Minutes of Meeting

Meeting: COUNCIL
Date and Time: Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 4.00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber

Present: Mr T Sheppard (Chair of Council)

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell (Vice-Chancellor) Dr M Hipkins (Appointed Member)
Professor K Edge (Deputy Vice-Chancellor) Mr J Stanion (Appointed Member)
Mr P Wyman (Treasurer) Mr R Whorrod (Appointed Member)
Baroness Jan Royall (Pro-Chancellor) Prof T Ibell (Elected by Senate)
Sir Julian Horn-Smith (Pro-Chancellor) Dr A Salo (Elected by Senate)
Dr M Carley (Chair of Academic Assembly) Ms K Robinson (Elected by Senate)
Mrs R Foreman (Appointed Member) Dr S Wharton (Elected by Senate)
Prof B Gilbertson (Appointed Member) Mr S Appleton (Appointed by Convocation)
Ms A Goodman (Appointed Member) Dr J Bryson (Elected by Academic Assembly)
Mr M Hawkesworth (Appointed Member) Mr J Kenny (Students’ Union President)

Observer: Mr I Robinson - Chief Executive of the Students’ Union

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 D Bird - Dean of Science
Professor G Hawley - Dean of Engineering and Design
Professor V Hope Hailey - Dean and Head, School of Management
Mrs D Aderyn - Director of Finance and Commercial Services
Dr N Kemp - Director of Policy and Planning
Mr M Humphriss - University Secretary
Mr G Maggs - Director of Development and Alumni Relations
Mr M Whalley - Director of Estates
Ms A Pater - Head of Secretariat

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Prof I Butler, Mr R Hughes, Ms M Morley and Mr P Troughton.

ACTION

6294 PRESENTATION: STUDENTS’ UNION

Council received a presentation from the Students’ Union (SU) on their Top Ten issues for the year. It was noted that work was already underway on some of the issues. Detailed monitoring of actions being planned and taken would be discussed at Council/Senate/Students’ Union Committee. The SU Officers also reported that they were planning ways of increasing diversity amongst Officers for the following year.
MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS

Members noted the composition and functions of Council.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 10th July 2014 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 6283 – Council noted that the purchase of Bath Police station would be completed at the end of October.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Council noted the report of the Vice-Chancellor (Paper C14/15 – 3). The Vice-Chancellor also reported that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor would be retiring and she had been discussing a restructuring of the senior management team with the Chair and Treasurer. There would be a meeting of the Senior Academic Appointments Committee in early November.

There was a question about how to avoid traffic congestion in Bath on the day of the Open Day; Professor Morley explained that discussions with stakeholders such as the Council, other Universities and residents were held a year in advance, but clashes with rugby fixtures sometimes occurred as the Rugby Club did not know its dates for home games until quite close to the actual dates.

FORWARD PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS 2014/15

Council noted the forward programme of business (Paper C14/15 – 10).

STUDENTS’ UNION INDEPENDENT PERSON

Council approved the re-appointment of Mr Andrew Fraser for a further three years until 31st July 2017 as the Students’ Union Independent Person (Paper C14/15 – 11).

URGENT BUSINESS PROCEDURE REPORT

Council noted Paper C14/15 – 12 on action taken by the Chair since the previous meeting.

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR ANNUAL LETTER

Council noted the annual letter from the Office of the Independent Adjudicator (Paper C14/15 – 13).

PLANNING PROCESS FOR 2014/15

Council noted the planning process for 2014/15 (Paper C14/15 – 14).

CHANGES TO RESEARCH CENTRES ANNUAL REPORT

Council noted updates to research centres and directors during 2013/14 (Paper
MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND JOINT COUNCIL/SENATE COMMITTEES

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

Equality & Diversity Committee 12th June 2014

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council received summary reports from Executive Committee held in June and July 2014 (Papers C14/15 – 17A and 17B).

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2014/15

The programme of meetings for the rest of the year was noted as follows:

Thursday, 27th November 2014
Thursday, 26th February 2015
Thursday, 21st May 2015
Thursday, 9th July 2015

All meetings would start at 4.15pm in the Council Chamber unless otherwise stated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reminded any members who had not completed the two surveys on skills and equality/diversity to do so as soon as possible.

The meeting concluded at 6.00 pm