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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 26th April 2016 at 4pm in Room B232b, Browne House, Dumfries Campus.** Please allow 3 hours for this meeting. Light refreshments will be available from 3:45 pm.

Donna McMillan
Secretary to Court

AGENDA

	Welcome Apologies for Absence Declaration of Interest		
1.	Minutes	Approval	Document Attached
1.1	Minutes of Meeting held on 9 th February 2016		
2.	Matters Arising		
3.	Determination of Any Other Business		
4.	Strategic Discussion and Presentation Item: Presentation by Professor Ehsan Mesbahi, Vice Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research & Enterprise	Discussion	Oral Report
5.	Chair's Statement	Information	Oral Report
6.	Report from the Principal & Vice-Chancellor	Information	Paper 6
7.	SAUWS		
7.1	SAUWS Update Report	Information	Paper 7.1
8.	HE Governance Bill	Information	Paper 8
9.	Scottish Funding Council Indicative Allocations 2016/2017	Discussion	Paper 9
10.	Outcome Agreement Refresh – 2016/2017	Approval	Paper 10
11.	Lanarkshire Campus – Interim Report	Discussion	Paper 11
12.	Corporate Strategy 2014-2020		
12.1	KPI Performance Update	Discussion	Paper 12.1
13.	ELIR One Year Review	Approval	Paper 13
14.	Report from Sub Committees		
14.1	Report from Meeting of Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee held on 23 rd February	Information	Paper 14.1

	2016		
14.2	Report from Meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 22 nd March 2016	Information	Paper 14.2
14.3	Report from Meeting of Audit & Risk Committee held on 29 th March 2016	Approval	Paper 14.3
14.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – IAS Terms of Reference Revised Remit of Remuneration Committee	Approval	Paper 14.4
15.	Senate		
15.1	Report from Meeting of Senate held on 24 th March 2016	Information	Paper 15.1
16.	Dates of Meetings – 2016/2017	Information	Paper 16
17.	Any Other Business		

Date of Next Meeting – Please note change of date:

Monday 27th June 2016 at 2pm in Room GT38/39, Ayr Campus

This meeting will be preceded by an informal lunch for members of Court at 1pm.

Dumfries, 26th April 2016 being the 43rd meeting of the Court of the University of the West of Scotland

Present: Dr W Hatton (Chair)
Ms L Barjonas
Mr J Black
Ms L Connolly
Ms M Curran
Mr R J Dinning
Mr J Douglas
Mr T Duff (via webex)
Mr A Gordon
Mr D Johnston
Mr A Muir
Professor C Mahoney
Professor P Martin
Professor C MacDonald
Mr J McDougall
Mr W Smith

In attendance: Ms D McMillan
Professor J Keay
Professor M Foley
Professor E Mesbahi
Ms S Mitchell
Mr T Gabriele
Mr M Ross
Mrs A Loudon

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Devlin, Ms M Gibson, Mr A Haseeb, Ms A Gifford and Professor A McGillivray and for early departure from Mr T Duff.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed the following members of staff in attendance as observers at Court:

Dr Shirley Turberville	Head of Dumfries Campus
Ms Caroline Bell	Marketing Manager
Ms Janine Hunt	Chief Executive, SAUWS
Ms M Gunn	Lecturer School of Business & Enterprise

Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were notified.

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2016 were approved as a correct record, subject to minor amendment, proposed by Ms M Curran and seconded by Mr A Gordon.

2. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising other than those contained elsewhere in the agenda.

3. **Determination of Any Other Business**

No additional items of business were notified.

4. **Strategic Discussion and Presentation Item**

The Vice Principal & Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise made a presentation updating Court on research and enterprise developments, priorities and plans since his appointment to the University in January. Members welcomed the useful insights and analysis of research and enterprise activity across the institution and the progress being made. It was agreed that it would be useful for a further update to be provided to Court next session.

5. **Chair's Statement**

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and contributions at the Court Residential Event on 9th/10th February and commended those involved in the successful visit to the Paisley Campus by HRH The Princess Royal on 12th February.

The Chair also thanked members for their participation in the recent 1-1 meetings. A summary of the discussion had been circulated to members for information and key themes would be taken forward in discussion with the Secretary to Court. The Chair advised that she had also met separately with the Chairs of Audit & Risk Committee and Policy & Resources Committee to identify further ways to further strengthen the operation of Court business.

Court was updated on discussion at a recent meeting of the Committee of Scottish Chairs. In addition, the Vice Chair of Court updated members of discussion at a recent Committee of University Chairs Plenary meeting she had attended on behalf of the Chair.

Finally, Court noted with regret that, due to work commitments, Mr A McIntyre had resigned from membership of Court.

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

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

7. **SAUWS**

7.1 **SAUWS Update Report**

Court noted for information the report which provided a summary of activities of the Student's Association since the last meeting of Court. Court was pleased to note that the Association had been presented with the Higher Education Student

Union of the Year Award at the recent NUS Conference and agreed that congratulations should be passed on to those involved in this achievement.

8. **HE Governance Bill**

Court noted that the HE Governance Bill had now received Royal Assent. Details of the timescale for implementation were still awaited. Amendments required to the University's Constitution would be taken forward via the Privy Council and the Scottish Parliament with the process being managed by the Governance & Nominations Committee.

9. **Scottish Funding Council Indicative Allocations – 2016/2017**

SFC Indicative Allocations for 2016/2017 were noted for information.

10. **Outcome Agreement Refresh – 2016/2017**

Court approved the refreshed 2016/20-17 Outcome Agreement for onward submission to the Funding Council, subject to minor amendment to make more explicit the support provided to students over the summer period.

11. **Lanarkshire Campus – Interim Report**

Court noted for information the report which provided an update on the developing UWS Lanarkshire Campus Project. It was agreed that it would be useful for an additional briefing session to be provided to members of Court in advance of consideration of the Full Business Case at the June 2016 meeting.

12. **Corporate Strategy 2014-2010**

12.1 **KPI Performance Update**

Court noted for information the report which set out progress against selected KPIs, and the University's plans and initiatives to improve its performance across the various measures. The revised reporting format was welcomed.

13. **ELIR One Year Review**

Court endorsed the ELIR One Year Review Report for onward submission to the Quality Assurance Agency.

14. **Reports from Sub Committees**

14.1 **Report from Meeting of Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee held on 23rd February 2016**

The report from the meeting of the Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee was noted for information.

14.2 **Report from Meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 22nd March 2016**

The report from the meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 22nd March 2016 was noted for information.

14.3 Report from Meeting of Audit & Risk Committee held on 29th March 2016

The report from the meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee held on 29th March 2016 was noted for information. Court approved the revised Internal Audit Service Terms of Reference.

14.4 Remuneration Committee – Revised Remit

Court approved the revised remit of the Remuneration Committee.

15. **Senate**

15.1 Report from Meeting of Senate held on 24th March 2016

The report from the meeting of Senate held on 24th March 2016 was noted for information.

16. **Dates of Meeting – 2016/2017**

Dates of meetings for the 2016/2017 academic session were noted for information.

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