

COUNCIL

29 April 2014 at 1600
39BB02

MINUTES

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Members:	Dr Jim Glover	Chair – External member
	*Ms Anne Watts	Vice-Chair – External member
	Prof Sir Christopher Snowden	President & Vice-Chancellor
	Ms Em Bollon	President, Students' Union
	*Mr Thomas Chambers	External member – Treasurer
	*Prof Vince Emery	Member elected by Senate
	Dr John Forrest	External member
	*Mr Ashley Herman	External member
	Ms Claire Ighodaro	External member
	Professor Michael Kearney	VP & DVC, Research & Innovation
	*Mr David McNulty	External member
	Prof Gill Nicholls	VP & DVC, Academic Affairs
	Prof Shirley Price	Member elected by Senate
	Mr Michael Queen	External member
	Mr Iain Robertson	External member
	*Mr David Rogers	External member
	Ms Sue Ryle	Chair, Academic Assembly
	Prof Jonathan Seville	Member elected by Senate
	*Dato Dr Kim Tan	External Member
	Mr Keith Taylor	External member
	Prof Lord Robert Winston	External member
	*denotes member unable to attend	

In attendance:	Dr David Ashton – VP and Registrar
	Ms Sarah Litchfield – University Secretary & Legal Counsel (Clerk to Council)
	Mr Greg Melly – VP Corporate Services
	Mr David Sharkey – Chief Financial Officer
	Ms Lise Richards – Deputy University Secretary & Projects
	Ms Alexis Bryant – Secretariat Officer (minutes)

A INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

14/020 Apologies for absence

- .1 Apologies were noted from Ms Anne Watts, Mr Thomas Chambers, Professor Vince Emery, Mr Ashley Herman, Mr David McNulty, Mr David Rogers and Dato Dr Kim Tan.

14/021 Conflicts of interest

.1 None.

14/022 Minutes of previous meetings.

.1 Council noted that the minutes from the March meeting would be put forward for approval at the meeting in July.

14/023 Matters arising

.1 Council noted that any matters arising from the March meeting would be discussed at the meeting in July.

14/024 Chair's Items

.1 Mr Michael Queen was welcomed to his first meeting, as a newly appointed member of Council. (Minute 14/05.1.1 of 20 March 2014 refers).

.2 It was highlighted that this meeting was an additional meeting of Council, convened to consider three items only. It was noted that a further additional meeting would be scheduled for early June for the purposes of finalising the Special Resolutions relating to the revised Charter & Statutes, and that usual Council business would resume at the meeting in July.

.3 It was noted that the Chair of Council and the Treasurer had approved the submission of the NPL bid on behalf of Council (no changes since previously seen by Council). It was highlighted that the University may be challenged on the requirement for an equity stake. This will be addressed if and when raised. The Chair of Council expressed thanks to the Vice-President Corporate Services and the team for their hard work and efforts with the NPL bid.

B ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

14/025 Charter & Statutes Revisions

.1 Council was advised that due to a technical anomaly, it was necessary for the Special Resolutions (as previously discussed at the March meeting) to be presented and approved, essentially for the first time, at this meeting. It was noted that there had been no further changes to the content of the Special Resolutions or the proposed revisions to the Charter and Statutes.

.2 It was noted that Council was required to pass the Special Resolutions at this meeting and to then confirm the passing of the Special Resolutions at an additional meeting to be scheduled for early June.

.3 Council was informed that, under the current instruments, a quorum for meetings to pass such Special Resolutions could only consist of those present in person and that remote attendance would not be valid for either meeting.

.4 Council **passed** the following Special Resolutions:-

.4.1 To **APPROVE** the amendments to the Charter by deleting Articles 1 to 33 of the existing Charter and substituting Articles 1 to 20 in the form as appended to this resolution and to request that

Her Majesty approve the revisions to the Charter as noted to come into effect on 1 August 2014 subject to any amendments required by Her Majesty; and

- .4.2 To **APPROVE** the amendments to the Statutes in the form as appended to this resolution, and to request that Her Majesty approve the revision of the Statutes as noted to come into effect on 1 August 2014 subject to any amendments required by Her Majesty.

**14/026 TUSK
REDACTED AS COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE**

14/027 Major Projects Board

.1 The Chair reminded Council that the Major Projects Board (“MPB”) had been considered previously. The rationale for the MPB was to have in place a robust mechanism to ensure the appropriate application of resources for major strategic projects (subject to financial scrutiny by Finance Committee). It should have the flexibility to respond more rapidly to business outside of the formal schedule and would act as conduit between Executive Board and Council on such major projects.

.2 It was agreed that the following **additional ‘purpose’ statement should be added**. “To ensure clarity of planned benefits and outcomes and to lead the process to ensure achievement of those outcomes”. It was further agreed that the **membership should include senior academic representation**. Professor Michael Kearney agreed to take up this role.

Action: SL

.3 Council **approved** the terms of reference for the MPB, subject to the above amendments.

C ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

14/028 None.

D CLOSING ITEMS

14/029 AOB

.1 University Bonus Scheme

.1.1 A proposal for the reintroduction of a University-wide bonus scheme was tabled. It was noted that this proposal had been approved by Executive Board at its meeting on 28 April 2014.

.1.2 Council expressed support for the proposal, but suggested the **terminology be reconsidered**, perhaps using the word “partnership” in place of “bonus”.

Action: V-C

14/030 Dates of Future Meetings

2014:-

3 June (to approve revisions to Charter & Statutes only)

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24 July
9-10 October
20 November

Dr Jim Glover
Chair of Council