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**Meeting:** COUNCIL

**Date and Time:** Thursday 26th February 2015 at 4.15pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber

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**Present:** Mr T Sheppard (Chair of Council)

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell (Vice-Chancellor)	Mr R Whorrod (Appointed Member)
Professor K Edge (Deputy Vice-Chancellor)	Professor T Ibell (Elected by Senate)
Mr P Wyman (Treasurer)	Ms K Robinson (Elected by Senate)
Baroness Royall (Pro-Chancellor)	Dr A Salo (Elected by Senate)
Sir Julian Horn-Smith (Pro-Chancellor)	Dr S Wharton (Elected by Senate)
Professor B Gilbertson (Appointed Member)	Mr S Appleton (Appointed by Convocation)
Mr M Hawkesworth (Appointed Member)	Dr J Bryson (Elected by Academic Assembly)
Dr M Hipkins (Appointed Member)	Ms C Marr (Elected by non-academic staff)
Mr R Hughes (Appointed Member)	Mr J Kenny (Students' Union President)
Mr J Stanion (Appointed Member)	Mr P Goodstadt (Students' Union Education Officer)

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, Faculty of Science
Professor I Butler	- Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
Professor V Hope Hailey	- Dean and Head, School of Management
Mrs D Aderyn	- Director of Finance and Commercial Services
Mr M Humphriss	- University Secretary
Dr N Kemp	- Director of Policy and Planning
Mr G Maggs	- Director of Development & Alumni Relations
Mr M Whalley	- Director of Estates
Ms A Pater	- Head of Secretariat
Professor D Galbreath	- Professor of International Security, PoLIS (for minute 6342)

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Dr M Carley, Mrs R Foreman, Ms A Goodman, Professor G Hawley and Mr P Troughton.

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## ACTION

The Chair of Council welcomed Ms Claire Marr, recently elected unopposed to Council by the non-academic staff of the University, until 31st July 2015.

### **6342 PRESENTATION: COUNTER-TERRORISM**

Council received a presentation from Professor David Galbreath, Professor of International Security, and Mark Humphriss, the University Secretary, on counter-terrorism and the potential implications for universities of the new Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 which recently received royal assent; final guidance from government was awaited. Members of Council endorsed the importance of protecting freedom of speech whilst working with the new Act.

The slides were stored with the papers for the meeting. The topic was suggested for discussion at Academic Assembly.

**6343 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27th November 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair (Paper C14/15-41).

**6344 MATTERS ARISING**

There was none.

**6345 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Council noted the report of the Vice-Chancellor (Paper C14/15-42). Council congratulated lay member Mr Roger Whorrod on his OBE in the New Year honours.

The Vice-Chancellor also reported that in relation to 12.2, there had been an incident in the compound outside the Chemistry department the previous week causing fumes, which the Fire & Rescue Service attended, which was classed as a major incident. Investigations were continuing as to the cause. The Technical Manager for the Faculty of Science had attended the incident and provided very helpful assistance to the Fire Service.

**6346 AUDIT COMMITTEE – EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

Dr Michael Hipkins presented Paper C14/15-49, and reported that the Audit Committee had assessed the performance and value for money provided by KPMG. Council APPROVED the continuation of KPMG's appointment as the University's External Auditor for the 2014/15 audit.

**6347 INTERIM EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW OF COUNCIL**

Council noted Paper C14/15-52 on the proposed process for the 2015 Interim Effectiveness Review of Council and the arrangements being made for the Chair of Council to meet individually with all members. It was acknowledged that efforts had to be continued to attract more women and people of BAME backgrounds to have a more diverse governing body. The Chair emphasised that he took this issue very seriously and reported that the University was now a member of the 30% Club (aiming for at least 30% women on boards).

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**6348 ORDINANCES**

Council considered Paper C14/15- 53A and 53B and APPROVED:

- 1) the addition of the Degree of Doctor of Policy Research & Practice to the list of degrees specified in Ordinance 14.15;
- 2) the waiving of Ordinance 15.2 to permit the extension of the appointment of Mrs Helen Bradbury as external examiner for the Advanced Programmes in Pharmaceutical Practice and Therapeutics for three more months from 1st May to 31st July 2015.

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**6349 UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

Council considered Paper C14/15- 55 and APPROVED the reviewed Statement of Intent, Part 1 of the Health & Safety Policy.

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**6350 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2015/16 AND 2016/17**

Council considered Paper C14/15-56 and APPROVED the meeting dates for 2015/16 (revised) and 2016/17.

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**6351 ANNUAL REPORT OF UNIVERSITY HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICE 2014**

Council noted the report of the University Health, Safety and Environment Service 2014 (Paper C14/15- 57).

**6352 50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

Council received an update on plans for the 50th anniversary year of celebrations and the associated fundraising campaign as detailed in Paper C14/15-58.

**6353 QUARTERLY CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

Council received an update on the status of capital projects (Paper C14/15-59).

**6354 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	28th January 2015
Council/Senate/Students' Union Committee	11th December 2014
Equality and Diversity Committee	12th February 2015
Finance Committee	5th February 2015
Nominations Committee	27th November 2014
Remuneration Committee	27th November 2014

**6355 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Council received summary reports from Executive Committee held in November and December 2014 (Papers C14/15-66A and 66B).

**6356 SENATE**

Council received the minutes from the meetings of Senate held on 3rd December 2014 and 4th February 2015 (Papers C14/15-67A and 67B).

**6357 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2014/15**

The programme of meetings for the rest of the year was noted as Thursday 21st May and Thursday 9th July 2015. All meetings would start at 4.15pm in the Council Chamber unless otherwise stated.

**6358 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair of Council reported that this would be Professor Kevin Edge's last meeting of Council and thanked him for his work and contribution to the University over many years of loyal service.

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The meeting concluded at 6.30pm

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