

## **Web update from Senate**

The following issues were discussed at the meeting of Senate on 5 February 2020:

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

The Vice-Chancellor presented his formal [report](#) on key issues facing the University. He also gave an update on the upcoming industrial action and Nicky Kemp explained precautions being taken in regard to the [Coronavirus](#) outbreak.

### **Curriculum Transformation**

Professor Peter Lambert, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching) and John Adams, Programme Manager, gave an update on progress, timelines and planning for [Curriculum Transformation](#). Senate approved assessment regulations for transformed postgraduate taught courses and also approved the full revised specification of the new modular academic framework.

### **Student Admissions**

Senate discussed student admissions figures for 2019 and noted applications for 2020.

### **REF 2021**

Professor Jonathan Knight, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), reported on preparations for [REF 2021](#).

### **Equality and Diversity Committee**

Senate discussed the Annual Report of the Equality and Diversity Committee

### **University Independent Advisor for Postgraduate Research Students**

Senate discussed actions being taken by senior management to address issues raised in the Annual Report for 2018/19 from Professor Marcelle McManus, the University's Independent Advisor for Postgraduate Research Students.

### **Regulation and Policy Changes**

Senate discussed and approved changes to the Dignity and Respect Policy and procedure, Student Complaints policy and Regulation 8 (Disciplinary Procedure).

### **IT Issues**

Senate discussed issues of Cyber security and the Attendance App.

### **Committee memberships**

Senate approved an increase in the number of Senate members who could be elected to the Senate Appeals Committee (to eight), although the quoracy would remain the same; this would help deal with the increase in student disciplinary caseload.

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