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**Meeting:** COUNCIL

**Date and Time:** Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 4.15pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber

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

Mr P Wyman (Treasurer)	Mr R Hughes (Appointed Member)
Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell (Vice-Chancellor)	Mr S Sharpe (Appointed Member)
Professor B Morley (Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost)	Mr J Stanion (Appointed Member)
Sir Julian Horn-Smith (Pro-Chancellor)	Dr M Carley (Elected by Academic Assembly)
Dr A Salo (Chair of Academic Assembly)	Professor J Davenport (Elected by Senate)
Mrs C Gibbons (Appointed by Convocation)	Ms K Robinson (Elected by Senate)
Professor B Gilbertson (Appointed Member)	Dr S Wharton (Elected by Senate)
Ms A Goodman (Appointed Member)	Ms C Marr (Elected by Non-academic staff)
Mr M Hawkesworth (Appointed Member)	Mr J Kenny (Students' Union President)
Dr M Hipkins (Appointed Member)	Ms L Woodcock (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 Knight	- Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor P Lambert	- Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching)
Mr S Egan	- Vice-President (Implementation)
Professor D Bird	- Dean, Faculty of Science
Professor I Butler	- Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
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
Ms A Pater	- Head of Secretariat
Mr M Whalley	- Director of Estates

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R Foreman, Professor T Ibell, Baroness Royall, Mr P Troughton, Mr R Whorrod, and Professor G Hawley and Professor V Hope Hailey.

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The meeting started with a minute's silence for Roger Pedder, who passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> October. He had been a member of Council from 2003 until 2007 and also Treasurer from January 2008 until December 2010.

The Chair welcomed Mrs Christine Gibbons and Mr Sam Sharpe to their first meeting as newly appointed members. Dr Aki Salo was welcomed as the new Chair of Academic Assembly and Professor James Davenport as new member elected by Senate.

**6435 PRESENTATION**

Council received a presentation from the Students' Union (SU) on their Top 10 Issues for 2015/16. The Chair thanked all the presenters for a very informative and interesting presentation. The slides are kept with the record of the papers for the meeting. There was a discussion about the development of the Dignity and Respect policy, following on from one of the previous year's Top Ten issues.

It was agreed that the SU would report back to Council on progress towards the end of the academic year.

**6436 MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS**

Council noted its membership and functions (Paper C15/16 – 01).

**6437 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 9th July 2015 were APPROVED as a correct record and signed by the Chair (Paper C15/16-02).

**6438 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 6428: Manvers Street, approval of Additional Funds. Martyn Whalley reported that the design was progressing well; a final cost was not yet available but it would not exceed the amount approved by Council.

**6439 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Council NOTED the report of the Vice-Chancellor (Paper C15/16-03) on key issues for the University. The Vice-Chancellor also reported on the recent University's top ten ranking in the THE 'Table of Tables'.

It was also noted that UCU were no longer in dispute over the staff pay offer; 1% would be paid in November, backdated to August 2015.

**6440 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES 2014/15**

Council NOTED the Annual Report from the Acting Director of Human Resources 2014/15 (Paper C15/16-07). Peter Eley attended for this item.

There was a discussion about the increase in staffing levels, staff development, sickness rates and the low percentage of female professors. It was NOTED that in Appendix 9, item 7, 110 was 81% of 135 (not 90%). It was also NOTED that although the University had agreed to pay a supplement to bring staff pay up to the level of the Living Wage, it did not feel it was appropriate to guarantee this contractually as the rate was not within the control of the University.

**6441 UNIVERSITY STRATEGY FRAMEWORK**

Council considered Paper C15/16-10, and APPROVED the amendments to the Framework for the Maintenance of the University Strategy and the indicative timetable for the development of the new University Strategy.

**6442 50th ANNIVERSARY**

Council NOTED Paper C15/16-09 regarding preparations for the University's 50th Anniversary.

**6443 FINANCE – AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES**

Council considered paper C15/16-12. It APPROVED the following resolution:

Any two of the following person(s) on the attached list shall be authorised to issue any proper instructions and generally to give any instructions from time to time on behalf of the University of Bath, to HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited, the Administrator's Delegate of Value Partners Classic (Cayman) fund:

Professor Dame Glynis M Breakwell, Vice-Chancellor  
Professor Bernie Morley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost  
Mark G W Humphriss, University Secretary  
Diane Aderyn, Director of Finance & Commercial Services  
Martin Williams, Chief Financial Officer.

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**6444 URGENT BUSINESS**

Council NOTED the report (paper C15/16-13) of action taken since the previous meeting, namely approval of investment of University funds.

**6445 CHANGES TO RESEARCH CENTRES ANNUAL REPORT**

Council NOTED Paper C15/16-14, the Annual Report on changes to research centres and directors.

**6446 OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR ANNUAL LETTER**

Council NOTED Paper C15/16-15, regarding the Annual letter from the Office of the Independent Adjudicator.

**6447 FORWARD PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS 2015/16**

Council NOTED Paper C15/16-16 which set out the topics of business expected for the coming year.

**6448 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Council received summary reports from Executive Committee held in June and July 2015 (papers C15/16-17A and 17B).

**6449 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2015/16**

Council NOTED meeting dates for the academic year:

26th November 2015  
25th February 2016  
19th May 2016  
7th July 2016.

**6450 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

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The meeting concluded at 6.10pm

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