

## Minutes of Meeting

Court  
13 June 2023, 2.00pm

Location: Online (Microsoft Teams)

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### Present:

Jamie Agombar  
Professor Georgina Andrews  
Youssef Asaad  
Kimberley Bingham  
Maria Bond  
Robert Brain  
Professor Alan Bramley  
Dr Judith Brown  
Pete Capener  
Pamela Chesters  
Marian Curran  
Elizabeth Dark  
Professor James Davenport  
Lynne Fernquest  
Professor Antonio Ferrer-Montiel  
Tim Ford  
Ruth Foreman  
Dr Sabina Gheduzzi  
Professor Felix Goni  
Professor Sarah Hainsworth  
Professor Geoff Hammond  
Dr Alan Hayes

Titus Hiller  
Steve Huckvale  
David Kelly  
Julia Kildyushova  
Professor Hartmut Logemann  
Dr Justine Mercer  
Professor Jane Millar  
Charlotte Moar  
Professor Bernie Morley  
Drew Ritchie  
Nathan Roberts  
Alexander Robinson  
Dr Chris Roche  
Councillor Dine Romero  
Professor Jonathan Slack  
Professor Jeff Thompson  
Viktor Toshev  
Dr Steve Wharton  
Professor Ian White  
Professor Jane White  
Professor Cassie Wilson

### Secretariat:

Laura Andrews, Secretary  
Caroline Pringle  
Ruth Robins

### Apologies:

His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex  
Professor Philip Allmendinger  
Andie Barlow  
Dawn Bonfield MBE  
Richard Bonner

Dr Rob Branston  
Professor Julian Chaudhuri  
Professor David Collard  
Dr Randolph Cooper  
Dr Helen Featherstone

Christine Gibbons  
Barry Gilbertson  
Professor Hester Klopper  
Wera Hobhouse  
Dan Norris  
Sir Paul Phillips  
Adrian Price

Elizabeth Stacey  
Michael Storey  
Dr Chloe Turner  
Luca Volentir  
Chris Watt  
Professor Geof Wood

## Introductory items

### 22 - Welcome and Quorum

Pro-Chancellor, Ruth Foreman, welcomed members and attendees and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

### 23 - Declarations of Interest

Pamela Chesters declared an interest relating to item 24 (CT22/23 – 04) in her capacity as Chair of Council, as the proposed amendments to Charter included the addition of the Chair of Council as an Officer of the University.

### 24 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting – CT21/22 – 04

Court approved the minutes of the previous meeting of Court held on 20 April 2023, subject to the following amendments proposed by Dr Helen Featherstone:

- a. To note that Dr Featherstone was present at the meeting within the list of attendees
- b. To include the correct terminology for ‘civic partnership’ under item 17, to be amended to ‘Civic University Agreement’.

*Due to the distance between meetings of Court, approval of the minutes would be obtained within one month of the meeting.*

## Main business

### 25 – Amendments to Charter – CT21/22 – 05

The Court was presented with proposed amendments to the University Charter for a second and final time, pursuant to the Special Resolution Procedure of the Court as set out in [section 29\(c\) of the University Charter](#).

These amendments had been recommended to the Court by the Senate (1 February 2023) and the Council (23 February 2023) and were approved for the first time by the Court, with two minor amendments, on 20 April 2023.

A question was raised regarding use of the terminology ‘scientific’ in point 25.(c) of Appendix 1: ‘Aspire to the highest standards of scientific, ethical, and professional integrity, whilst supporting the freedom to challenge received wisdom’, with a query regarding whether this should better reflect the University’s work in the arts. The meeting discussed this potential amendment but reached a consensus that ‘scientific’ had traditionally been

interpreted at the University in the broadest sense and, therefore, the current wording of 25.(c) did not require further amendment.

The Court approved the proposed amendments to Charter, as amended on 20 April 2023, for formal submission to Privy Council.

## Closing items

### **26 – Next meeting**

Court noted the date of the next scheduled meeting of Court was 7 February 2024 at 2.15pm.

### **27– Any Other Business**

Professor Sarah Hainsworth raised awareness of the University's latest achievement, having reached 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Complete University Guide 2024. The University of Bath had ranked just behind Cambridge, Oxford, London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London) and St Andrews.

The meeting closed at 2.14pm