Meeting: COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday 16th May 2013 at 4.15 pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Present: Mr P Troughton (Chair of Council)

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell (Vice-Chancellor) Mr J Stanion (Appointed Member)
Mr P Wyman (Treasurer) Mr M Hawkesworth (Appointed Member)
Prof K Edge (Deputy Vice-Chancellor) Mr R Whorrod (Appointed Member)
Mr D Medlock (Pro-Chancellor) Dr F Laughton (Elected by Senate)
Mr K Woodley (Pro-Chancellor) Dr M Hejmadi (Elected by Senate)
Dr M Carley (Chair of Academic Assembly) Professor G Price (Elected by Senate)
Mr S Appleton (Appointed Member) Professor J Knight (Elected by Senate)
Mr P Freeman (Appointed Member) Dr A Salo (Elected by Academic Assembly)
Ms A Goodman (Appointed Member) Ms M Morley (Elected by Non-Academic Staff)
Dr M Hipkins (Appointed Member) Mr C Clements (Students’ Union President)
Mr R Hughes (Appointed Member) Mr A Pool (Students’ Union Vice-President)
Mr T Sheppard (Appointed Member)

In Attendance:

Lord Tugendhat - Chancellor
Professor B Morley - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching)
Professor J Millar - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor C Grant - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Internationalisation)
Professor G Hawley - Dean of Engineering and Design
Professor D Bird - Dean of Science
Professor R Eatwell - Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences
Mr M Humphriss - University Secretary
Mr M Whalley - Director of Estates
Mrs D Aderyn - Director of Finance and Commercial Services
Mr G Maggs - Director of Development and Alumni Relations
Dr C Harris - Administrative Officer, Secretariat
Ms K Robinson - University Librarian (for Minute 6096)

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R Foreman, Sir Julian Horn-Smith, Professor R Elliott, Dr N Kemp and Mr I Robinson (Observer).

ACTION

6096 PRESENTATION: FUTURE PLANS FOR THE LIBRARY

Council received and noted with interest a presentation from Ms Kate Robinson, University Librarian, on the future plans for the Library.

6097 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28th February 2013 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.
MATTERS ARISING

MINUTE 6071, PRO-CHANCELLOR

Council noted that, at its meeting of 12th March 2013, Court appointed Mr Peter Troughton as Pro-Chancellor for the period of 1st August 2013 to 31st July 2016.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Paper C12/13-73) was considered and noted. The Vice-Chancellor reported further as follows:

(1) HEFCE Initial Grant Allocation for 2013/14

It was clarified that the final allocation for an academic year is now not confirmed by HEFCE until March the following year and that the funding was particularly complex with two regimes operating concurrently.

(2) Pay Negotiations Update

Paper C12/13-94, providing further details on the pay claim by the sector trade unions nationally, was tabled at the meeting. It was noted that the employers had increased the pay increase on offer to 0.8% on all spine points.

In response to a query from a member of Council on the relationship between staffing costs and job protection the Vice-Chancellor clarified that it was not the case at the University that staff were being asked to accept wage restraint in order to protect jobs.

(3) Athena SWAN

Council was advised that a revised submission for accreditation would be made in November.

PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHMENT, MERGER, RE-NAMING OR DIESTABLISHMENT OF A FACULTY, SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Council approved, with immediate effect, the proposed procedure for establishment, merger or disestablishment of a Faculty, School or Department, as set out in Paper C12/13-75. It was noted that this was a recommendation from the last effectiveness review of Senate.

UNIVERSITY VENTURES BOARD

Council considered Paper C12/13-76, a proposal to amend the membership and terms of reference of the University Ventures Board.

AGREED that:

- the addition of two further external members (appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee) to the membership of the University Ventures Board be approved;

- on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, the appointment of Dr Christopher Jones as a member of the University Ventures Board for the
period to 31st July 2016 be approved; and

- the proposed additional term of reference of the University Ventures Board as set out in paragraph 2.3 be approved.

6102 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Council considered the recommendations of the meeting of the Nominations Committee held on 16th May 2013 (Paper C12/13-77 (tabled)).

(1) University Treasurer

Council considered the vacancy for the appointment of the Treasurer with effect from 1st January 2014.

AGREED that:

Mr Peter Wyman be re-appointed as University Treasurer from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2016.

(2) Appointed Members of Council

Council considered the vacancies for appointed members of Council with effect from 1st August 2013.

AGREED that:

Mrs Ruth Foreman, Mr Mark Hawkesworth, Mr Roger Whorrod and Ms Anne Goodman be re-appointed to the membership of Council for the period of 1st August 2013 to 31st July 2016.

(3) Membership of Audit Committee 2013/14

Council considered the membership of the Audit Committee for 2013/14.

AGREED that:

Dr Michael Hipkins be re-appointed to the membership of the Audit Committee for the period of 1st August 2013 to 31st July 2016.

(4) Membership of University Ventures Board 2013/14

Council considered the membership of the University Ventures Board for 2013/14.

AGREED that:

Mr Mark Hawkesworth be re-appointed to the membership of the University Ventures Board for the period of 1st August 2013 to 31st July 2016; and

Mr David Rogers be re-appointed to the membership of the University Ventures Board for the period of 1st August 2013 to 31st July 2014.

[Note: In accordance with Council Standing Order 23, the relevant members of Council declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting for the duration of this item].
RISK MANAGEMENT

Council considered and noted the monthly report on risk management for April 2013 (Paper C12/13-79).

STUDENTS’ UNION GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT AMENDMENTS

Council considered the amendments to the Students’ Union constitutional documents and the Ordinances arising from the cessation of the role of Senior Treasurer and the Student Union wishing to change the title of Sabbatical Officers to SU Officers (Paper C12/13-80).

AGREED that the amendments identified in Appendices 1 and 2 to the BUSU Articles of Government, the Code of Practice of BUSU and the Ordinances be approved, with immediate effect.

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

Council received a summary of the presentation by Professor Les Ebdon (Paper C12/13-82).

MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND JOINT COUNCIL/SENATE COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings of Council and Joint Council/Senate Committees were received:

- Council/Senate/Students’ Union Committee 21st February 2013
- Equality and Diversity Committee 18th April 2013
- Audit Committee 24th April 2013
- Finance Committee 25th April 2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council received a summary report from Executive Committee (January and February 2013) (Paper C12/13-88).

SENATE

Council received the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 17th April 2013 (C12/13-89).

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2012/13

It was noted that the final meeting of Council for 2012/13 would be held on Thursday 27th June 2013 at 4.15pm in the Council Chamber.

RETIRING MEMBERS

Council noted that the Students’ Union President and Vice-President Education would shortly be completing their terms of office on Council. The Chair thanked them for their effective contribution to the work of the Council and presented them with a certificate.

The Chair thanked Mr Keith Woodley for his significant contribution to the work of the Council since 1996, as Treasurer for 6 years, Pro-Chancellor for 5 years and...
member of numerous committees, and presented him with a certificate.