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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF COURT

A meeting of the University Court constituted under the University of the West of Scotland (Scotland) Order of Council 2009 will be held on **Thursday 17th December 2015 at 4pm in Room GT38/39, Ayr Campus.**

Donna McMillan
Secretary to Court

AGENDA

	Welcome Apologies for Absence Declaration of Interest		
1.	Lanarkshire Campus <i>The minute for this item is partially exempt from disclosure under Section 33(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002</i>	Discussion & Approval	Paper 1
2.	Any Other Business <i>The minute for this item is partially exempt from disclosure under Section 30(C) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002</i>		

Date of Next Meeting : Residential Event – 9th/10th February 2016

A Court Dinner will be held on Monday 18th January 2016 at 6:30 for 7:00 pm in the Café Area, Ayr Campus.

Ayr, 17th December 2015 being the 42nd meeting of the Court of the University of the West of Scotland

Present: Mr I Welsh OBE (Chair)
Mr J Black
Ms L Connolly
Ms M Curran
Mr C Devlin (by webex)
Mr R J Dinning
Mr J Douglas
Mr T Duff
Mr A Gifford
Mr A Gordon
Mr A Haseeb
Mr D Johnston
Professor C Mahoney
Professor P Martin
Mr A Muir
Professor C MacDonald
Mr J McDougall
Professor A McGillivray
Mr J G Peterkin
Mr W Smith

In attendance: Ms D McMillan
Mrs A Loudon
Mr T Gabriele (item 1 only)
Professor J Keay (item 1 only)
Professor M Foley (item 1 only)
Mr D Waddell (item 1 only)
Mr M Ross (item 1 only)
Mr G Black (item 1 only)

Apologies for absence were received from Ms M Gibson and Dr W Hatton.

Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were noted.

1. **Lanarkshire Campus**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and provided an update of recent conversations he, along with the Principal, Depute Principal and Director of Strategic Planning & Development, had had with the two potential offsite developers. Further statements of support from the off-site developers were tabled at the meeting.

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The Principal introduced discussion of this item by reminding members that the University's Corporate Strategy, approved 18 months ago, put students at the heart of all University activities. He encouraged members to consider the information

presented and take collective responsibility for determining the best option to deliver a fit for purpose, modern Lanarkshire Campus which would be affordable and sustainable for the future.

The Depute Principal made a presentation to Court, which built on earlier presentations made and, in particular, provided an update on the emerging qualitative and quantitative detail associated with the off-site delivery options under the options approval process.

Members confirmed that the options appraisal process adopted by the University, particularly the work of the Project Board and the Court Scrutiny Group had been robust and transparent, and they were content with the rigour and appropriateness of that process.

Court agreed that, based on the qualitative and economic analysis of the options identified that the two onsite options, namely the “do minimum” and the “Pixar” options should be disregarded.

After considerable and detailed discussion, and on the basis of the qualitative and economic assessment undertaken, Court agreed that the Eco Campus at Hamilton International Technology Park provided the best solution to meet the University’s aspirations for a new state of the art, modern Campus in Lanarkshire and that a full business case should now be developed for consideration by Court in due course. It was noted that it was not until this point that formal agreement to proceed would be confirmed.

The SAUWS Depute President (Education & Welfare) advised that while the Students’ Association was disappointed that Court was not minded to remain on the existing location, the second preference from the student body was the Eco Campus site.

The Chair thanked all members of the Project Board and the Court Scrutiny Group and members of Court for their input highlighting the benefit to the process of the individual, distinctive and practical experience of members in bringing the project forward to this stage.

2. **Any Other Business**

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There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.