

COUNCIL

**3 June 2014 at 1100
22BB04**

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

A INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

14/031 Chair

.1 It was agreed that in the absence of Dr Jim Glover, Ms Anne Watts would chair this meeting.

14/032 Apologies

.1 Apologies were noted from Dr Jim Glover, Mr Thomas Chambers, Mr Ashley Herman, Ms Claire Ighodaro, Mr David McNulty, Mr Michael Queen, Mr Iain Robertson, Mr David Rogers, Ms Sue

Ryle, Professor Lord Robert Winston.

.2 It was noted that the meeting was quorate.

14/033 Conflicts of interest

.1 None.

14/034 Minutes of previous meeting

.1 Council approved the minutes of the meeting dated 29 April 2014 subject to the amendment of a minor typographical error in paragraph 14/025.4.1. This should have read "Articles 1 – 20 rather than "Articles 1 – 21".

B ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

14/035 Charter & Statutes Revisions

.1 Council was advised that this was the second meeting required under Statutes to approve the passing of the Special Resolutions to revise the University's Charter and Statutes.

.2 In conjunction with 14/034.1 above, Council approved the amendment of the same typographical error be made to the wording of the Special Resolutions. That is, in resolution number one, "Articles 1 – 21 should read "Articles 1 – 20".

.3 Council **confirmed** the approval of the following Special Resolutions:-

.3.1 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

.3.2 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.

14/036 Redundancy Committee

.1 A paper was tabled which outlined a requirement for a Redundancy Committee to be formed in accordance with Statute 20, Part II, paragraph 11(1). It was noted that this requirement had arisen following a full independent review of the School of Health & Social Care in the Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences.

.2 It was noted that the 64 academics mentioned in the paper as also at risk included teaching staff. Teaching staff would not be picked up under this statutory process outlined but would be dealt with under normal employment processes.

.3 By way of background, it was noted that the aim of the restructure was to redress the balance of research and teaching staff, to increase research capability and funding and to more closely match the requirements of NHS structures.

- .4 It was confirmed consideration of students' opinions through mechanisms such as MEQs and NSS feedback would be included in the process as would a focus on enhancing inter-disciplinary opportunities for which discussions were already underway.
- .5 Following discussion and in accordance with Statute 20 Part II, paragraph 10(1) and 10(2), Council, as the appropriate body, **decided** that it is desirable that there should be a reduction in the Academic Staff of the School of Health and Social Care.
- .6 Council further **approved**, in accordance with Statute 20 Part II, paragraph 11(3) that a Redundancy Committee be appointed, comprising the following:-
- a) Chair
 - b) Two members nominated from Council, not being persons employed by the University; and
 - c) Two members of the Academic Staff nominated by the Senate.
- .7 It was agreed that an update would be provided to Council at its meeting in July.

Action: Chair of Redundancy Committee

C CLOSING ITEMS

14/037 AOB

.1 League Tables

Council noted the news that the University had risen to number six in the Guardian league table, a rise of two places. The University had been placed 12th in the other major tables which was likely to equate a 10th place overall. On behalf of Council, the Chair expressed its delight and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, the staff and the students of the University.

.2 USSU Honorary Membership Award

.2.1 The President of the Students Union announced that the Union had decided to award Honorary Membership to Professor Gill Nicholls. It was noted that this award was infrequently bestowed and that it was in recognition of Professor Nicholls' exceptional contribution to the student experience.

In addition it was noted that the President of the Students' Union, Ms Em Bollon, had also been awarded Honorary Membership. In particular it was recognised that Ms Bollon had significantly enhanced the relationship between the Student's Union and the University

Council expressed its many congratulations to both for their achievements.

14/038 Dates of Future Meetings

<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
24 July	19 March
9-10 October	23 July
20 November	8-9 October (tbc)
	19 November

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**Ms Anne Watts
Vice-Chair of Council**