Senate – Minutes
6 November 2019

PRESENT: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair); Professor P. Ashwin; Dr C. Baker (for Professor D. Hird); Professor P. Barker; Professor A. Belton; Ms J. Bennett; Professor Dame S. Black; Dr C. Boyko; Mr T. Buckley; Professor K. Cain; Dr P. Chakraborty; Professor A. Dawson; Professor S. P. Decent; Professor J. Faulconbridge; Professor A. Friday; Professor A. Gillespie; Professor I. Gregory; Professor S. C. Guy; Professor A. L. Heathwaite; Professor H. Hinds; Dr W. Hollmann; Professor M. Hughes; Professor S. R. A. Huttly; Dr A. Jarvis; Ms C. John; Ms B. Morgan; Professor J. Mottram; Mr G. Nuttall; Professor C. Paoloni; Professor U. Papen; Professor G. Pawlina; Ms P. Pickles; Professor R. Pickup; Professor J. Rycroft-Malone; Professor J. E. Taylor; Dr W. Tych; Professor I. Tyler; Dr G. Vince; Professor C. Walshe; Professor J. Wild; Dr K. Wright; Professor M. Zanardi.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A. Barker; Mr P. T. Boustead; Mr A. Burgess; Mr J. Dickinson, Mr S. Franklin; Ms C. Harrison (Observer); Mr S. J. Jennings; Ms H. Knight; Ms A. Mullan; Ms N. C. Owen.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Professor D. Angwin; Professor P. M. Atkinson; Mr D. Barcroft; Professor J. Boylan; Professor P. R. Fielden; Ms C. Geddes; Dr K. Grant; Dr C. Hardy; Dr D. Hird; Dr G. Hopkinson; Professor R. W. L. Jones; Professor A. W. Laing; Professor M. Piacentini; Ms S. Randall-Paley; Professor J. Sweeney; Dr N. Watson.

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Senate noted the apologies. Senate also recorded its thanks to Dan Barcroft, Professor Steve Decent and Professor Michael Hughes, for whom this was their last meeting.

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 11 September 2019 with minor amendments.
5. REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

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

(i) Noting that the University has been subject to a major cyber-security incident and was working through related arrangements.

(ii) Announcing that Professor Nigel Davies was to be appointed as interim Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development).

(iii) Noting that, following a ballot of members, UCU was to stage industrial action in the form of an eight strike between 25.11.19 and 4.12.19 followed by action short of a strike. The University was taking necessary action to mitigate impact, including providing an FAQ website for staff and students.

(iv) Noting that the following subjects had been ranked in the Times Higher World Rankings: Education 56th, Social Sciences 93rd, Business & Economics 101-125 and Law 126-150.

5.2 Senate noted the report.

6. SUMMARY OF UMAG BUSINESS RELEVANT TO SENATE PAPER B

6.1 Senate noted the report.

7. HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PAPER C

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8. ANNUAL REPORT TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON TEACHING QUALITY ASSURANCE PAPER D

8.1 Senate received the Annual Report on Teaching Quality Assurance, noting its forward progression to Council.

9. NEW ACADEMIC AWARD: MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (MArch) PAPER E

9.1 Senate noted the University’s introduction of Architecture at both undergraduate and taught postgraduate levels, and the concomitant requirement for the approval of the industry standard academic award at postgraduate level, the Master of Architecture (MArch).

9.2 Senate noted that the details of the programme would be subject to the usual scrutiny within the faculty and via the Education Committee, and approved the new award.

10. EDUCATION COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION PAPER F

10.1 Senate approved a minor amendment to the Education Committee terms of reference in relation to changes to member’s job titles.

12. STANDING ORDERS

12.1 Senate noted the new standing orders.

13. PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT) ORAL UPDATE

13.1 Senate noted the appointed referenced under 5.1 (ii) above.

14. APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE VICE-CHANCELLOR UPDATE ORAL UPDATE

14.1 Senate noted that the appointment process was continuing.

15. SENATE CHAIR’S ACTION

15.1 Senate noted the report.

16. HEADSHIP OF DEPARTMENT: APPOINTMENT

16.1 Senate noted the report.

17. WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS

17.1 Senate noted the reports.

18. NEW AND REVISED PROGRAMMES

18.1 Senate noted the report.

19. FORWARD SCHEDULE OF SENATE BUSINESS

19.1 Senate noted the report.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20.1 The next meeting will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 12 February 2020 in Lecture Theatre 3, Management School.