

Minutes

Meeting title: Senate

Date: Wednesday 14 February 2018

Time: 2.15pm

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

Mr Diego Altamirano, Professor James W Anderson, Ms Claire Atkins, Professor Anne Baileff, Dr Claire Bailey, Professor Anna Barney, Ms Charlie Barton, Dr Jelili Bello, Dr L Brown, Professor Jon Bull, Dr L Calman, Mr Richard Cartwright, Dr Benjamin Chan, Dr Mark Chapman, Dr Jordan Cheer, Professor Taufiq Choudhry, Professor Sue Colley, Matthew Cowley, Samuel Dedman, Professor Kevin Donnelly, Dr Maggie Donovan-Hall, Mr Jake Dovey, Mr Ian Dunn, Dr Jon Downes, Professor Sarah Ennis, Professor Jonathan Flynn, Professor Jon Forster, Professor Mark French, Dr N Gibbins, Professor Mary Gobbi, Dr Sally Hayward, Dr Anna Hickman, Dr Johanna Hjalmarsson, Dr V Hollis, Giles Howard, Professor Christopher Howls, Dr Chris W Jackson, Dr Kathleen Kendall, Professor Paul Lewin, Dr Bashir Lwaleed, Dr Antonio Martinez, Dr Mark Mavrogordato, Professor N McGrath, Dr Mary Morrison, Professor Karen Morrison, Dr Soon Xin (Michael) Ng, Flora Noble, Mr David Oakley, Ms Leonora Onaran, Mr Spiros Papadas, Dr O Parchment, Dr Helen Paul, Dr Vesna Perisic, Dr James Pilgrim, Dr Eric Plum, Dr Alison Porter, Dr Jonathan Price, Dr Regina Rauxloh, Professor P Reed, Professor G Reid, Professor J Richards, Dr Silke Roth, Jessica Sainsbury, Dr Ruben Sanchez-Garcia, Ms Jane Savidge, Dr Yasmin Sekhon, Dr Bram Sengers, Professor David Simpson, Dr Radan Slavik, Dr Karl Staples, Dr F Sturt, Dr Emily Swindle, Dr Lena Wahlgren-Smith, Professor Daniel Whiting, Paul White, Professor I Williams and Professor Theresa Wiseman

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

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RESOLVED that the minutes of the Senate meetings, held on 13 November 2017 and 22 November 2017, be confirmed as correct records and signed.

17 **Actions and Matters Arising**

None.

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

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

The President & Vice Chancellor highlighted the following:

- Brexit;
- Sector Deal – Life Sciences;
- OfS – Appointments to the Board;
- Progress on the New Faculty structure;

- Centre of Cancer Immunology – meeting fundraising target. Thanks to all those who organised and supported fundraising events; and
- The Queens Anniversary Prize.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

19 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; recent student consultations, NSS and the spring elections.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

20 Senate Question Time

There were no questions.

21 Reshaping the University – Faculty Structures

Senate considered a report by the President & Vice Chancellor which set out for agreement the proposed schools that would be in the five new faculties from the academic year commencing 1 August 2018.

There was some brief queries related to the risk register which was part of the report.

RESOLVED that the five new faculty structures be recommended to Council for approval.

22 Annual Research Integrity Statement

Senate considered a report by the Research Integrity Officer which provided Senate with an update on Research Integrity in accordance with the requirements of the Concordat to Support Research Integrity. It was accompanied by the 2017 Research Integrity Statement.

It was noted that this was now an annual item for consideration and part of the national concordat. The statement was essential to underpin the university research activity. Thanks were expressed to the Research Governance team for their efforts in finalising the statement.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

23 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.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

24 Initial Report from the Pro Vice Chancellor (Internal Partnerships)

Senate considered a report by the Pro Vice Chancellor (Internal Partnerships) which set out the new PVC role supporting the transition to the new faculty structure. It was noted that a team was working on the changes that, it was hoped, would bring the intuition together as one. It was recognised that there was a great deal of work ahead. It was noted that the encouragement was for all parts of the university to be flexible in order to make the new structure a success. It was further noted that part of the PVC role was to oversee consultation and communications with staff, this may involve producing videos or newsletters, but also opening up communication channels to make it easy for staff to make comments and suggestions.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

25 Student Discipline – Annual Report

Senate considered a report by the Vice President (Research and Enterprise) which provided information regarding breaches of the University Discipline regulations that occurred in the Academic Year 2015-16. It was noted that cases outside of academic ability/integrity had risen steadily in the past year. This

trend may be due to greater reporting of cases, but it was noted that most cases were settled by Chair's Action.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

26 Chair's Actions

Senate noted the Chair's Actions that had been taken regarding the following matters:

- (i) Academic Unit Name Change – “Engineering Sciences” to “Mechanical Engineering”
- (ii) Composition of the Senate Nominating Committee for 2018 and calls for expression of interest for standing for Council; and
- (iii) Change to Winter Graduation dates:
Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 December 2018
Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 December 2019.

27 Date of the next Meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of Senate be held on 20 June 2018.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

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

28 Annual Report from the Senate Appeals Committee

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

29 Termination of Enrolment – Non Payment of Tuition Fees

RESOLVED that the termination of candidates, as set out in the report be approved with the exception of Student ID 29418658 who had since paid fees.

30 Registration Termination

RESOLVED that the action taken by the faculty be noted.

31 Recommendation for Academic Promotion

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

32 Recommendations for the Conferment of the Title of Emeritus Professor

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

The meeting concluded at 3.08pm