

19 March 2015 at 1730
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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
	Mr Thomas Chambers	External member – Treasurer
	Dr Helen Bowcock	External member
	Prof Vince Emery	Member elected by Senate
	Mr Ashley Herman	External member
	Mr Maz Hussien	President, Students' Union
	Ms Claire Ighodaro	External member
	Professor Michael Kearney	VP & DVC, Research & Innovation
	Mr David McNulty	External member
	Prof Gill Nicholls	VP & DVC, Academic Affairs
	Mr Michael Queen	External member
	Professor Lisa Roberts	Member elected by Senate
	Mr Iain Robertson	External member
	Mr Tony Stuart	External member
	Dato Dr Kim Tan	External Member
	Mr Keith Taylor	External member
	Prof Lord Robert Winston	External member
	Dr Simon Usherwood	Member elected by Senate
	*denotes member unable to attend	

In attendance: Dr David Ashton – VP and Registrar
Ms Martine Carter – Director of Strategic Planning
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

By invitation: Mr Mike Hounsell
Mr Paul Stephenson

A INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

15/017 Apologies for absence

.1 Apologies were received from John Sexton.

15/018 Purpose of the meeting

.1 Council noted that the purpose of this extra-ordinary meeting was to formally receive the resignation of the Vice-Chancellor.

15/019 Transitional management structure

- .1 Council received a presentation outlining the interim leadership structure options and the recommended route.
- .2 After comprehensive discussion of the options, Council:-
 - **Approved** the recommendation that the Vice-Chancellor retain management responsibility up until the date of departure, including the HEFCE required role of 'Accountable Officer'.
 - **Approved** the appointment of Professor Michael Kearney as acting Vice-Chancellor from the date of departure.
 - **Approved** the appointment of Mr David Sharkey as interim Chief Operating Officer from the date of departure.
 - **Noted** the interim senior management structure from the date of departure.
 - **Noted** the associated risk register.

15/020 Communications plan

- .1 A summary of the communications plan and key messages was tabled. After discussion Council **approved** the communications plan.

15/021 Recruitment Process

- .1 Council **noted** the proposed recruitment process and:-

Approved Perret Laver as the Head Hunters on the recommendation of the Chair and the VP, Human Resources.

Approved the delegation of authority to appoint a selection panel to the Nominations Committee.
- .2 An initial draft of possible attributes required for a Vice-Chancellor was circulated. Members were asked to provide any suggestions or other feedback via the Chair or Secretariat during the following two weeks.

Action: All Council Members

15/022 AOB

There being no further matters, the meeting closed.