

MINUTE OF A MEETING of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh held in the Reception Room, McEwan Hall on Monday 16 May 2011.

Present: The Rector (in chair)
The Principal
Mr D A Connell
Professor A M Smyth
Mrs M Tait
Dr M Aliotta
Professor J Ansell
Professor D Finnegan
Dr J Markland, Vice-Convener
Professor J Barbour
Mr P Budd
Professor S Monro
Mr M Murray
Ms A Richards
Ms G Stewart
Ms L Rawlings, President Students' Representative Council
Ms S Wise, Vice-President Students' Representative Council

In attendance: Ms S Beattie-Smith, Rector's Assessor
Vice-Principal Professor A McMahon
Vice-Principal Professor D Miell
Vice-Principal Professor D Fergusson
Dr K Waldron, University Secretary
Dr I Conn, Director of Communications and Marketing
Dr A Cornish, Deputy University Secretary and Director of Planning
Mr A Currie, Director of Estates and Buildings
Mr J Gorringer, Director of Finance
Ms S Gupta, Director of Human Resources
Ms F Boyd, Principal's Policy and Executive Officer
Mr M McPherson, EUSA President elect
Dr K J Novosel, Head of Court Services

Apologies: The Rt Hon G Grubb, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh
Professor L Yellowlees
Mr D Brook
Mr D Workman

The Court received a presentation from Vice-Principal Professor Hounsell on 'Improving our performance in the National Student Survey'

A FORMAL BUSINESS

1 MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2011

Paper A1

The Minute of the meeting held on 21 February 2011 was approved as a correct record.

Court noted that this would be the last meeting attended by Ms Liz Rawlings, EUSA President and Ms Stevie Wise, EUSA Vice-President Academic Affairs and Court recorded its thanks for their contributions to the work of Court and wished them good luck for the future.

Court welcomed Mr Matt McPherson EUSA President designate who was in attendance at this meeting.

2 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2011 AND OF ELECTRONIC MEETINGS CONCLUDED ON 18 MARCH, 1 APRIL AND 18 APRIL 2011 **Paper A2**

Court approved the notes.

3 COURT SEMINAR – 21 MARCH 2011 **Paper A3**

Court approved the note of the Seminar held on 21 March 2011.

B PRINCIPAL'S BUSINESS

1 PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNICATIONS **Paper B2**

Court was saddened to learn of Professor Noreen Murray's death on 12 May 2011.

Court noted the items within the Principal's report and the additional information on: strengthening links with India; the anticipated impact on new English language requirements for international students particularly in respect of those already offered places for 2011/2012; the outcome of the Scottish elections; the election of HRH The Princess Royal as Chancellor of the University with effect from 31 March 2011; potential industrial action; discussions with Heriot-Watt University; the excellent outcome of the EUSA Teaching awards 2011; external recognition of members of staff particularly Professor Adrian Bird receiving the Canada Gairdner International Award for his pioneering discoveries on DNA and Mr Gorringer being named Finance Director of the Year for the public/not-for-profit sector in Scotland; and recent funding from the Wellcome Trust.

2 VICE-PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS **Paper B3**

On the recommendation of the Principal, Court approved the following:

Term of Office of Vice-Principals and Assistant Principals

Vice-Principal Professor Stephen Hillier, International to be extended until 26 October 2014.

Vice-Principal Professor Dai Hounsell, Academic Enhancement to be extended until 14 December 2012.

Vice-Principal Professor Richard Kenway, High Performance Computing to be extending until 30 September 2014.

Assistant Principal Dr Susan Rigby, Taught Postgraduate Courses to be extended until 4 January 2013.

Honorary Assistant Principal Professor Andrew Calder, Reproductive Health to be extended until 31 July 2013.

Honorary Assistant Principal Professor John Smyth, Cancer Research Development to be extended until 31 March 2013.

Senior Vice-Principal

Professor Nigel Brown's role as Senior Vice-Principal to commence from 1 March 2011 until 31 July 2012 and his role as Senior Vice-Principal, Planning, Resources and Research Policy to commence from 1 August 2011.

Court further approved the revised authorised deputies' schedule with immediate effect.

Vice Principal Research Training and Community Relations

Professor Mary Bownes to be designated Vice-Principal External Engagement with effect from 1 March 2011. Court further approved the revised job description which incorporated the new responsibilities for development.

New Assistant Principal

Professor Ian Pirie to be designated Assistant Principal, Learning Developments with effect from 1 August 2011 for two years.

3 HEAD OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING Paper B3

Court approved the appointment of Professor Lesley Yellowlees as Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science and Engineering with effect from 1 August 2011 for a period of up to three years. Court further noted that Professor Yellowlees would be designated Executive Dean and Vice-Principal designate from the 1 June 2011.

C SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

1 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Dr Markland presented the papers previously circulated. Court asked that further consideration be given to those items within these reports which could perhaps be separate items on Court agendas particularly those dealing with financial issues.

Report from Central Management Group's meetings of 9 March and 20 April 2011

Paper C1.1

Court approved the Policy for the Management of Research Data as set out in the paper and noted the other items. There was discussion on the EDMARC Report particularly the analysis of ethnicity data and on the terminology used in the report.

Report on Other Items

Paper C1.2

The implementation of the revised core employment policies from 1 April 2011 was welcomed by Court and there was support for further information to be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the venture fund. The University's continuing strong financial position was commended and Court endorsed the proposals to explore possible long-term loan arrangements.

There was detailed discussion on the mid-year actions report on progress towards taking forward targets in the Strategic Plan. Court welcomed this report and the robust monitoring of those targets assessed as requiring further work. Court expressed its continuing concern on progress towards achieving the staff performance and development review target and while welcoming the production of data presented in respect of the career progression of female academics and the initiatives being undertaken asked if the Vice-Principal for Equality and Diversity could lead on undertaking further work in this area with the view to preparing a paper for a future meeting of Court. Court also asked for further information on philanthropic giving and the Edinburgh Campaign.

Court endorsed and commended the 2011/2012 resource allocation and noted the research and commercialisation report and the actions being taken to adapt to the new research funding environment.

2 THE EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF ART Paper C2

Court welcomed confirmation that on the 23 March 2011, The Edinburgh College of Art (Transfer) (Scotland) Order, SSI 2011 No. 54 for the merger of the two institutions had completed its 40 day period in the Scottish Parliament and all stages in the approval process having now been met that the merger with Edinburgh College of Art would take effect on 1 August 2011. The activities of the Merger Implementation Strategy Group were noted and that only a small number of issues remained to be resolved including matters around the eca Alumni Association Council and student association. It was further noted that there continued to be on-going communications and events at all levels between the University and Edinburgh College of Art to take forward the implementation and that operational eca estates matters were now being managed from within the University.

The process to appoint a Principal for the new eca within the University was progressing with interviews to be held later this month; there was a strong field of candidates and representatives of eca and the University were represented on the selection panel. It was also noted that post merger the University would be monitoring the financial position of eca and that there would be both central and College support.

Court further approved the following draft Resolutions:

- Draft Resolution No. 6/2011: Merger with Edinburgh College of Art
- Draft Resolution No. 7/2011: Foundation of Chairs associated with merger with Edinburgh College of Art
- Draft Resolution No. 8/2011: Merger with Edinburgh College of Art: Institution of new postgraduate Degrees
- Draft Resolution No. 9/2011: Merger with Edinburgh College of Art: Institution of new undergraduate Degrees
- Draft Resolution No. 10/2011: Revocations associated with the merger with Edinburgh College of Art

and requested their transmission to the General Council, Senatus Academicus and Edinburgh College of Art for observation.

3 CORPORATE HR RESTRUCTURING Paper C3

The recommendation of the Redundancy Committee was noted and approved by Court including the financial implications.

4 REPORT FROM ESTATES COMMITTEE Paper C4

Court approved the various recommendations as set out on the coversheet and noted that the next meeting of the Estates Committee would undertake a more detailed review of the current capital programme based on the revised available funding. Court further noted the progress towards completing the missives for the sale of Summerhall, the current position on the legal dispute regarding the disposal of the Cramond Campus and the discussions following the tragic accident on University owned land in Bilston Wood.

5 REPORT FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Paper C5

On the recommendations of the Nominations Committee the following appointments were approved:

Audit Committee

Mr Alan Johnston and Mrs Elaine Noad to be appointed with effect from 1 September 2011 until 31 August 2014.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Professor Ann Smyth and Dr Chris Masters to be appointed with effect from 1 September 2011 until 31 August 2014.

Investment Committee

Mr Richard Davidson and Mr Les Matheson to be appointed from 1 August 2011 until 31 August 2014.

Knowledge Strategy Committee

Professor Ann Smyth's current term of office to be extended by two years until 31 August 2013.

Nominations Committee

Professor Ann Smyth's current term of office to be extended by two years until 31 August 2013.

Mrs Elaine Noad to be appointed from 1 September 2011 until 31 August 2014.

Remuneration Committee

Dr Chris Masters to be appointed from 1 September 2011 until 31 August 2014.

Ms Anne Richards to be appointed from 1 September 2011 for one year in the first instance.

Risk Management Committee

Mrs Margaret Tait to be appointed from 1 September 2011 until 31 August 2013.

Staff Committee

Mrs Elaine Noad to be appointed from 1 September 2011 until 31 August 2014.

6 REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE Paper C6

The draft Minute of the Audit Committee meeting held on 24 March 2011 was noted in particular the intention to include information on attendance at Court and Committees within the Annual Accounts. Court was content with assurance provided in respect of two of the internal audit reports and further noted that the Audit Committee would consider at its next meeting the process to approve the Edinburgh College of Art Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2011.

7 REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BENEFACTORS Paper C7

Court approved the recommendations of the Committee on University Benefactors and agreed to bestow the Distinction of University Benefactor on Dr J K Rowling and the PiggyBankKids. Court further approved a third benefaction noting the particular circumstances surrounding this donation.

D ITEMS FOR FORMAL APPROVAL OR NOTE

1 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS Paper D1

Court approved the following draft Resolutions:

Draft Resolution No. 4/2011: Institution of new postgraduate Degree: Master of Public Health

Draft Resolution No. 5/2011: Institution of new postgraduate Degree: Master of Surgery (General Surgery)

Draft Resolution No. 15/2011: Amendment to Resolution No. 45/2006

Draft Resolution No. 16/2011: Institution of new postgraduate Degree: Master of Public Policy

Draft Resolution No. 17/2011: Postgraduate Degree Programme Regulations

Draft Resolution No. 18/2011: Undergraduate Degree Programme Regulations

and requested their transmission to the General Council and Senatus Academicus for observations.

2 ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF FOUNDATIONS, MORTIFICATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND BURSARIES, USE OF SURPLUS REVENUE AND ALTERATION OF ENDOWMENTS Paper D2

Court noted the approval of the above Ordinance by the Privy Council on 16 March 2011.

3 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE Paper D3

The terms of reference of the Library Committee were approved by Court.

4 COURT MEETINGS 2011/2012 Paper D4

Court noted the dates and venues for meetings of the Court in 2011/2012.

5 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES Paper D5

Court was pleased to note the donations and legacies to be notified received by the University of Edinburgh, Development Trust between 1 February and 30 April 2011.

6 USE OF THE SEAL

A record was made available of all the documents executed on behalf of the Court since its last meeting and sealed with its common seal.