

## **Web update from Senate**

The following issues were discussed at the meeting of Senate on 17 June 2020:

### **Vice-Chancellor's report**

The Vice-Chancellor presented his [formal report](#) on key issues facing the University. He thanked everyone involved in all the work undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: academic colleagues, Registry staff and other colleagues across the University. He discussed the groups which had been set up to manage elements of this work, specifically the Resilient Bath Curriculum Project Team, Student Engagement Project Team and Carrying Capacity Project Team. These were being co-ordinated by a Programme Board. There was a discussion about the academic workload model, the balance between teaching and research, and work/life balance; Heads of Department were responsible for individuals' workloads. He also acknowledged the effect on the community of the death of George Floyd in the US; a new staff group was being set up to consider in detail and address minority issues, and he thanked the SU for the forum they had organised.

### **COVID-19 Business Continuity Responses**

Senate received an update on the changes to teaching and learning made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further provision was agreed regarding registration arrangements for continuing doctoral students. Senate agreed to establish a new [Curriculum Committee](#) to speed up the process for managing changes required over the coming year.

### **Degree Outcomes Statement**

Senate discussed the initial findings of the University's review of degree outcomes and commented on the draft Degree Outcomes Statement in advance of consideration by Council.

### **Annual Statement on Research Integrity**

Senate considered the draft annual statement and recommended it for Council's approval.

### **Governance matters**

- **Regulations**  
Senate approved changes to Regulation 7 – Student Discipline – with effect from 1 August 2020. Regulation 7 will be formally reviewed before the end of the next academic year. The web pages will be updated in due course.
- **Statutes**  
Senate gave formal consideration to proposed changes to Statutes, for recommending to Council.
- **Ordinances**  
Senate gave formal consideration to proposed changes to Ordinances, including Ordinance 22.8 and 22.9 regarding Intellectual Property.
- **Senate [Standing Orders](#)**  
Senate agreed an addition to item 7 to about disclosure of individual interests.

### **Senate Effectiveness Review**

Senate approved a series of initial recommendations from its Effectiveness Review and agreed an outline action plan. The report can be found at:

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/teams/senate-effectiveness-review-2019-20/>.

Other recommendations will be considered at the next Senate meeting.