SENATE – MINUTES
19 June 2019

PRESENT: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair); Professor D. Angwin; Professor P. Bates; Dr A. Belton; Ms J. Bennett; Professor A. Chetwynd; Professor A. Dawson; Professor S. P. Decent; Professor J. Faulconbridge; Professor P. R. Fielden; Professor A. Friday; Professor A. Gillespie; Ms O. Gomez-Cash; Dr S. Green (for Professor C. Paoloni); Professor I. Gregory; Dr C. Grover; Professor H. Hinds; Dr W. Hollmann; Professor S. Huttly; Professor C. Jackson; Ms C. John; Professor R. W. L. Jones; Professor A. W. Laing; Professor C. Lewis; Ms R. Lystyn Jones; Mr I. Meeks; Mr D. Mirza; Professor J. Mottram; Professor U. Papen; Professor G. Pawlina; Professor M. Piacentini; Ms C. Povah; Professor V. Reid; Professor J. Sweeney; Professor J. E. Taylor; Dr W. Tych; Dr G. Vince; Professor C. Walshe; Dr N. Watson; Dr S. Weare; Professor J. Wild; Dr K. Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P. T. Boustead; Mr C. Cottam (for Ms C. Geddes); Ms H. Hunter; Mr S. J. Jennings; Ms H. Knight; Ms B. Morgan (observer); Ms A. Mullan; Mr G. Nuttall (observer); Ms N. C. Owen.

IN ATTENDANCE FOR ITEM 3: Dr D. Costain; Dr C. Cross; Professor R. Haley; Dr G. Hopkinson; Professor M. Hughes; Dr P. McKean; Professor M. Shackleton; Dr C. Shirras; Professor M. Stevenson; Professor S. Wilkinson.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Professor P. M. Atkinson; Mr D. Barcroft; Professor P. Barker; Professor Dame S. M. Black; Professor S. Bradley; Mr T. Buckley; Ms C. Geddes; Professor S. C. Guy; Dr S. Hughes; Dr A. Leeson; Professor C. Paoloni; Ms P. Pickles; Professor R. Pickup; Mrs S. J. Randall-Paley.

APOLOGIES FOR ITEM 3: Professor P. Ashwin; Professor K. Cain; Professor L. Heathwaite; Professor C. Holland; Professor M. Joyce; Professor K. Zografos.

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Senate noted the apologies.

1.2 Senate noted the thanks to members who were attending their final meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.
3. UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES FOR 2019/20 AND THE 2020/21 PLANNING AND BUDGETING ROUND

3.1 The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development) introduced the paper setting out progress against the 2018/19 priorities and the proposed priorities for 2019/20 and the 2020/21 planning and budgeting round, noting the key changes for the coming year and the rationale. The modifications also ensured there was greater alignment with the University’s Strategy and Key Performance Indicators.

3.2 Senate discussed the proposed priorities, including:

(a) welcoming the introduction of the EDI-related priority, but noting the importance of establishing clear performance targets, including through Athena SWAN submissions and the Access and Participation Plan, and also to ensure there was adequate resource to support the achievement of targets;
(b) ensuring that targets were realistic, but stretching;
(c) recognition of the potential tensions between priorities and also the need for flexibility so that departments can address them as appropriate to a local context;
(d) that the appropriateness of the range of the ANOC target was kept under review by Council and Finance and General Purposes Committee;
(e) the challenging funding context to support both high quality research proposals and ensure a financially sustainable system, and how the University was responding to this.

3.3 Senate indicated that it was supportive of the proposed priorities for 2019/20 and the 2020/21 planning and budgeting round.

4. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

No questions had been received for the current meeting.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Senate approved the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2019.

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

6.1 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

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

(a) (Restricted and Commercial in Confidence)
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(c) that Unite, Unison and UCU were recommending the rejection of the final pay offer. Unite and Unison were now consulting with their members and UCU had not yet announced its next course of action;
(d) that the University had responded to the UUK consultation on USS proposals, but it was not yet clear whether the preferred option would be accepted by the USS Trustee or The Pension Regulator;

(e) an overview of key elements of the recently published Augar review of post-18 education and funding;

(f) that the Gender Pay Gap Task Group had now reported to the Vice-Chancellor and a report would follow to UMAG and Council for consideration before wider University publication;

(g) (Restricted and Commercial in Confidence)

(h) that the University’s TEF Gold award had been extended to 2021;

(i) that LICA had successfully bid for £7.6M of E3 funding, and was one of 13 awards in the UK;

(j) that changes to the senior team portfolios were due to be reported to Council in July and would be shared more widely following this;

(k) that York had won the away Roses 2019 tournament, which had been a close competition and a positive atmosphere;

(l) that the University had risen in key rankings for 2020: to joint seventh from ninth in the Guardian University League Table, with 15 subject areas in the top ten; to seventh from eighth in the Complete University Guide, with 19 subject areas in the top ten; and, to 128 from 131 in the QS World Rankings.

6.1.2 Senate noted the report.

6.2 SUMMARY OF UMAG BUSINESS RELEVANT TO SENATE

6.2.1 Senate noted the report.

7. SECTION 2: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION REQUIRING DECISION

7.1 FUTURE CITIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FCRI) PAPER D

7.1.1 The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development) introduced the paper setting out a proposal to establish the Future Cities Research Institute (FCRI) in partnership with Sunway University.

7.1.2 Senate agreed to recommend to Council for approval the formation of the Future Cities Research Institute.
7.2 REVISED STUDENT COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES PAPER E

7.2.1 Senate agreed to recommend to Council the revised Student Complaints Procedure for approval and implementation from 2019/20, and noted that it was supportive of further review of the Procedure during 2019/20.

8. SECTION 3: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING DECISION

8.1 APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE VICE-CHANCELLOR: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP PAPER F

8.1.1 Senate noted the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Appointment Committee for the Vice-Chancellor, approved by Council at its meeting on 17 May 2019, and further update from the Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary on current and planned activity.

8.2 UPDATE ON RETENTION AND COMPLETION PAPER G

8.2.1 Senate noted the report summarising recent performance improvement and actions taken to support this, and discussed current and forthcoming activity to further enhance support provision.

8.3 TEACHING PROMOTIONS CRITERIA PAPER H

8.3.1 Senate noted and commented on the report which set out proposals for refining the Teaching promotion criteria and submission requirements, which had been developed as part of work in developing the Teaching and Scholarship academic pathway.

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

9.1 UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR EMERITUS APPOINTMENTS: PROPOSALS UNDER STATUTE 10 PAPER I

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

9.2 EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION PAPER J

9.2.1 Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Committee’s composition, noting that Council would also be required to give approval.

9.3 EDUCATION COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION PAPER K

9.3.1 Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Committee’s composition.
10. SECTION 5: ITEMS FOR REPORT

10.1 SENATE CHAIR’S ACTION

10.1.1 Senate noted the report.

10.2 FACULTY ASSOCIATE DEAN: APPOINTMENTS

10.2.1 Senate noted the report.

10.3 WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS

10.3.1 Senate noted the reports.

10.4 NEW AND REVISED PROGRAMMES

10.4.1 Senate noted the report.

10.5 FORWARD SCHEDULE OF SENATE BUSINESS

10.5.1 Senate noted the report.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 The next meeting will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 11 September 2019 in Lecture Theatre 3, Management School.