

**Central Management Group**



**Wednesday, 20 June 2012**

**MINUTE**

Present: The Principal  
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 R Kenway  
Vice-Principal Professor D Miell  
Vice-Principal Professor L Waterhouse  
Vice-Principal Professor L Yellowlees  
Professor J Seckl  
Mr N A L Paul  
Dr K Waldron

In attendance: Dr I Conn  
Dr A R Cornish  
Mr A Currie  
Mr J Gorringe  
Mr D Waddell  
Ms E Fraser on behalf of Ms S Gupta  
Mr H McKay ( for item 5 only)  
Dr K J Novosel

Apologies: Vice-Principal Professor C Breward  
Ms S Gupta

**1 MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2012**

**Paper A**

The Minute of the meeting held on 23 May 2012 was approved as a correct record.

CMG noted that this would be the last meeting attended by Senior Vice-Principal Professor Nigel Brown and Mr Jon Gorringe who would both be retiring over the summer and thanked them for all their work on this Group and across the University.

**2 PRINCIPAL'S BUSINESS**

**2.1 Principal's Communications**

The Principal reported on the following: strengthening collaboration with Heriot-Watt University; the success of the General Council meeting and weekend of events in Berlin; the European Confucius Institutes and Classroom Conference hosted by the University; the 50 years' celebration of the Centre of African Studies; undergraduate application figures; commercial developments at the BioQuarter and Edinburgh Technopole; the current position re the Uni-Tots Nursery and the Bongo Club; UKBA

issues; and further development of part-time University employment of PhD students.

**2.2 Principal's Strategy Group Paper B**

CMG noted the report.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**3 SFC – OUTCOME AGREEMENT Paper C**

The current approach to taking forward the development of the SFC outcome agreement, including governance arrangements, was supported by CMG and the six overarching themes were noted. A draft outcome agreement would be circulated later today and colleagues agreed to submit comments by 3.00pm on 21 June to allow a revised document to be circulated to the SFC for discussion at the next meeting planned with the SFC.

**4 SCOTTISH EQUALITY REGULATIONS AND EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CLOSED) Paper D**

The requirements of the new regulations which came into force on 27 May 2012 in respect of the Equality Act 2010 were noted and CMG approved the actions being proposed to comply with these new duties including a revision on the current coversheets of Court/Senate/Committee papers and the development of a University Policy Statement.

**5 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT Paper E**

CMG noted the themes emerging from internal audit assignments completed between October 2011 and May 2012 in particular issues around IT security/data protection and UKBA legislation. It was agreed that a paper should be prepared for a future meeting of CMG setting out options for consideration on how best to ensure an independent review of IT security across the University reflecting previous recommendations contained within the Kenway Report and taking cognisance of staff's personal responsibilities in this area which could include the development of a new function with CSG to take this forward.

**FOR INFORMATION/FORMAL APPROVAL**

**6 REPORT FROM STAFF COMMITTEE Paper F**

The report was noted and CMG in particular welcomed the work around the staff disability policy.

**7 REPORT FROM FEES STRATEGY GROUP (CLOSED) Paper G**

CMG approved the recommendations in respect of the Erasmus-Mundus Partnership, changes to fees for law and economics programmes and MD for 2013/2014, allocation of fee income for two PGT language courses and proposals for Colombia Colciencias scholarships. CMG further noted the various issues around international tuition fee arrangements and the actions being taken to take this forward particularly around financial modelling and

the need to identify a sustainable solution.

**8 TUITION FEES (CLOSED) Paper H**

CMG approved the recommendations for tuition fees for 2013/2014 in respect of various PGT courses in HSS and CSE.

**9 PROPOSAL FOR MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY (CLOSED) Paper I**

The proposal to establish a new Department of Social Responsibility and Sustainability within the Corporate Service Group with responsibility for taking forward the approved SRS Strategy was fully endorsed by CMG including the proposed staff structure.

**10 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CHAIR OF HISTORY OF ART Paper J**

CMG approved the proposal to establish a new Chair of History of Art.

**11 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CHAIR OF GEOCHEMISTRY Paper K**

CMG approved the proposal to establish a new Chair of Geochemistry.

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 22 August 2012 at 10.30 am in the Raeburn Room, Old College

**Central Management Group**

**Electronic meeting concluded on 6 July 2012**

**1 ROUTINE TUITION FEES: POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT Paper A**

CMG approved the recommendations for fee levels for two MSc programmes for 2012/2013 as set out in the paper and approved the revision of the previously agreed fee uplift for a taught postgraduate programme for 2013/2014.

**2 FEES STRATEGY GROUP: CONVENER'S ACTION Paper B**

CMG approved the proposals for 2012/2013 fee levels for two new CPD courses, the charging of an application fee for certain postgraduate taught programmes on a trial basis in 2013/2014, and two additional scholarships for 2012/2013 only re the University of Delhi.