

Central Management Group

Wednesday, 24 August 2011



MINUTE

Present: The Principal (in the chair)
Senior Vice-Principal Professor N Brown
Vice-Principal Professor M Bownes
Vice-Principal Professor J Haywood
Vice-Principal Professor S Hillier
Vice-Principal Professor D Hounsell
Vice-Principal Professor C Jeffery
Vice-Principal Professor D Miell
Vice-Principal Professor L Yellowlees
Professor J Seckl
Mr N A L Paul
Dr K Waldron

In attendance: Dr I Conn
Mr A Currie
Mr J Gorringe
Ms S Gupta
Mr D Waddell
Ms F Boyd
Dr K J Novosel

Apologies: Vice-Principal Professor R Kenway
Vice-Principal Professor L Waterhouse
Dr A R Cornish

1 MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2011

Paper A

The Minute of the meeting held on 15 June 2011 was approved as a correct record.

CMG welcomed Vice-Principal Professor Charlie Jeffery and Vice-Principal Professor Lesley Yellowlees to this their first meeting and noted that Senior Vice-Principal Professor Nigel Brown was now attending in the capacity of Vice-Principal with responsibility for Planning, Resources and Research Policy.

2 PRINCIPAL'S BUSINESS

2.1 Principal's Communications

The Principal reported on the following: recent meetings with the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011 and its call for evidence on the review of governance arrangements; NSS results; student intake numbers 2011/2012; ECA merger; Edinburgh Festivals and; James Tait Black award ceremony.

2.2 Principal's Strategy Group Paper B

CMG noted the report.

FOR DISCUSSION

3 RUK FEES (CLOSED) Paper C

It was noted that the Scottish Government was currently consulting on proposals to introduce secondary legislation on arrangements to enable Scottish Universities to set their own fees for students who usually live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland (RUK) from the academic year 2012/2013 onwards. CMG discussed a tabled draft paper which set out options in respect of issues around the setting of fees for RUK domiciled undergraduate students to be submitted to the next meeting of Court and suggested possible amendments and areas for further consideration. The proposals as set out in the paper and the proposed communications approach were unanimously endorsed by CMG.

4 ECA BUDGET (CLOSED) Paper D

CMG approved the proposed adjustments to the 2011/2012 budget allocation to take account of additional anticipated income following the merger with the Edinburgh College of Art and distribution of this income to CHSS and Support Groups which had been discussed with ECA colleagues.

5 REPORT FROM STAFF COMMITTEE Paper E

The issues discussed at the last meeting of the Staff Committee were noted. In particular CMG welcomed the arrangements in respect of the performance and development review and the proposals to support the progression of female academic staff and to look at wider diversity issues.

6 DELEGATED AUTHORISATION SCHEDULE (CLOSED) Paper F

It was noted that the repeal of the Commissioners' Ordinance and discussion at the Audit Committee around a staff severance case required consideration of amendments to the approved Delegated Authorisation Schedule (DAS). The proposed amendments related to section 3, staff. It was noted that the levels of authority were in line with the rest of the DAS. CMG endorsed the proposals subject to inclusion in the note to the amended section that the Director of Human Resources should be consulted throughout the process and recommended approval to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Court.

FOR INFORMATION/FORMAL APPROVAL

7 LATIN AMERICAN TOUR: VICE-PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL'S REPORT Paper G

CMG noted the report and in particular welcomed the continuing work to identify the location of a potential new University office in Latin America.

8 FEES STRATEGY GROUP (CLOSED) Paper H

The ECA undergraduate and postgraduate fees for 2012/2013, the University of Delhi staff scholarship scheme, the withdrawal policy for part time intermittent study programmes, tuition fees for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 for a range of degrees and programmes in the three Colleges and the recommendations as set out in the three appendices were approved by CMG. CMG, while approving all the recommendations in respect of distance education initiatives, was in agreement that further consideration was required to be given to the other suggestions and also asked that the proposals for international students spending a year abroad be further considered.

9 EXPENSES POLICY (CLOSED) Paper I

CMG endorsed the proposed Policy including the specific guidelines for senior staff.

10 PROPOSAL TO CREATE A PERSONAL CHAIR IN THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE Paper J

CMG approved the proposal to establish a Personal Senior Research Chair of History.

11 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CHAIR OF COMPUTER SECURITY IN THE SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS Paper K

CMG approved the proposal to establish a Chair of Computer Security.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11 October 2011 at 10.30am in the Reception Room, McEwan Hall