

MINUTE OF A MEETING of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh held in the Board Room, Chancellor's Building, Little France on Monday 24 June 2013.

- Present:**
- Rector (in chair)
 - The Principal
 - Mr A Johnston
 - Professor A M Smyth
 - Mrs M Tait
 - Professor J Ansell
 - Professor D Finnegan
 - Professor A Harmar
 - Professor S Monro, Vice-Convener
 - Mr D Bentley
 - Dr R Black
 - Mr L Matheson
 - Mrs E Noad
 - Mr H Murdoch, President Students' Representative Council
 - Ms K Haigh, Vice-President Students' Representative Council
- In attendance:**
- Ms S Beattie-Smith, Rector's Assessor
 - Vice-Principal Professor D Miell
 - Vice-Principal Dr S Rigby
 - Vice-Principal Professor J Seckl
 - Vice-Principal Professor L Yellowlees
 - University Secretary, Ms S Smith
 - Dr I Conn, Director Communications and Marketing
 - Ms S Gupta, Director of Human Resources
 - Mrs T Slaven, Deputy Secretary Strategic Planning
 - Ms D Davidson, General Council Assessor elect
 - Ms A Lamb, Non-Teaching Staff Assessor elect
 - Mr G Bell, Deputy Director of Estates and Buildings
 - Ms F Boyd, Head of Stakeholder Relations and Senior Executive Officer
 - Dr K J Novosel, Head of Court Services
- Apologies:**
- The Rt Hon D Wilson, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh
 - Sheriff Principal E Bowen
 - Dr M Aliotta
 - Mr P Budd
 - Dr C Masters
 - Ms A Richards
 - Mr D Brook

Court received a presentation on Strategic Equality Impact Assessment delivered by Vice-Principal Professor Lorraine Waterhouse and Ms Jill Bell, Director Discrimination Law Service.

A FORMAL BUSINESS

1 MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2013

Paper A1

The Minute of the meeting held on 13 May 2013 was approved as a correct record.

Court noted that this was the last meeting to be attended by Mrs Margaret Tait, General Council Assessor and would have been the last meeting for Mr David Brook, Non-

Teaching Staff Assessor. Court warmly thanked them for their commitment to the work of Court and the University and welcomed confirmation that members would have the opportunity to thank them formally at a Court dinner being organised in October 2013.

Court welcomed Ms Doreen Davidson, General Council Assessor elect and Ms Angi Lamb, Non-Teaching Staff Assessor elect who were in attendance at this meeting.

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 present position regarding the missing student and the assistance being provided to her parents and friends and to the police; the honorary degree awarded to former US President Bill Clinton in recognition of his charity work with the Clinton Foundation at a private event held on 21 June 2013; the continuing development of MOOCs and the involvement of two new platform providers; the successful alumni weekend including the General Council half-yearly meeting held at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary School East Bush Campus on 22 June 2013 and the family BBQ held in the Old College Quad on the following day; visits and meeting with Scottish Ministers; the University's excellent research performance and the work of ERI; and the much welcomed external recognition and successes of students, staff and alumni particularly the wining of the Outstanding Procurement Team Award at the Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards event.

C SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

1 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Report of the Central Management Group meeting of 22 May 2013

Paper C1.1

Court welcomed the report on mainstreaming the equality duty and noted that the EUSA representative on the Equality Management Group should be the Vice-President Societies and Activities. There was discussion on various equality and diversity matters including: issues around REF; pensions; and salary levels particularly those awarded to new employees on appointment. The roles of the Remuneration Committee and the Staff Committee and the Equality Diversity Monitoring and Research Committee were noted in taking forward consideration of these areas. Court further approved the updated Procurement Strategy and noted the achievements of Edinburgh Global as set out in the recent publication.

Report on Other Items

Paper C1.2

Court approved the Strategic Plan Forecast 2013 and welcomed the greater clarity and transparency to financial reporting information; the proposed changes to the presentation and format of the University's year-end Financial Statements were also welcomed.

Court received the report and general project update of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in respect of the Holyrood development and noted the recommendations of the Committee made at its meeting on 10 June 2013 (from the minutes of that meeting, a copy of which was received by Court). Court approved all of the recommendations as set out in the minute of the Committee meeting including the execution of the Project Documents (as defined in the Committee minute) together with, in addition, the execution of an escrow letter to be entered into among, amongst others, the University Court of the University of Edinburgh and Holyrood Student

Accommodation SPV Limited in terms of which certain of the Project Documents will be held in escrow, in each case, in the manner recommended by the Committee and in accordance with the current approved arrangements for applying the University seal. In relation to the execution of the Financial Supplement Agreement, Court approved the recommendation and authorised one of the following to sign the Financial Supplement Agreement on behalf of the University: Vice-Principal Mr Paul, Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance or the Director of Estates and Buildings. It was further agreed that Ms Johnston, Estate Development Manger would witness the signature without the requirement to apply the seal or to have the document signed by a member of Court and either the University Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Director of Finance or the Vice-Principal and Director of Corporate Services.

Court further noted the fluctuations in the financial markets and that further consideration may be required in the funding of this project should the University's capital contribution increase.

The other items were noted particularly the Research and Commercialisation Report and the information on subsidiary companies; there was discussion on whether going forward there would be a continuing requirement to have all these companies in place. The on-going work around the resource allocation model was also noted and welcomed and Court was supportive of the NHS opportunity outlined in the paper.

2 EUSA PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS Paper C2

Court noted the items within the EUSA President's report and the additional information on: the current review of the roles of the EUSA sabbaticals; the on-going process to recruit a new chief Executive; the development of the first Strategic Plan for the Students' Association for a number of years; and EUSA's financial position and the remedial actions being taken. The continuing assistance being provided to EUSA by Officers of the University was noted.

3 STRATEGIC PLAN – REPORTING FRAMEWORK Paper C3

Court approved the arrangements as set out in the paper to report and monitor the University's activities against the Strategic Plan. The approach with two strands via milestones to assess performance against the set targets and the key performance indicators (KPIs) with set tolerance levels was welcomed. There was discussion on various matters including the baseline position and Court indicated that further information on this would be helpful as well as a more robust approach to some of the tolerance levels proposed; there was a strong view that 100% of applicable staff should have an annual review. There were also other suggestions around the proposed KPIs which would be taken into account going forward.

4 WIDENING PARTICIPATION Paper C4

The information in this interim report was noted by Court and that further information on conversion rates and bursary uptakes would be available early next academic year. Court further noted the implications of the references to widening participation in the approved 2013/2014 Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Funding Council and in the Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill.

5 STUDENT EXPERIENCE Paper C5

The progress in taking forward the agreed action strategy was noted and the planned activities over the summer period were welcomed particularly the communication plans.

6 UNIVERSITY'S RISK REGISTER Paper C6

Court considered and approved the University's Risk Register 2013/2014 and commended the revised format. It was noted that the Register confirmed the senior officers with responsibilities to mediate the identified risk. It was further noted that the Register was initially prepared by the Risk Management Committee and revised following consideration by the Central Management Group, Audit Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee prior to being presented to Court for final comment and approval. Court further noted that Registers were held within Colleges, Support Groups, Schools and Departments which were regularly reviewed by the Risk Management Committee and informed and underpinned this overall strategic University Risk Register. A joint meeting between the Audit Committee and the Risk Management Committee was planned for early next academic year and this would provide an opportunity for further discussion on responsibilities across the Committee structure.

7 RISK APPETITE Paper C7

Court welcomed the review which had been undertaken and in particular commended the methodology adopted. The revised Risk Policy and Appetite Statement including the very clear diagrammatical presentation of risk appetite across the various University activities was approved by Court.

8 REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE Paper C8

The draft Minute of the Audit Committee meeting held on 30 May 2013 was noted by Court and it was confirmed that the Central Management Group was addressing the concerns raised in respect of the actions of the agreed recommendations arising from internal audit assignments. Court approved the Internal Audit Plan 2013/2014 which had been prepared in consultation with the Principal and senior officers and approved the revised Internal Audit Service's Reference and Operating framework. The satisfactory performance review of External Audit was noted and the external audit fees for 2012/2013 were approved.

9 REPORT FROM ESTATES COMMITTEE Paper C9

Court approved all the recommendations as set out in the paper including the very minor revision to the terms of reference of the Estates Committee. The position in taking forward the proposals for creating a performing arts hub at Potterrow was noted and the McEwan Hall project was warmly welcomed and supported by Court.

10 REPORT FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Paper C10

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

Estates Committee

Amend the terms of reference to delete reference to the appointment of an external advisor at 2.5 and 2.6.

Investment Committee

Mr Richard Davidson to be appointed Convener with effect from 1 September 2013 until 31 July 2016 and his current term of office on the Investment Committee to be extended until 31 July 2016.

Dr Chris Masters to be appointed from 1 September 2013 until 31 July 2014.

Library Committee

Ms Helen Durndell to be appointed with effect from 1 August 2013 until 31 July 2016.

Equality Management Group

Professor Ann Smyth to be appointed with effect from 1 August 2013 until 31 July 2015.

SBS Trustees

The University Secretary, Ms Sarah Smith to be appointed a Trustee with immediate effect for an initial period of four years until 31 July 2017.

To write to the SBS Trustees to seek to increase the number of Trustees in terms of section 5(c) of the Trust Deed which states: The Principal Employer may from time to time appoint such further persons as it may determine as Trustees. In increasing the number of Principal Employer nominated Trustees, the SBS Trustees would require to seek to put in place arrangements to increase the number of Member nominated Trustees such that at least one-third on the total number of SBS Trustees were Member nominated in order to comply with legislation.

To recommend to the SBS Trustees that the SBS Trust Deed be amended to confirm that the Chair of the SBS Trustees shall be appointed by the Principal Employer (University Court).

11 *REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BENEFACTORS* *Paper C11*

Court approved the recommendations of the Committee on University Benefactors and agreed to bestow the Distinction of University Benefactor on Wolfson Microelectronics, Dr George and Dr Joy Sypert and Mr Derek and Mrs Maureen Moss.

D ITEMS FOR FORMAL APPROVAL OR NOTE

1 *ACADEMIC REPORT* *Paper D1*

Court noted the report from the Senate meeting on 5 June 2013 and on the business conducted by the electronic Senate of 14-22 May 2013.

2 *SENATE COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORT* *Paper D2*

Court noted the Annual Reports from the Senate Committees, endorsed the strategic issues proposed for consideration by these Committees in 2013/2014 and would welcome the opportunity of further discussion on this very informative paper.

3 *DRAFT RESOLUTION* *Paper D3*

Court approved the following draft Resolution:

Draft Resolution No. 73/2013: Code of Student Conduct

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

4 *RESOLUTIONS* *Paper D4*

Court approved the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 21/2013:	Alteration of the title of the Personal Chair of Animal Biotechnology
Resolution No. 22/2013:	Alteration of the title of the Chair of Experimental Haematology
Resolution No. 23/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Strategic Management
Resolution No. 24/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Cellular Neurobiology
Resolution No. 25/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Innovation and Social Informatics
Resolution No. 26/2013:	Institution of new postgraduate Degree: European Masters in Landscape Architecture (EMLA)
Resolution No. 27/2013:	Institution of new postgraduate Degree: Master of Nursing (MN)
Resolution No. 28/2013:	Degree of Master of Surgery (Vascular and Endovascular)
Resolution No. 29/2013:	Foundation of a Chair of Accounting, Governance and Social Innovation
Resolution No. 30/2013:	Foundation of a Chair of Entrepreneurship and Innovation
Resolution No. 31/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Gaelic
Resolution No. 32/2013:	Foundation of the Crawford Tercentenary Chair of Chemistry
Resolution No. 33/2013:	Undergraduate Degree Programme Regulations
Resolution No. 34/2013:	Postgraduate Degree Programme Regulations
Resolution No 35/2013:	Alteration of the title of the Chair of Fire Safety Engineering
Resolution No. 36/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development
Resolution No. 37/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of International Strategy
Resolution No. 38/2013:	Foundation of a Chair of Leadership Development
Resolution No. 39/2013:	Foundation of a Chair of Strategy and Change
Resolution No. 40/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Modern Spanish and Comparative Literature
Resolution No. 41/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Modern and Contemporary South Asian History
Resolution No. 42/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Neural Development and Regeneration
Resolution No. 43/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Electron Microscopy and Image Processing of Biological Assemblies
Resolution No. 44/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Environment and Philosophy
Resolution No. 45/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Cancer Therapeutics
Resolution No. 46/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair (Undergraduate) Medical Education
Resolution No. 47/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Economic History
Resolution No. 48/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Clinical Toxicology
Resolution No. 49/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Ecological Genetics
Resolution No. 50/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Observational Astrophysics
Resolution No. 51/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Nineteenth-Century Literature
Resolution No. 52/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Early Modern Religion

Resolution No. 53/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Molecular Genetics
Resolution No. 54/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of The Law of Obligations
Resolution No. 55/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Molecular Photophysics
Resolution No. 56/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Mental Philosophy
Resolution No. 57/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Computational Cognitive Science
Resolution No. 58/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Science and Public Policy
Resolution No. 59/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of The European Neolithic
Resolution No. 60/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Social History and Cultural History
Resolution No. 61/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of High Performance Computing
Resolution No. 62/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Metabolic Medicine
Resolution No. 63/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Clinical Neurology
Resolution No. 64/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Surface Geodynamics
Resolution No. 65/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Atmospheric Chemistry Modelling
Resolution No. 66/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Neurology and Clinical Epidemiology
Resolution No. 67/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Drama and Performance Studies
Resolution No. 68/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Reproductive Biology
Resolution No. 69/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Hadron and Nuclear Physics
Resolution No. 70/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Dementia Practice and Partnership
Resolution No. 71/2013:	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Applied Earth Observation
Resolution No. 72/2013:	Foundation of a Chair of Strategy and Organisation

5 UPDATE FROM SBS SUB-GROUP

Paper D5

The response from the SBS Trustees was noted and Court was content to close this matter. Court further thanked the SBS Sub-Group for taking this forward and confirmed that its task was now complete.

6 FAIR TRADE - UPDATE

Paper D6

Court approved the revised Fair Trade Policy as set out in the paper.

7 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Paper D7

Court was pleased to note the donations and legacies to be notified, received by the University of Edinburgh Development Trust between 26 April and 14 June 2013.

8 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.

9 VACATION COURT

In accordance with normal practice, if required, a Vacation Court comprising the Rector, failing whom the Vice-Convener of Court, the Principal or delegated representative and the University Secretary would deal with any urgent formal business over the summer vacation.