

Senate – Minutes

27 April 2022

PRESENT: Professor Andy J. Schofield, Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair); Professor Paul Ashwin; Professor Peter M. Atkinson; Professor Phil Barker; Ewan Bell; Professor Alex Belton; Professor Dame Sue M. Black; Dr Chris Boyko; Professor Steve Bradley; Professor Kate Cain; Professor Paul Connolly; Dr Ana Costa; Dr Casey Cross; Professor Jonathan Culpeper; Professor Catherine Easton; Rachel Fligelstone; Sarah Fox; Professor Magnus George; Professor Robert Geyer; Dr Jan Grabowski (*for Professor Jim Wild*); Professor Ian Gregory; Professor Simon C. Guy; Dr Claire Hardy; Professor Niall Hayes; Professor A. Louise Heathwaite; Professor Linda Hendry; Rebecca Heron; Dr Derek Hird; Dr Willem Hollmann; Dr Andrew Jarvis; Professor Roger W. L. Jones; Professor Alan Marsden; Dr James Mawdesley; Dr Paul McKean; Dr Sandra Nolte; Professor Claudio Paoloni; Professor Efthymios Pavlidis; Oliver Robinson; Professor Wendy Robinson; Professor Sharon Ruston; Professor Jo Rycroft-Malone; Gayatri Shewani; Professor Jane E. Taylor; Professor Catherine Walshe; Professor Nigel Watson; Dr Karen Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Misbah Ashraf; Andrew Barker; Tom Buckley (*for item 13*); John S. W. Dickinson; Stuart Franklin; Gill Hemus; Simon J. Jennings; Professor Malcolm Joyce (*for item 12*); Heather Knight; Alison M. Mullan; Nicola C. Owen; Sarah J. Randall-Paley; Professor Mark Stevenson (*for item 13*).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Professor Marina Anderson; Dr Lorna Ashton; Professor Nigel Davies; Dr Jennifer Logue; Sam Maesschalck; Dr James McDowell; Professor Imogen Tyler; Professor Jim Wild.

INTRODUCTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Senate noted the apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.2 No new declarations of interest were made.

3. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

1.3 There were no questions to the Vice-Chancellor.

4. MINUTES OF THE JOINT COUNCIL AND SENATE MEETING: 25 NOVEMBER 2021

PAPER A

1.4 Senate approved the minutes of the joint meeting held on 25 November 2021.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 9 FEBRUARY 2022

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1.5 Senate approved the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2022.

6. REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

1.6 The Vice-Chancellor provided an oral report, including the following.

- (i) The University was taking such actions as were appropriate for it to support those affected by the war in Ukraine.
- (ii) There were changes taking place in senior roles in national level HE organisations. Nicola Dandridge was to leave her role of CEO of OfS with Susan Lapworth taking over in an interim role. Similarly, Alistair Jarvis was to leave his role as CEO of UUK.
- (iii) The latest QS world subject rankings had been announced with ten subjects at Lancaster being ranked in the top 100 globally, with Linguistics ranked 12th.
- (iv) Chemistry had been awarded the bronze Athena SWAN award.
- (v) The results of the REF would soon be published.
- (vi) Announcements on new senior officers of the University would be following shortly.
- (vii) The recent vote for industrial action had not garnered sufficient numbers to trigger action.
- (viii) The University, aligned with national guidance, recognised that the response to the Covid-19 pandemic had moved to another phase; the situation would continue to be monitored.
- (ix) The University Leadership Group had met to discuss opportunities to 'declutter' and review processes to reduce workload and increase available time in the working day.
- (x) The Students' Union elections for officers had been concluded. The Vice-Chancellor recorded his congratulations to India Ellis on her election as President.
- (xi) The Roses tournament would be taking place starting 29 April.

6.2 In discussion it was noted that early data indicators were positive in relation to the University metrics for 2021/22.

6.3 Senate noted the report.

7. SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE BOARD (UEB) BUSINESS RELEVANT TO SENATE (1 FEBRUARY TO 29 MARCH 2022)

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7.1 Senate noted the report.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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| 8. | HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATIONS
APRIL 2022
<i>Restricted and Confidential</i> | PAPER D |
| 9. | PROPOSAL FOR REVISED STANDING ORDERS FOR
SUB-COMMITTEES
<i>Restricted and Commercial in Confidence</i> | PAPER E |
| 10. | EDUCATION LANDSCAPE PRESENTATION | PRESENTATION |
| 10.1 | Professor Robinson provided Senate with a presentation on a report of the HE education landscape; the presentation was subsequently shared with members. | |
| 10.2 | In discussion the following points were noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The expectations of the Office for Students (OfS) in relation to the provision of data was raising. The University was responding to OfS expectations as those coincided with University strategic priorities.• The TEF submission was likely be scheduled for the autumn although the sector was raising this with OfS owing to the tight timescale it represented as well as the busyness of that time of year.• Working in partnership with the Students' Union was a priority to ensure an effective TEF outcome. | |
| 10.3 | Senate <u>noted</u> the report. | |
| 11. | KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs): MID-YEAR REPORT
FOR 2021-22 | PAPER F |
| 11.1 | Senate <u>noted</u> the report. | |
| 12. | RESEARCH INSTITUTE PRIORITISATION AND THE NEW
INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY
<i>Restricted and Commercial in Confidence</i> | PAPER G |
| 13. | INTERNATIONAL TEACHING PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL
<i>Restricted and Commercial in Confidence</i> | PAPER H |

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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| 14. | SENATE CHAIR'S ACTION | PAPER I |
| 14.1 | Senate <u>noted</u> the actions made by the Chair of Senate since the last meeting. | |

15. WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS

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15.1 Senate noted the following written reports of meetings:

- Council, meeting of 28 January 2022
- Council, meeting of 11 March 2022
- Education Committee, extraordinary meeting of 1 December 2022
- Education Committee, meeting of 16 February 2022
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, meeting of 17 February 2022
- Student Experience Committee, meeting of 23 March 2022

15.2 It was noted that the statistics accompanying the reported attached to the Student Experience Committee contained errors and it was agreed that these would be corrected.

16. NEW AND REVISED PROGRAMMES

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16.1 Senate noted the report of new and revised programmes.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17.1 The next Senate meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday 15 June 2022.

17.2 The Chair drew Senate's attention to the upcoming elections for Senate positions and encouraged members to draw this to the attention of eligible colleagues who might be interested.