

Minutes

Meeting title: Senate

Date: Wednesday 21 June 2017

Time: 2.15 pm

Location: The Senate Room, George Thomas Building, Highfield Campus

Present: The President and Vice-Chancellor – Professor Sir Christopher Snowden (*Chair of Senate*)
 Vice President (International) – Professor C Grant
 Vice President (Education) – Professor A Neill
 Vice President (Research and Enterprise) - Professor M Spearing

Dr C Bailey, Professor D Baralle, Professor A Barney, Ms C Barton, Professor J Batchelor, Professor G Brambilla, Dr L Brown, Dr K Bull, Dr J Cleal, Dr H Cullington, Dr A Cullis, Dr A Darlington, Dr K Deinhardt, Mr J Dovey, Professor R Eason, Professor C Evans, Professor J Falkingham, Professor M Gobbi, Dr N Gibbins, Professor C Holmes, Professor N Hounsell, Mr A Hovden*, Professor K Jones, Dr B Lwaleed, Professor D McGhee, Ms K Matthews, Professor R Mills, Dr J Minney, Mr S Mortimer, Dr A Mudher, Dr D Nicole, Mr D Oakley, Ms L Onaran, Mr M Parry, Dr V Perisic, Dr J Pilgrim, Dr E Plum, Dr F Poletti, Dr J Price, Dr R Rauxloh, Professor P Reed, Dr E Reid, Dr S Roth, Professor A Russell, Dr R Sanchez-Garcia, Ms J Savidge, Dr Y Sekhon, Professor D Simpson, Dr F Sturt, Ms D Ugboma, Dr A Williams, Professor T Wiseman.

* Members of Senate not present for the discussion of items on the restricted agenda.

By invitation

In attendance Mr L Abraham, Clerk to the University Council and Senate

31 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of Senate, held on 22 February 2017, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

32 Actions and Matters Arising

Senate Terms of Reference and Membership

Minute 21 from the minutes of the last meeting referred to the Senate Proposed New Terms of Reference. The President and Vice Chancellor highlighted that a revised report had been circulated to Senate and invited the project lead, Professor Neill to present the item.

Professor Neill outlined that the revised report had taken into account comments and suggestions that had been made both at the last meeting and that had been received via email to the Clerk. Proposed membership of Senate now included a provision to ensure a spread of levels and a statement of encouraging diversity. With those revisions now made the terms of reference and membership arrangements were presented to Senate for approval.

It was noted that now the membership numbers had been amended, new quoracy rules were required. The suggestion was reiterated, as at the last meeting, that Professional Services representation outside of senior management should be retained. Professor Neill agreed to discuss this point outside of Senate.

It was also suggested that while the statement regarding diversity was welcomed, it could be strengthened.

Senate agreed the proposed terms of reference and membership in principle, with the points raised being addressed by the Senate TOR Working Group.

RESOLVED that the proposed Senate Terms of Reference be approved subject to the following areas being addressed by the Senate TOR Working Group:

- Quoracy
- Professional Services membership
- Encouraging diversity

33 **President & Vice-Chancellor's Report**

Senate received an update report from the President & Vice Chancellor.

The President & Vice Chancellor highlighted the following:

- Brexit and EU Students;
- Industrial Strategy and Higher Education & Research Bill;
- The recent UK General Election outcome;
- Student recruitment; and
- Progress on the 10 Year Plan.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

34 **President of the Students' Union's report**

Senate received an update report from the Students' Union.

Senate noted the key issues that were highlighted in the report; spring elections, a change to the election of course representatives, successful roll out of the "You are more than..." campaign and an outline of the Unions continued efforts in raising awareness and the importance of the National Student Survey (NSS).

The President and Vice Chancellor thanked the outgoing Union President together with the Sabbatical Officers for their hard work over the past year and wished them all well for the future.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

35 **Senate Question Time**

There were no questions. In response to a comment, the President & Vice Chancellor confirmed that the TEF results were to be announced the following day.

36 **Request for New Award Title**

Senate considered a report by the Academic Registrar which proposed the establishment of the new Award Title, Master of Public Administration (MPA).

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Master of Public Administration (MPA) be approved, and it be added to the list of degrees listed in the First Schedule within the University Calendar, Section IV: General Regulations: Organisation and Conduct of Examinations.
- (ii) the award title of MPA be used in the First Schedule.

37 Senate Nominating Committee – Appointment to the University Council

Senate considered a report by the Senate Nominating Committee which set out for approval the Committee's preferred candidate for appointment to Council.

Senate noted that several candidates had applied for the vacant Council position and that the Committee considered the applications thoroughly and equally against the requirements for the post, the ideal experience required by candidates and taking into consideration the balance of Senate members currently appointed to Council.

RESOLVED That

- (i) the members of the Senate Nominating Committee be thanked for their work; and
- (ii) Professor Rachel Mills be appointed to Council from 1 August 2017 until 31 July 2020.

38 Discipline Policy Amendments

Senate considered a report sponsored by the Vice President (Research and Enterprise) which proposed amendments to the Student Discipline regulations for inclusion in the University Calendar 2017/18.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Student Discipline Regulations for inclusion in the University Calendar 2017/18 onwards be endorsed.

39 Safeguarding Policy (including PREVENT)

Senate considered a report by Student Services which set out the Safeguarding Policy for the University which had been reviewed by Student Services and updated to incorporate elements of the Prevent Duty in order to meet the University's duties under the Prevent Duty guidance for higher education institutions in England and Wales.

RESOLVED that the amendment to the Safeguarding Policy for inclusion on the University Calendar for 17/18 onwards be approved.

40 Doctoral College Board

Senate considered a report by the Director of the Doctoral College, which provided an update on the work of the Doctoral College.

The President & Vice Chancellor thanked Professor James Vickers as he ended his term as Director of the Doctoral College and also welcomed Professor Chris Howls as the incoming Director.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

41 AQSC – Regulatory Changes

Senate considered a report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee which presented an overview of the proposed changes to the University Regulations Section IV: General Information and Regulations and Section V : Higher Degree Regulations as discussed and endorsed by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (AQSC) at its meeting which took place on 31 May 2017.

RESOLVED that the changes as set out in the report be approved.

42 Military Education Committee – Annual Report

Senate received a report from the Chair of the Military Education Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

43 University of Chichester

Senate considered a report from the Chair of the External Research Degree Committee which informed of the University of Chichester's intention to withdraw from the accredited programme as of 1st October 2017 and that subsequent to this formal notification from the University of Chichester on the closure of the accredited programme and withdrawal from the accreditation arrangement, the University of

Chichester provided a summary of the students who would remain on the University of Southampton's award after 1st October 2017 at the meeting of University of Southampton External Research Degree Committee (ERDC) on 26th April 2017.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

44 Dates for Future Meetings

RESOLVED that the following dates for Senate meetings in 2017/18 be noted:

22 November 2017
14 February 2018
20 June 2018

Senate then moved to the restricted items on the agenda and the Student representative left the meeting.

45 Recommendation for Academic Promotion

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

46 Recommendations for the Conferment of the Title of Emeritus Professor

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

The meeting concluded at 3.02pm