

Senate – Minutes

25 September 2024

PRESENT: Professor Andy J. Schofield, Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair); Professor Marina Anderson; Professor Charlotte Baker; Srota Bhowmik; Professor Gordon Blower; Professor Sarah Brearley; Martin Colclough; Professor Bogdan Costea; Dr Casey Cross; Professor Lola Dada; Professor Nigel A. J. Davies; Professor Catherine Easton; Cerys Evans; Dr Nicholas Evans; Rachel Fligelstone; Professor Alisdair A. Gillespie; Professor Chris Grover; Huseyn Guliyev; Professor Crispin Halsall; Professor Luke Harding; Dr Derek Hird; Dr Allison Hui; Professor Hilary Ingham; Professor Malcolm Joyce; Professor Andrew Kennedy; Professor Mark Knight; Professor Claire Leitch; Professor Mark Limmer; Professor Rebecca Lingwood; Professor Chris Macleod; Dr James Mawdesley; Professor Jan McArthur; Dr Tom Mills; Jessica Morris; Dr Sandra Nolte; Professor Jackie Parry; Professor Nicholas Race; Professor Wendy Robinson (*who left for item 16*); Professor Emma Rose; Professor Jo Rycroft-Malone; Professor Ed Simpson; Professor Alexandros Skandalis; Harrison Stewart; Dr Sayjda Talib; Professor Pete Thomas; Dr Nadia Von Benzon; Professor Gert Westermann; Dr Karen Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Misbah Ashraf; Andrew Barker; Andrea Chalk; Sue Davies (*for items 11 and 12*); John S. W. Dickinson; Phill Dixon; Stuart Franklin; Ben Gill (*for item 10*); Simon J. Jennings; Alison M. Mullan; Nicola C. Owen; Sarah J. Randall-Paley.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Professor Peter M. Atkinson; Sherry Currington; Professor Stephen Eldridge; Dr Bingbing Ge; Professor Simon C. Guy; David Hounslea; Professor Roger W. L. Jones; Professor Sarah Kemp; Dr Yakubu Salifu; Dr Sarah Sweeney.

INTRODUCTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Senate noted the apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 No declarations of interest were made.

3. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

3.1 No eligible questions were received for this meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 24 APRIL 2024

PAPER A

4.1 Senate approved the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2024.

5. DECISIONS BY CORRESPONDENCE: 7 JUNE 2024

PAPER B

5.1 Senate noted the decisions made by correspondence in June 2024.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**
- 6.1 It was confirmed to Senate that the start date of the School of Global Affairs was 10 September 2024.
7. **REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR** **ORAL UPDATE**
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8. **SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE BOARD (UEB) BUSINESS** **PAPER C**
RELEVANT TO SENATE: 23 APRIL TO 3 SEPTEMBER 2024
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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
9. **HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATIONS** **PAPER D**
SUMMER 2024
- 9.1 Senate approved the recommendations of the Honorary Degrees Committee and was reminded that the names remained confidential until they were published.
10. **CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME: UPDATE ON** **PAPER E**
TRANSITION TO PHASE TWO
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11. **RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS UPDATE** **ORAL UPDATE**
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12. **ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED FOUNDATION YEAR** **PAPER F**
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13. **UPDATING COLLEGE CONSTITUTIONS** **PAPER G**
- 13.1 Senate received updated College constitutions, noting that these sought to revert to the last approved version of the College Constitutions. Senate noted the updating of language to reflect changes in structures and title and agreed the changes.
- 13.2 Senate noted that this was an initial step in a wider review of the Collegiate system which would come back to Senate, in part in the next meeting, when constitutional appendices would be considered.
14. **SENATE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW 2024/25** **PAPER H**
- 14.1 Senate received a paper setting out a proposal for a Senate effectiveness review to be undertaken as part of the cyclical review of good governance. Senate noted that there was a growing expectation from OfS for governing bodies to provide assurance on quality and standards and this was one element which the review would consider.

TEF and how the related reference points were managed under Senate would also be considered. Senate noted that the review would be taking a two-phased approach – a health check with members followed by a desk-based review of delegations and a mapping against OfS requirements. It was noted that the review would be discussed with Chairs of subcommittees, including joint Committees, as well as with the faculties and that the review would be led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

- 14.2 The Students' Union suggested that the review include a review of the Student Experience Committee. It was noted that this may need to be considered formally outside this process but that the lens of this process could inform the work of that committee.

15. LIBRARY REPORT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24 PAPER I

- 15.1 The Senate received the Library Annual Report noting it for information. Senate was invited to submit comments and/or questions to the Vice-Chancellor for collation.

16. SENIOR OFFICER APPOINTMENTS PAPER J
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17. ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE (EIC): ANNUAL TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW PAPER K

- 17.1 Senate approved changes to the terms of reference to Enterprise and Innovation Committee.

18. ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW AWARD: MASTER OF EDUCATION PAPER L

- 18.1 Senate received a proposal to establish a new academic award, the Master of Education. It was noted that this was a standard award within the sector and the proposal was supported by the Department of Educational Research.

- 18.2 Senate approved the addition of a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree to the University's portfolio of awards.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

19. PROFESSOR EMERITI APPOINTMENTS: ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 PAPER M

- 19.1 Senate noted the report.

20. FACULTY DEPUTY DEANS, ASSOCIATE DEANS AND HEADSHIPS OF DEPARTMENTS: APPOINTMENTS PAPER N

- 20.1 Senate noted the report.

21. SENATE CHAIR'S ACTIONS PAPER O

- 21.1 Senate noted the report.

22. WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS

PAPER P

22.1 Senate noted the following written reports of meetings:

- Council, meetings of 17 May 2024
- Council, meeting of 5 July 2024
- Education Committee, meeting of 12 April 2024
- Education Committee, meeting of 20 May 2204
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, meeting of 20 May 2024
- Research Committee, meeting of 10 June 2024
- Student Experience Committee, extraordinary meeting of 1 May 2024
- Student Experience Committee, meeting of 30 May 2024

23. NEW AND LAID DOWN PROGRAMMES

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23.1 Senate noted the report.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

24.1 There was no other business.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25.1 The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 October 2024 13:00-16:00 in Management School Lecture Theatre 3.