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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 **Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at 4pm in the Library Seminar Room, Paisley Campus. Please allow 3 hours for this meeting. Tea & Coffee will be available from 3pm.**

Donna McMillan
University Secretary & Registrar

AGENDA

	Welcome Apologies for Absence Declaration of Interest		
1.	Minutes		Document Attached
1.1	Minutes of Meeting held on 28 th April 2015	Approval	
2.	Matters Arising		Oral Report
2.1	University of the West of Scotland (Amendment of the University of Paisley (Scotland) Order of Council 1993) Order of Council 2015	Information	
3.	Determination of Any Other Business		
4.	Student Experience Profile Presentation by Ramender Kwatra (4 th year Mechanical Engineering student, Paisley Campus)	Information	Oral Report
5.	Chair's Statement	Information	Oral Report
6.	Report from the Principal & Vice Chancellor	Information	Paper 6
7.	Students' Association		
7.1	Update Report	Information	Paper 7.1
7.2	SAUWS Revised Constitution	Approval	Paper 7.2
8.	Setting up a UWS Charitable Trust or Charitable Foundation	Approval	Paper 8
9.	Corporate Strategy 2014/2020		
9.1	KPI Performance Update <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	Paper 9.1
9.2	Education Enabling Plan	Approval	Paper 9.2
9.3	Global Reach Update Report	Discussion	Paper 9.3
10.	Budget – 2015/2016		
10.1	UWS Budget 2015/2016 and Financial Forecast to 2020 Presentation by Mr T Gabriele, Director of Finance	Approval	Paper 10.1

10.2	SAUWS Financial Report	Approval	Paper 10.2
11.	SFC – Strategic Plan Forecast 2014-2015 to 2017-2018	Approval	Paper 11
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12.	IT Transformation Project Presentation by Mr J O'Donnell, Chief Information Officer <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	Paper 12
13.	Lanarkshire Campus Presentation by Mr G Black, Director of Estates Solutions	Discussion	Oral Report
14.	Overview of UWS Rankings in University League Tables	Discussion	Paper 14
15.	Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015	Information	Paper 15
16.	Legal Compliance Report	Information	Paper 16
17.	Annual Donations Report	Information	Paper 17
18.	Staff Governance Committee	Information	Paper 18
19.	Report from Sub Committees		
19.1	Report from Meeting of Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee held on 19 th May 2015	Information	Paper 19.1
19.2	Report from Meeting of Audit & Risk Committee held on 26 th May 2015	Information	Paper 19.2
19.3	Report from Meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 9 th June 2015	Information	Paper 19.3
19.4	Recommendations on Membership of Court – Shortlisting meeting 9 th June 2015	Approval	Oral Report
20.	Senate		
20.1	Report from Meeting of Senate held on 3 rd June 2015	Information	Paper 20.1
21.	Graduation Arrangements – Summer 2015	Information	Paper 21
22.	Any Other Business <i>The minute for this item is partially exempt from disclosure under Section 33(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002</i>		

Paisley, 23rd June 2015 being the 40th meeting of the Court of the University of the West of Scotland

Present: Mr I Welsh (Chair)
Ms L Barjonas
Ms L Connolly
Mr C Devlin
Mr R J Dinning
Mr J Douglas
Mr T Duff
Ms M Gibson
Ms A Gifford
Mr A Gordon
Mr A Haseeb
Mr D Johnston
Professor C Mahoney
Professor P Martin
Professor C MacDonald
Mr J McDougall
Professor A McGillivray
Mr J G Peterkin

In attendance: Ms D McMillan
Professor J Keay
Mr T Gabriele
Mr M Ross
Ms E Cuckow (to item 11 only)
Mr P Grigor (to item 11 only)
Mr J O'Donnell (from item 12 only)
Mr G Black (from item 12 only)
Mrs A Loudon
Mrs S Cosh (to item 11 only)

Apologies for absence were received from Ms M Curran, Dr W Hatton, Mr A Muir and Ms L Miller, Professor M Foley and Professor R Williamson and for early departure from Mr J Douglas.

The following were in attendance as observers:

Professor J Baker	Director of Research, Institute of Clinical Exercise & Health
Ms K Baillie	Admin Officer, Widening Participation & Admissions
Mr J Black	SAUWS
Ms S Brown	Lecturer, School of Health, Nursing & Midwifery
Ms J Durham	Executive Office
Mr R Kwatra	Student Representative
Ms J Thomson	Management Information & Insurance Officer, Finance
Ms H Ward	Case Worker, SAUWS

Welcome

The Chair welcomed Mr D Johnston, Depute Director of Information Technology & Digital Services (ITDS) to his first meeting of Court following his election by "all other staff (ie staff

not on academic terms and conditions of service) for a 3 year period with effect from 1st June 2015.

Noting that Mr K Galbraith's period of appointment on Court concluded at the end of May 2015, on behalf of Court, the Chair expressed his thanks to Mr Galbraith for his commitment to the work of the Court during his period of appointment.

Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were noted.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 28th April 2015**

Subject to minor amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2015 were approved as a correct record.

2. **Matters Arising**

2.1 **Min Ref 11.4 – University of the West of Scotland (Amendment) of the University of Paisley (Scotland) Order of Council 1993) Order of Council 2015**

Court was pleased to note that the revised Order of Council was laid before the Scottish Parliament on 28th May 2015 and would come into force on 26th June 2015.

3. **Determination of Any Other Business**

No additional items of business had been notified.

4. **Student Experience Profile**

The Chair invited Mr R Kwatra, a 4th year Mechanical Engineering Student from the Paisley Campus) to make a presentation to Court. Court was interested to hear of Mr Kwatra's experience as a student at the University and his impressive ambitions for the future.

5. **Chair's Statement**

Court noted that the HE Governance (Scotland) Bill had now been published and comments had been invited from a range of stakeholders. In this connection, the Chair updated members on the ongoing discussions with the Committee of Scottish Chairs (CSC) in relation to the Bill. Court noted that CSC had agreed that a collective response would be submitted, taking into account views across the sector and appropriate legal guidance.

It was agreed that the Bill would be circulated to members of Court. The University's response would be developed for consideration by the Governance & Nominations Committee in due course. Comments from members of Court to inform the response were welcomed.

In response to a question, the University Secretary & Registrar advised that it was understood that any legislation would come into force prior to the next Scottish election in 2016.

6. **Report from Principal & Vice-Chancellor**

Court noted for information the report which provided a summary of general information on University developments and an overview of activities undertaken since the last meeting of Court.

7. **SAUWS**

7.1 **SAUWS Annual Report**

The President of the Students' Association spoke to the report which provided a summary of activity at the Association during the 2014/2015 academic session.

Court noted that the General Manager of the Association would leave at the end of June. Following a reshaping of the staffing portfolio at the Association, it was intended that a Chief Executive role would be created with a focus on developing the Association's strategic priorities. In addition, Court noted that Ms L Miller had tendered her resignation as Depute President (Education & Welfare). On behalf of Court, the Chair expressed his thanks to Ms Miller for her commitment to the work of Court during her period of appointment.

Court welcomed the comprehensive report provided and congratulated the President and his team for the progress made in taking forward the development of the Students' Association.

7.2 **SAUWS Constitution**

Court approved the revised SAUWS Constitution, noting that this had been amended to take account of sector best practice and enable the Association to progress as an organisation.

8. **Setting up a UWS Charitable Trust or Charitable Foundation**

The University Solicitor spoke to the report which provided a brief overview of the options available to the University for setting up a mechanism for charitable giving through a charitable trust or charitable foundation.

After discussion, Court agreed, in principle to the establishment of a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Further recommendations on this, including a draft Constitution, would be submitted to PRC in due course.

9. **Corporate Strategy 2014/2020**

9.1 **KPI Performance Update**

Members were reminded that up to date information on University's Key Performance Indicators was now available through the Dashboard facility.

This section is has been removed under Section 33(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The remainder of the report was noted for information.

9.2 Education Enabling Plan

Court endorsed the Education Enabling Plan which proposed objectives, indicators and measures to achieve the student success (and other) sections of the Corporate Strategy. The connections between the Global Reach and Research, Enterprise and External Engagement Enabling Plans previously approved by Court were noted.

9.3 Global Reach Update

The Vice Principal International spoke to the report which provided Court with an update on Global Reach. Court was reassured to note the range of activity and progress being made.

10. Budget – 2015/2016

11. Strategic Plan Forecast 2015

Following a detailed presentation by the Director of Finance and subsequent discussion, Court approved the UWS Budget 2015/2016, the SAUWS Budget 2015/2016 and the Strategic Plan Forecast 2015 which would be submitted to the Funding Council.

12. IT Transformation Project

This section is has been removed under Section 33(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The Chief Information Officer made a detailed presentation to Court on the main aspects and outcomes of the IT Transformation Project. Court welcomed the proposals being developed and agreed that investment in this area was vital to underpin the goals and aspirations of the Corporate Strategy.

Noting that a Technology Advisory Committee was being established within the University, it was agreed that Mr C Devlin and Ms L Barjonas would be appointed to membership of this Committee.

The report setting out the detail of the investment was noted for information.

13. Lanarkshire Campus Development

The Director of Estates made a presentation to Court on the proposals being developed for the Lanarkshire Campus. Members were interested to note the range of options currently under review and looked forward to discussing these further at future meetings of PRC and Court.

14. **Overview of UWS' rankings in recent university league tables**

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that discussion of this item would be deferred to the next meeting of Court.

15. **Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015**

The University Secretary spoke to the report which provided Court with an overview of the activities put in place to meet the requirements of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

16. **Legal Compliance Report**

The Legal Compliance Report was noted for information. Members welcomed the report and agreed that this would be an annual report to Court.

17. **Annual Donations Report**

The Annual Donations Report was noted for information.

18. **Staff Governance Committee**

Court noted that it was intended that a Staff Governance Committee of Court would be established. A remit and membership for this new Committee would be developed for consideration by the Governance & Nominations Committee in due course.

19. **Report from Sub Committees**

19.1 **Report from Meeting of Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee held on 19th May 2015**

The report from the meeting of the Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee held on 19th May 2015 was noted for information.

19.2 **Report from meeting of Audit & Risk Committee held on 26th May 2015**

The report from the meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee held on 26th May 2015 was noted for information.

19.3 **Report from meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 9th June 2015**

The report from the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 9th June 2015 was noted for information.

19.4 **Recommendations from Shortlisting Group**

The Chair reminded members that there were currently up to 3 vacancies in membership of Court. Following a recent recruitment campaign, Court approved the recommendation that Mr W Smith should be appointed to membership of Court for a 3 year period with effect from 1st July 2015.

20 **Senate**

20.1 **Report from meeting of Senate held on 3rd June 2015**

The report from the meeting of Senate held on 3rd June 2015 was noted for information.

21 **Graduation Arrangements – Summer 2015**

The summer 2015 graduation arrangements were noted for information.

22 **Any Other Business**

This sentence has been removed under Section 30 (c) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Similarly, the Principal congratulated the Chair on receipt of the award of OBE in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List and presented him with a small gift from Court.

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