Meeting: COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday 22nd May 2014 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 R Whorrod (Appointed Member)
Mr D Medlock (Pro-Chancellor) Dr M Hejmadi (Elected by Senate)
Sir Julian Horn-Smith (Pro-Chancellor) Professor J Knight (Elected by Senate)
Professor K Edge (Deputy Vice-Chancellor) Ms K Robinson (Elected by Senate)
Dr M Carley (Chair of Academic Assembly) Dr S Wharton (Elected by Senate)
Ms A Goodman (Appointed Member) Dr J Bryson (Elected by Academic Assembly)
Mr M Hawkesworth (Appointed Member) Ms M Morley (Elected by non-academic staff)
Dr M Hipkins (Appointed Member) Miss E Hynes (Students’ Union President)
Mr R Hughes (Appointed Member) Mr P Hachfeld (Students’ Union Education Officer)

Observer:
Mr I Robinson - Chief Executive of BUSU
Mr T Sheppard - Chair of Council elect

In Attendance:
Professor C Grant - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Internationalisation)
Professor J Millar - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor B Morley - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching)
Professor I Butler - Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences
Professor V Hope Hailey - Dean and Head, School of Management
Mr M Humphriss - University Secretary
Mr M Whalley - Director of Estates
Mrs D Aderyn - Director of Finance and Commercial Services
Dr N Kemp - Director of Policy and Planning
Ms A Pater - Head of Secretariat

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Appleton, Mrs R Foreman Mr P Freeman, Professor D Bird, Professor G Hawley, Mr G Maggs

6240 PRESENTATION: RESEARCH

Council received the second in a series of presentations on research from Professor Gary Lock (Mechanical Engineering) on ‘Keeping Cool Under Pressure’ about his work with aeroplane components for jet engines and by Professor Dimo Dimov on ‘Entrepreneurship as an Open-ended Journey’.

6241 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27th February 2014 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.
Council considered the report of the Vice-Chancellor. Council noted in particular the excellent league table results recently announced and the development of international links, including her upcoming visit to China and South Korea and a visit that day from the Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University.

Council considered the recommendations from the Nominations Committee held on 22nd May 2014.

Council AGREED

1) the appointment to Court of Mr L March, Chairman of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases and Mrs S Troughton, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, for three years from 1 August 2014.  

NOTE: Council noted the Chair’s potential conflict of interest regarding Mrs Troughton but Council were content to take the item in the Chair’s presence. It was noted that he had left the meeting of Nominations Committee when this was discussed.

2) the re-appointment of Mrs R Foreman as a member and Chair of Audit Committee from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2016.

3) the re-naming of ‘co-opted members’ on Audit Committee as ‘appointed members’ whose membership may be renewed after three years without a break in service being required.

4) the appointment of Ms S Pennie as an appointed member of Audit Committee from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2017.

5) the appointment of Mr P Sheppard as an appointed member of Audit Committee from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2017.

6) the appointment of Dr W Barton as a member of the University Ventures Board from 1 August 2014 for three years.

7) the re-appointment of Dr M Hipkins and Mr R Hughes to Council from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2017. On-line advertisements had also been placed for new members; proposals would be brought to the next Council meeting.  

NOTE: Council noted the conflict of interest for Dr Hipkins and Mr Hughes, who both left the room during discussion of this item.

Council NOTED

8) that Court had earlier that day approved its recommendation to appoint Janet Royall, Baroness Royall of Blaisdon, as Pro-Chancellor for three years from 1 August 2014.

9) the appointment of Dr N Parish as a University-nominated Director for the Trustee Company of the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution from 1 August 2014.

10) the re-appointment of Professor V Hart as a University-nominated member of the Holburne Museum Board of Trustees.
STUDENTS’ UNION REPORT

The President of the Students’ Union, Ellie Hynes, gave a report on the impact of the Union over the last year (C13/14 – 84). The Chair of Council congratulated the Students’ Union on the accompanying video and thanked the President and Education Officer for their excellent work on behalf of the students.

QUINQUENNIAL REVIEW OF STUDENTS’ UNION GOVERNANCE

Council considered the Quinquennial Review of Students’ Union Governance as contained in C13/14 – 85.

Council APPROVED

1) the proposed amendments to the SU Articles of Governance identified in Appendix 1, the amendments to the Ordinances identified in Appendix 2, and the amendments to the SU Code of Practice identified in 2.4, to take effect on 1st June 2014;

2) the proposed amendment to the Ordinances identified in Appendix 3, subject to the approval of Senate on 4th June 2014.

CAREER PROGRESSION IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH JOB FAMILIES

Council APPROVED the refreshed document ‘Career progression in the Education and Research Job Families’, as recommended by Senate (paper C13/14–90) to take effect from 1 August 2014. A member of Council expressed the view that teaching staff on grade 7 should automatically progress to grade 8 without going through a promotion application.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND JOINT COUNCIL/SENATE COMMITTEES

Council received the Minutes of the following meetings of Council and Joint Council/Senate Committees:

Audit Committee 1st April 2014
CSSU 20th February 2014
15th April 2014
Equality & Diversity 13th February 2014
10th April 2014
Finance Committee 8th May 2014

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council received a summary report from Executive Committee held in:

March 2014 (C13/14 – 97)
April 2014 (paper C13/14-98)

SENATE

Council received the Minutes of the Senate meetings held on 9th April 2014.
The programme of meetings for the remainder of Council for 2013/14 was noted as follows:

Thursday 10th July 2014 at 4.15pm in the Council Chamber.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 pm