

Senate

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024 at 14:00
Oak Suite 1 and 2 MINUTES

Members

Ex-officio:

President & Vice-Chancellor	Prof Max Lu
Provost and Senior Vice-President [Chair]	Prof Tim Dunne
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education [Secretary]	Prof Emma Mayhew [interim]
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research & Innovation	Prof Lisa Collins
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Executive Dean, FASS	Prof Annika Bautz
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Executive Dean, FEPS	Prof Bob Nichol
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Executive Dean, FHMS	Prof Paul Townsend*
Vice-President, Global	Patrick Degg*
Associate VP, External Engagement (International)	Prof Amelia Hadfield
Associate Dean, Education, FASS	Assoc Prof Mark Ashton [interim]
Associate Dean, Education, FEPS	Prof Esat Alpaz
Associate Dean, Education, FHMS	Dr Dynatra Subasinghe
Associate Dean, Research & Innovation, FASS	Prof Rachel Brooks*
Associate Dean, Research & Innovation, FEPS	Prof Jin Xuan
Associate Dean, Research & Innovation, FHMS	Prof Deborah Dunn-Walters
Chief Student Officer	Kerry Matthews
Academic Registrar	Glenn Moulton [interim]
Director of Surrey Institute of Education	Prof Naomi Winstone*
Director of Library & Learning Services	Paul Johnson*
Director of Research, Innovation & Impact	Gill Fairbairn*
Dean of the Doctoral College	Dr Ruan Elliott*
President of the Students' Union	Jo Yau**
VP Voice of the Students' Union	Kiara Kataike**
	Kath Phillips [alternate for Jo Yau and Kiara Kataike]

Nominated (FASS):

School of Law	Assoc Prof Dr Joshua Andresen
School of Literature and Languages	Assoc Prof Dr Constance Bantman
School of Sociology	Prof Karen Bullock
Guildford School of Acting	Prof Anna McNamara

Nominated (FEPS):

Computer Science & Electrical Engineering	Dr Mariam Cirovic*
Computer Science & Electrical Engineering	Prof Philip Jackson
Mechanical Engineering Sciences	Assoc Prof Dr Tan Sui
Sustainability, Civil & Environmental Eng	Dr Martin Walker*

Nominated (FHMS):

School of Biosciences	Dr Mohammad Asim*
School of Biosciences	Dr Terri Grassby*
School of Psychology	Dr Charo Hodgkins
School of Health Sciences	Claire Tarrant

In attendance:

Governance Officer	Kelley Padley
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* denotes absence / apologies extended

** denotes alternate nominee attended

1 INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

23/040 Apologies for absence

- .1 Apologies were received from Paul Townsend, Mark Ashton, Rachel Brooks, Naomi Winstone, Paul Johnson, Gill Fairbairn, Ruan Elliott, Mariam Cirovic, Martin Walker, Mohammad Asim and Terri Grassby. Apologies were received from the Students' Union sabbatical Officers Jo Yau and Kiara Kataike, and Kath Phillips (Head of People and Representation, SU) was attending as their nominated alternate.

2 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

23/041 VC Update for Senate and Q&A

- .1 Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor, outlined both the financial pressures and the restraints on income generation affecting the UK Higher Education sector. Surrey's current financial situation was summarised. The VC explained the changes required to secure financial sustainability sharing the time frame for the voluntary severance process and key resources available to support colleagues in making important decisions.
- .2 A Q&A session followed the presentation and included consideration of:
- Careful stewarding of University assets (such as the Research Park) to maximise return to the University both in the short and long-term
 - Commercialisation of research
 - TNE opportunities
 - Consultancy / CPD / Executive training (and how to reduce the constraints academics face to enable colleagues to engage in this activity)
 - Emeritus/Emerita Professorship (and how staff taking VS can apply for an Emeritus Professorship which will be decided according to the standard process and criteria)
 - Optimising the curriculum to make it more efficient to deliver
- .3 Senators were encouraged by the Chair to consider how they, as leaders and representatives of the academic body, can help to establish a sense of agency in how the University combats this challenge. Senators could usefully engage in conversations with colleagues on the following issues:
- Ways to generate and create different income streams
 - Improve cost recovery in research grant applications
 - Workable options for improving the efficiency of teaching (reducing the cost whilst capitalising on beneficial and new ways of delivery)

5 CLOSING ITEMS

23/042 AOB

- .1 None.

23/043 Dates of next Senate meetings 2023/24

- .1 Wednesday 24th April 2024
Tuesday 25th June 2024