

COUNCIL

19 March 2015 at 1630

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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

15/006 Apologies for absence

.1 Apologies were received from John Sexton.

15/007 Conflicts of interest

.2 None.

15/008 Minutes of previous meetings.

.3 The minutes of the meeting held 20 November 2014 and 18 February 2015 were **approved**.

15/009 Matters arising

.4 The updated actions log was **noted**. No additional matters arose from the previous minutes.

15/010 Chair's Items

.1 Agenda

The Chair advised Council members that the agenda for this meeting had been adjusted in order to allow for separate discussion on an essential topic following the meeting.

.2 Appointments

On the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, Council:-

Approved the appointment of Ms Jan Sawkins as a lay member of Council with an initial term of 3 years from 1 April 2015 to 30 March 2018.

Approved the appointment of Dr Anthony Bragg, subject to further conversations to be held with Professor Lisa Roberts.

Noted the ongoing work on the pipeline.

Noted the election of Professor Lisa Roberts and Dr Simon Usherwood to Council by Senate for a term of two years to 31 December 2016.

.3 Achievements

Council **acknowledged** the achievements of members of the University community.

B ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

15/012 Donations Policy

.1 The Donations Policy was approved subject to any minor adjustments arising from feedback by 27 March 2015.

15/013 Marion Redfearn Trust

- .1 Based on the explanation provided in the papers, Council approved the proposed use of the capital of the Marion Redfearn Trust.

15/014 Insurance Matters

- .1 Council ratified the decision to take out Directors' and Officers' Insurance which covered Council members as Trustees and officers as being in the best interests of the University. It was noted that this was a retrospective ratification and an instruction to the University to maintain D&O insurance.
- .2 It was further noted that companies can indemnify their directors in a different manner in addition to insurance and that the University's trading subsidiaries boards would receive advice on the scope of their powers to indemnify directors.

15/015 Operational Review

- .1 Council received a presentation and **noted** the update on the progress of the current operational review. The following key points were noted.
 - .1.1 Council was reminded that it had endorsed the plan as presented at the meeting on 18 February 2015 and approved the establishment of a Redundancy Committee.
 - .1.2 It was noted that the review had been announced on 9 March 2015, with appropriate internal announcements and meetings following on as planned. Expected redundancies had been notified on 16 March 2015.
 - .1.3 Council was reminded of the key changes, noted the high level risks and was given assurance that the programme was being governed appropriately through steering group and project team meetings and by weekly progress reporting.
- .2 The following comments arose in discussion.
 - .2.1 Members were concerned to see a pro-active approach to dealing with the risk around disconnect with the Surrey brand that could be a fall-out from this restructure. This was noted by the Executive.
 - .2.2 A briefing for Council members to refer to in order to deal with any questions would be circulated.

Action: MEH

C CLOSING ITEMS

15/015 AOB

- .1 The Chair advised that the CUC would be undertaking a review to identify approaches and barriers to Equality & Diversity across the sector.
- .2 Council **ratified** Chair's action to approve the submission of the application for a medical

school.

15/016 Dates of Future Meetings

All meetings (except away days) are at 16:30 unless otherwise advised.

2015:-

19 March

23 July

8-9 October

19 November

**Dr Jim Glover
Chair of Council**