring potential students.

7.4.3 Senate noted the update.

7.5 EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

7.5.1 Senate noted the report, which would be published and had been previously considered by Council.

7.5.2 Senate further noted that there would be opportunities to identify other EDI-related activity taking place across the University and the importance of values underpinning this area of activity.

7.6 KPI PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18 YEAR END

7.6.1 Senate noted the report.

7.7 REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT ON PROTESTS

7.7.1 Senate noted the Code of Conduct on Protests, which Council had approved for adoption from 1 February 2019.

7.8 SENATE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW

7.8.1 Senate noted the proposed approach to undertaking the review.

8. SECTION 4: ITEMS FOR DECISION UNLIKELY TO REQUIRE DISCUSSION

8.1 EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE: REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

8.1.1 Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Committee’s terms of reference and membership composition as set out in the paper. It was noted that Council had approved the changes at its meeting in November 2018, as EDI is also a joint Committee of Senate and Council.
8.2 UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR EMERITUS APPOINTMENTS: PROPOSALS UNDER STATUTE 10

8.2.1 Senate agreed to recommend to Council approval of the proposal as set out in the paper.

9. SECTION 5: ITEMS FOR REPORT

9.1 SENATE CHAIR'S ACTIONS

9.1.1 Senate noted the report.

9.2 FACULTY DEPUTY DEAN AND ASSOCIATE DEAN: APPOINTMENTS

9.2.1 Senate noted the report.

9.3 WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS

9.3.1 Senate noted the reports.

9.4 NEW AND REVISED PROGRAMMES

9.4.1 Senate noted the report.

9.5 FORWARD SCHEDULE OF SENATE BUSINESS

9.5.1 Senate noted the report.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.1 The next meeting will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3 April 2019 in Lecture Theatre 3, Management School.