

Minutes

Meeting title:	Extraordinary Council	
Date:	Friday 11 December 2015	Time 2.30pm
Location:	The Board Room, Building 37, Highfield	
Present:	<p>In Person: Dr B Lwaleed, Mr A Reyes-Hughes, Professor Sir C Snowden, Professor J Vickers and Professor A Wheeler.</p> <p>Via Conference Call: Dr G Rider (<i>Chair</i>); Mr G Berruyer, Mr M Burrow, Mr P Greenish, Ms S Kumar, Mr T O'Brien, Dr D Price and Ms R Rivaz.</p>	
In attendance:	Mr L Abraham (Clerk to the Council).	
Apologies:	Mr B Franklin, Mr W Shannon and Mr J Trewby	

40 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

41 Publication of unrestricted papers

RESOLVED That the papers circulated that were not deemed "Commercial in Confidence" or Restricted be published on the open access SUSSED site.

ACTION: Clerk to Council

42 Changes to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances (First Reading)

Council considered a report which set out in detail proposed changes to the University Charter, Statutes and Ordinances regarding titles and posts within the University's senior management.

The proposed changes were outlined by the Vice Chancellor:

- A change in the title of the Vice-Chancellor to 'President and Vice-Chancellor' to underpin the University's commitment to internationalisation.
- The introduction of Vice-President roles to strengthen the strategic leadership and management of the University in order for it to be better prepared to take on the significant challenges that would emerge as a result of the institution's ambition in an external environment which was likely to experience much more change and uncertainty in the future than had been

the case in recent years. The Vice-President posts would be full-time, and on an open-ended basis.

- The Pro Vice-Chancellor role would continue but with a narrower focus on specific, key institutional projects, such as the next Research Excellence Framework exercise or whatever periodic assessment might replace the Quality Assurance Agency's Higher Education Review. The roles would provide opportunities for senior staff to develop their leadership skills, working closely with the Vice-Presidents.
- The intention would be to not increase unnecessarily the number of senior executive roles: the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Provost posts would no longer exist. By removing the Provost role, the Deans would report, and be more closely linked, to the Vice-Chancellor. The role of Registrar would be subsumed under the responsibilities of the Chief Operating Officer, the head of a unified administration.

Changes of this nature required a special resolution to be agreed by Council after two separate readings at separate Council meetings and final approval given by the Privy Council.

Council was unanimously in favour of the proposed changes.

RESOLVED That that proposed changes be approved and be presented for a second reading at the Council meeting on 20 January 2016.

The meeting concluded at 3.15pm