

MINUTE OF A MEETING *of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh held in the Conference Room Business School, G.01, 29 Buccleuch Place, on Monday 2 July 2012.*

- Present:**
- Rector (in chair)
 - The Principal
 - Sheriff Principal E Bowen
 - Mr A Johnston
 - Professor A M Smyth
 - Mrs M Tait
 - Professor J Ansell
 - Professor D Finnegan
 - Professor A Harmar
 - Professor S Monro, Vice-Convener
 - Professor J Barbour
 - Mr M Murray
 - Mrs E Noad
 - Ms A Richards
 - Mr D Workman
 - Mr J McAsh, President Students' Representative Council
 - Mr A Burnie, Vice-President Students' Representative Council
- In attendance:**
- Ms S Beattie-Smith, Rector's Assessor
 - Senior Vice-Principal Professor N Brown
 - Vice-Principal Professor M Bownes
 - Vice-Principal Professor J Haywood
 - Vice-Principal Professor D Miell
 - Vice-Principal Professor L Yellowlees
 - Assistant Principal Dr S Rigby
 - Dr B Black, Court Lay Member designate
 - Dr K Waldron, University Secretary
 - Mr N Paul, Director of Corporate Services
 - Dr I Conn, Director Communications and Marketing
 - Dr A Cornish, Deputy University Secretary and Director of Planning
 - Mr A Currie, Director of Estates and Buildings
 - Mr J Gorringe, Director of Finance
 - Ms E Fraser, Deputy Director of Human Resources
 - Ms F Boyd, Head of Stakeholder Relations and Senior Executive Officer
 - Dr K J Novosel, Head of Court Services
- Apologies:**
- Dr M Aliotta
 - The Rt Hon D Wilson, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh
 - Mr P Budd
 - Dr C Masters
 - Mr D Brook

Court received a presentation titled 'Enriching the Learning Experience – Beyond the Curriculum' delivered by Vice-Principal Professor Haywood and Assistant Principal Dr Rigby.

A FORMAL BUSINESS

1 MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2012

Paper A1

The Minute of the meeting held on 14 May 2012 was approved as a correct record. Court approved an amendment to the membership of the Sub-Group granted delegated authority to approve a preferred bidder to take forward the Holyrood development. Professor Monro, Professor Smyth and Mr Budd were confirmed as the three members of this Sub-Group. Court further approved the circulation of the position statement on the Review of Higher Education Governance agreed at its last meeting to the Cabinet Secretary and to union colleagues and Senate members. The recent announcement by the Cabinet Secretary on proposals to take forward the recommendations of the Review of Higher Education Governance was noted by Court. It was further noted that the University's review of the ECA merger had commenced and that the views of a wide range of stakeholders were being sought.

Court welcomed Mr James McAsh and Mr Andrew Burnie to this their first meeting of Court as members; both had been in attendance at the last meeting of Court. Court further welcomed Dr Robert Black who would be joining Court as a lay member at the start of the next academic session and was in attendance at this meeting.

This would be the last meeting to be attended by Professor James Barbour, Mr Malcolm Murray and Mr Donald Workman and Court warmly thanked them for their commitment to the University, their work on Court and its Committees and wished them well for the future. Court further noted that Senior Vice-Principal Professor Nigel Brown and Mr Jon Gorringe would be retiring over the summer and that this would also be their last Court meeting. Court wished to record its appreciation of their considerable contributions to the University and wished them well for the future.

2 ELECTION OF SENATE ASSESSORS

Paper A2

Court welcomed the re-election of Professor Jake Ansell and Dr Marialuisa Aliotta for a further four year term of office as Senate Assessors on Court until 31 July 2016.

3 APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF EDINBURGH ASSESSOR

Paper A3

Court welcomed the confirmation of the Rt Hon Donald Wilson, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh as the City of Edinburgh Assessor on Court with immediate effect until 30 April 2017.

4 APPOINTMENT OF CURATORS OF PATRONAGE

Paper A4

Court welcomed confirmation of the Rt Hon Donald Wilson, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, Councillor Richard Lewis and Councillor Mark McInnes as the City of Edinburgh's three Curators of Patronage with immediate effect until 30 April 2017.

B PRINCIPAL'S BUSINESS

1 PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNICATIONS

Paper B1

Court noted the items within the Principal's report and the additional information on: the anticipated announce from CERN on the Higgs boson; uncertainties around undergraduate uptake of offers and the proposed mechanism to ascertain if the University should enter into clearance in some areas; the successful General Council meeting in Berlin and weekend of events; the hosting of the successful European

Confucius Institutes and Classroom Conference; the UK Government's revision of proposed changes to tax relief on charitable donations; the continuing issues with UKBA; the preparation of a paper for the next meeting of the Audit Committee around assessing the risks associated with divergent fees policies; strengthening the strategic alliance with Heriot-Watt University; and the very successful summer graduation ceremonies.

On behalf of Court the Vice-Convener congratulated the Principal on his honorary degree from McGill University, Canada.

It was noted that there had been erroneous media coverage regarding admission of Chinese students and it was confirmed that the University had no arrangements with the agents mentioned in the media reports or different qualification requirements.

2 DESIGNATION OF VICE-PRINCIPALS

Paper B2

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

Professor Jonathan Seckl to be appointed Vice-Principal Planning, Resources and Research Policy with effect from 1 August 2012 for a period of three years.

Dr Sue Rigby to be appointed Vice-Principal Learning and Teaching with effect from 1 September 2012 for a period of three years.

Professor Dai Hounsell to be appointed Vice-Principal Assessment and Feedback with effect from 1 September 2012 for a period of two years.

Vice-Principal Professor Charlie Jeffery's current role to include leadership in a number of additional areas around enhancing the impact of the University through public policy and knowledge exchange with effect from 1 August 2012 and his designation to be amended to Vice-Principal Public Policy and Impact to reflect this extended role.

C SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

1 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Professor Monro presented the papers previously circulated.

Report of the Central Management Group meeting of 23 May 2012

Paper C1.1

Court noted in particular the report from the Standing Consultative Committee on Redundancy Avoidance (SCCRA) and welcomed the continuing valuable work of this Committee. Assurances were provided on the actions taken through the work of the Risk Management Committee to mitigate potential procurement issues and Court welcomed the new name of the Reid School of Music for the subject area of music within ECA.

Report on Other Items

Paper C1.2

The review of student support services was supported by Court and the strong financial position, Q3 forecast outturn and strategic plan forecast 2011-2015 were noted and welcomed. Court approved the Financial Regulations and commended the timely production of this important document noting the actions that would be taken to ensure staff were aware of their responsibilities in terms of this document. Court

further approved the loan to the UoE USCo to take forward provision of a new combined heat and power plant in the Holyrood area.

2 STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-2016 Paper C2

Court welcomed this document which incorporated comments from previous meetings of Court, Finance and General Purposes Committee and Central Management Group. It was suggested that it might be helpful to re-order some of the text in the Principal's Introduction, placing greater prominence on widening participation and the location of the University. The revised KPIs and targets were commended and it was noted that once further baseline information was available refinements would be made to 1.1 and 1.2 and brought back to Court.

Subject to minor amendments to the Principal's Introduction the Strategic Plan 2012-2016 was approved. Court thanked all those involved in preparing this document.

3 SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2012-2013 Paper C3

The current progress and discussions to develop an outcome agreement with the Scottish Funding Council for 2012-2013 were noted including in particular the level of detail required, the 6 overarching outcome headings, the Vice-Convener of Court's membership of the core group within the University taking this forward and engagement with the student body. Court fully endorsed the requirement for Court to consider and sign off the final document and noted the intention to present a paper to the Court meeting on 11 September 2012. The SFC's aim to establish an annual cycle for subsequent years was also noted and the intention for a summary document with key deliverables and funding for each university to replace the current SFC grant letter.

4 UNIVERSITY RISK REGISTER Paper C4

Court noted the changes to the University Risk Register in particular the risks associated with UKBA policies and practices, implementation of the divergent fees policies and changes to university governance. Court approved the Risk Policy Statement and the revised University Risk Register subject to inclusion of the risks associated with the SFC outcome agreement.

5 REF CODE OF PRACTICE Paper C5

Court approved the REF2014 Equality and Diversity Code of Practice which provided guidance on equality and diversity issues in taking forward the selection of staff for the University's REF2014 submission. It was noted that confirmation had now been received from SFC that it was content with the Code subject to an equality assessment impact study.

6 GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN Paper C6

It was noted that the University had been asked to prepare a Gaelic Language Plan by Bòrd na Gàidhlig in respect of the requirements of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005. Court welcomed the proportional approach being proposed and subject to comments from the six-week consultation currently underway, in principle approved the draft Plan and authorised the Principal to sign off the final Plan prior to submission to Bòrd na Gàidhlig. It was further noted that there would be costs associated with the implementation of the Plan and that these would be met from existing resources and from funds to be made available from the Gaelic Language

Act Implementation Fund.

- 7 REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE Paper C7**
- Court noted the draft Minute of the May meeting of the Audit Committee, in particular the discussion on the Shared Academic Timetabling project and the process to tender for external audit provision for the 2013/2014 Accounts onward. Court further welcomed the intention to hold a joint meeting with the Risk Management Committee early next academic year and the satisfactory performance of external audit during a very challenging year. Court approved the Internal Audit Plan 2012/2013 and the external fees for the 2011/2012 audit as set out in the paper.
- 8 REPORT FROM ESTATES COMMITTEE Paper C8**
- Court approved the recommendations as set out in the paper including the revisions to the Capital Programme and Capital Projection Plan, noting the process to take forward the next group of priority projects and the current position with student accommodation developments. The proposals in respect of the provision of day nursery facilities at King's Buildings were endorsed and the current position of the Uni-Tots Nursery was noted.
- 9 REPORT FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Paper C9**
- On the recommendations of the Nominations Committee the following appointments were approved:
- Committee on University Benefactors*
The Rt Hon Donald Wilson, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh to be appointed with immediate effect until 31 July 2015.
Professor Jake Ansell to be re-appointed for three years until 31 July 2015.
- Finance and General Purposes Committee*
Dr Marialuisa Aliotta's current period of appointment to be extended until 31 July 2013.
- Nominations Committee*
Professor Jake Ansell's current period of appointment to be extended until 31 July 2014.
- SBS*
Mr Malcolm Murray to be appointed as a non-Court Trustee until 31 March 2013 subject to Court approval of the proposed amendment to the SBS Trust Deed.
- 10 REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BENEFACTORS Paper C10**
- Court approved the recommendations of the Committee on University Benefactors and agreed to bestow the Distinction of University Benefactor on Deutsche Post DHL, Marchig Animal Welfare Trust and the Shirley Foundation.*
- 11 REPORT FROM INVESTMENT COMMITTEE Paper C11**
- The Report of the review of the effectiveness of the Investment Committee was noted and Court approved the changes to the Committee's revised Terms of Reference in respect of membership of the Committee.

D ITEMS FOR FORMAL APPROVAL OR NOTE

1 ACADEMIC REPORT Paper D1

Court noted the report from the Senate meeting on 6 June 2012 and on the business conducted by the electronic Senate of 15-23 May 2012.

2 SENATE COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORTS Paper D2

Court noted the Annual Reports from the Senate Committees and endorsed the strategic issues proposed for consideration by these Committees in 2012/2013.

3 GENERAL COUNCIL FEE Paper D3

Court welcomed the proposal and agreed that from the 2012/2013 academic session graduands would no longer be charged a General Council Membership Fee.

4 TRANSFER OF MRC UNIT TO THE UNIVERSITY Paper D4

Court approved the transfer of the small MRC Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research (SCPHRP) to the University and authorised the University Secretary and the Director of Corporate Services to finalise the necessary legal arrangements to enable the transfer to be implemented with effect from 1 August 2012.

5 REPORT ON THE COLLECTIONS REVIEW Paper D5

The Report on the Collections Review was welcomed and approved by Court and it was noted that arrangements had been instigated to secure the required funding as set out in the Report.

6 REPORT FROM EXPEDITIONS COMMITTEE Paper D6

Court noted the Report and homologated the decisions of the Committee and welcomed the information on expeditions undertaken in 2011.

7 RESOLUTIONS Paper D7

Court approved the following Resolutions:

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| Resolution No. 8/2012: | Alteration of the title of the Chair of Educational Research |
| Resolution No. 9/2012: | Alteration of the title of the Chair of Sport and Education |
| Resolution No. 10/2012: | Foundation of a Chair of Sociology |
| Resolution No. 11/2012: | Foundation of a Chair of Public Policy |
| Resolution No. 12/2012: | Foundation of a Chair of Veterinary and Comparative Pathology |
| Resolution No. 13/2012: | Foundation of a Chair of Economics |
| Resolution No. 14/2012: | Foundation of a Personal Chair of Clinical Psychology |
| Resolution No. 15/2012: | Foundation of a Personal Chair of Linguistics |
| Resolution No. 16/2012: | Degree of Master of Surgery (Urology) |
| Resolution No. 17/2012: | Degree of Master of Surgery (Trauma and |

	Orthopaedics)
Resolution No. 18/2012:	Master of Veterinary Sciences
Resolution No. 19/2012:	Postgraduate Studies and Research
Resolution No. 20/2012:	Undergraduate Degree Programme Regulations
Resolution No. 21/2012:	Postgraduate Degree Programme Regulations
Resolution No. 22/2012:	Higher Degree Regulations
Resolution No. 23/2012:	Foundation of a Chair of Child Protection
Resolution No. 24/2012:	Foundation of a Chair of Sociology and Methodology
Resolution No. 25/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Individual Differences and Psychometrics
Resolution No. 26/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Linguistic Semantics
Resolution No. 27/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Birational Geometry
Resolution No. 28/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Parallel Computer Architecture
Resolution No. 29/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Experimental Particle Physics
Resolution No. 30/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Global Health Policy
Resolution No. 31/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Children's Social Inclusion
Resolution No. 32/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Student Learning (Nurse Education)
Resolution No. 33/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Translational Anatomy
Resolution No. 34/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Stem Cell Differentiation
Resolution No. 35/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Medical Oncology
Resolution No. 36/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of High Pressure Physics
Resolution No. 37/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Neuroscience
Resolution No. 38/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Medical Physics and Biomechanics
Resolution No. 39/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Experimental Nephrology
Resolution No. 40/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Machine Translation
Resolution No. 41/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Natural Language Processing
Resolution No. 42/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Evolutionary Biology
Resolution No. 43/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Early Modern Literature
Resolution No. 44/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Politics
Resolution No. 45/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Neurology and Translational Neuroscience
Resolution No. 46/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Stroke and Elderly Care Medicine
Resolution No. 47/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Zoological and Conservation Medicine
Resolution No. 48/2012:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Physical Electrochemistry

- Resolution No. 49/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Electrical Generation Systems
- Resolution No. 50/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Advertising and Consumer Culture
- Resolution No. 51/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Cell Biology
- Resolution No. 52/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of French Literature and Film
- Resolution No. 53/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Thermophysical Engineering
- Resolution No. 54/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Veterinary Epidemiology
- Resolution No. 55/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Epidemiology
- Resolution No. 56/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Carbonate GeoSciences
- Resolution No. 58/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Molecular Bacteriology

Court further approved the following Resolution subject to a minor amendment in the title:

- Resolution No. 57/2012: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Music Psychology and Improvisation

- 8 SBS TRUST DEED Paper D8**
- The proposed temporary amendment to the SBS Trust Deed was approved by Court thus enabling the appointment of Mr Malcolm Murray as a Trustee in terms of article 5(c) until the 31 March 2013.
- 9 OFFICE OF THE AMERICAS Paper D9**
- Court approved the registration of the University in Brazil to enable the employment of a member of staff to take forward the operation of the University's new Office in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Court further approved the engagement of the law firm Alves Jacob Avogados to take forward the details of the registration.
- 10 INDIAN OFFICE – BANKING ARRANGEMENTS Paper D10**
- Court approved the proposal to allow net banking operating access to the two accounts previously opened in the name of the University with HDFC Bank in relation to the operation of the University's India Office. Court approved the two resolutions attached to the paper to enable HDFC Bank to grant the Director of the International Office and the Director of the India Office net banking operating access to the appropriate bank accounts as set out in the resolutions.
- 11 CHANGE OF NAME OF THE EDINBURGH CONSORTIUM FOR RURAL RESEARCH Paper D11**
- Court approved the name change of the Edinburgh Consortium for Rural Research to the Scottish Consortium for Rural Research.
- 12 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES Paper D12**
- Court was pleased to note the donations and legacies to be notified, received by the University of Edinburgh Development Trust between 13 April and 25 June 2012.

13 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.