

Agenda and Notice of Meeting

Convocation

Wednesday 14 June 2023, 1.00pm

Location: Remotely, via Zoom

Meeting ID: 864 9290 7328

8 - Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction and welcome from Ruth Foreman, Pro-Chancellor.

9 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Paper CN22/23 - 01

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 June 2022.

10 - Matters Arising

1. Update on the disbanding of Convocation (minute 3)

At its meeting on 16 June 2021, following a wider consultation of the alumni community, Convocation was updated on proposals for it to be disbanded as a statutory body in favour of an annual alumni meeting, which would provide a more flexible opportunity for alumni to engage with the University at an institutional level. Convocation exists as a statutory body by virtue of the University's Charter.

Amendments to the Charter, including the disbanding of Convocation as a statutory body, were approved by Senate (1 February 2023), Council (23 February 2023) and Court (20 April 2023), following consultation of the Privy Council and the sector regulator, the Office for Students in January 2023. Court will consider the amendments for a second time at its meeting on 13 June 2023. If approved, the amendments will then be submitted to Privy Council for approval and should come into effect in the autumn. This would mean that this is the last formal meeting of Convocation.

A meeting of the Convocation has been scheduled for Wednesday 12 June 2024. In the event that Convocation is formally disbanded, an annual gathering of alumni will be convened in its stead and on the same day. Alumni will be consulted about what they would like to see at this meeting, which will be used to shape annual alumni meetings going forward.

11 – Report from the Vice-Chancellor

To receive an update from Professor Ian White, Vice-Chancellor & President, on the work of the University in 2022/23.

12 – Report from the Department for Development and Alumni Relations

To receive an update from Gordon Cox, Director, and Aisling O'Neill, Associate Director, Supporter Engagement, on the work of the Department for Development and Alumni Relations in 2022/23.

13 – Any other business

14 – Date of next meeting

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