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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 25th April 2017 at 4pm in the Board Room, Hamilton Campus.**

Donna McMillan
Secretary to Court

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Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 10 am in GT38/39, Ayr Campus.
(This meeting will be conclude with lunch)

Graduation Ceremonies – Summer 2017:

London Campus – St Marylebone Church, London
Monday 22nd May 2017 – 2:30 pm

Hamilton Campus – Town House, Hamilton
Tuesday 4th July 2017 – 11am, 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm

Ayr Campus – Troon Concert Hall
Friday 7th July 2017 – 11am and 2:30 pm

Paisley Campus – Thomas Coats Memorial Church, Paisley
Tuesday 11th July 2017 – 11 am, 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm
Wednesday 12th July 2017 – 11 am and 2:30 pm

Hamilton, 25th April 2017 being the 47th meeting of the Court of the University of the West of Scotland

Present: Dr W Hatton (Chair)
Ms H Armstrong (via webex)
Ms L Barjonas
Mr J Black (via webex)
Ms L Connolly
Ms M Curran
Mr C Devlin
Mr R J Dinning
Ms M Gibson OBE
Ms A Gifford
Mr A Gordon
Mr H Henry
Professor C MacDonald
Professor C Mahoney
Professor P Martin CBE
Ms A McKechin
Ms T O'Donnell
Dr K Sloman

In attendance: Ms D McMillan
Mr A Disbury
Mr T Gabriele
Professor E Mesbahi
Ms S Mitchell
Ms K Wittneben
Mr M Ross
Mrs A Loudon
Mrs S Cosh
Ms C Murray (item 9 only)
Ms N Dar (item 9 only)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Johnston, Mr W Smith and Dr J Thompson and for late arrival from Ms M Gibson OBE.

The following were in attendance as observers:

Ms L McMahon Staff Observer
Mr E Wilson Student Observer

Welcome

The Chair welcomed Dr K Sloman to her first meeting following her election as academic member of staff on Court.

Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were notified.

1. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2017 were approved as a correct record, proposed by Mr A Gordon and seconded by Professor C MacDonald.

2. **Matters Arising**

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

3. **Determination of Any Other Business**

No additional item of business had been notified.

4. **Chair's Statement**

The Chair invited the Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee to update Court on discussions at a meeting of the Committee of Scottish Chairs which she had recently attended on behalf of the Chair.

Court noted that the draft revised Scottish Code of Good HE Governance had now been published for consultation. As the final submission date for the consultation phase would conclude prior to the next meeting of Court, it was agreed to remit to both the Governance & Nominations Committee and the Vice-Chancellor's Executive Group to draft a single University response by the deadline of 21st June 2017. Comments from all members of Court to inform the response would be welcomed and a link to the consultation would be circulated.

5. **Students' Association**

5.1 **SAUWS Highlight Report**

The Senior Student Representative spoke to the report which highlighted for information of Court recent activities within the Students' Association. Members congratulated Ms Armstrong on her election as President of the Association for the 2017/2018 academic year. The positive engagement in the election process from students, particularly from the London Campus, was welcomed.

The Secretary to Court reminded members that under the Education Act 1994, Court has responsibility for ensuring the democratic operation of the Students' Association. The University was working closely with the SAUWS to address current vacancies in the membership of its Board of Trustees. An action plan to remedy the issue was now in place and an update on progress would be submitted to the next meeting of Court.

The remainder of the report was noted for information.

6. **Lanarkshire Campus Dashboard Report**

The Depute Principal spoke to the report which provided for the information of Court a summary of progress/key activities, milestones, issues and risk management, finance and other key highlights of the Lanarkshire Campus Development project since the last meeting of Court. Members were interested to note the computer generated images illustrating indicative visuals of the internal street atrium.

In response to a question, the Depute Principal confirmed that the impact of phasing of expenditure on the project was being worked through, but the University remained comfortable that the project remained within the overall budget. Detailed discussions were ongoing in relation to the potential design specification and costs of Science labs at the new Campus.

It was agreed that it would be useful for future reports to clarify any additional cost implications of the various stages of the project. In addition, a timeline highlighting critical points in the project would be appended to future reports.

In response to a question, the Depute Principal confirmed that the Head of Resilience & Safety was a member of the Project Board. A Project Risk Register was being maintained which fed into the University's Corporate Risk Register. The Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee advised that a recent internal review of the Project had confirmed a positive outcome.

A "topping out" event for the new Lanarkshire Campus had been held earlier in the day.

The remainder of the report was noted for information.

7. **Corporate Strategy 2017/2020**

7.1 **KPI Performance Report**

The Director of Strategic Planning & Development spoke to the report which detailed latest progress against the revised Corporate KPIs in the refreshed Corporate Strategy 2017/2018 including details of when data would be available for each KPI.

The challenges in relation to identifying appropriate data to evidence achievement of KPI 8 were noted and discussed. Members were interested to note recent activities within Schools to develop opportunities to enhance and embed the international experience of students. A further report on progress in meeting this KPI would be included within the report to the next meeting of Court.

The remainder of the report was noted for information.

8. **Outcome Agreement**

Subject to minor amendment, Court approved the 2017/2018 Outcome Agreement for onward submission to the Funding Council.

9. **Equalities and Mainstreaming Report**

The Chair welcomed the Director of People & OD and the Equalities & Organisational Development Co-ordinator to the meeting for discussion of this item.

The Equalities & Organisational Development Co-ordinator made a presentation to Court covering some of the outcomes of the University's Public Sector Equality Duty Equality and Mainstreaming Report, highlighting in particular ongoing mainstreaming and equality outcome activities.

Members welcomed the interesting and informative presentation and the discussion it engendered. Court agreed that it was important for the University to embed a culture which enabled the removal of any barriers to disclosure. It was also agreed that the issue of sectarianism should be considered.

Court noted and endorsed the Equalities and Mainstreaming Report for publication on the University's website.

10. **Report from Sub-Committees**

10.1 **Report from meeting of Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee held on 24th February 2017**

The Chair of the Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee spoke to the report from the meeting held on 24th February 2017. The revised approach to health & safety and strengthening of professionalism within the new team structure was welcomed.

The remainder of the report was noted for information.

10.2 **Report from Meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 21st March 2017**

Court noted for information the report from the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 21st March 2017.

Members were reminded that papers from meetings of Policy & Resources Committee would now be published on Airwatch for the information of all members of Court.

10.3 **Report from Meeting of Audit & Risk Committee held on 28th March 2017**

Court noted for information the report from the meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee held on 28th March 2017.

The introduction of "deep dive" reviews at meetings of the Committee was welcomed.

11. **Senate**

11.1 **Report from Meeting of Senate held on 23rd March 2017**

Court noted for information the report from the meeting of Senate held on 23rd March 2017.

12. **Principal & Vice-Chancellor's Highlight Report**

Court noted for information the report which provided an overview of University developments since the last meeting. It was agreed that the President of SAUWS should be invited to participate in discussions on future tuition fee proposals.

13. **Confirmed Schedule of Meeting Dates – 2017/2018**

Court noted for information the schedule of meeting dates for the 2017/2018 academic session.

14. **Any Other Business**

The Chair drew members' attention to the dates of graduation ceremonies for summer 2017.

The Chair reminded members that an event would be held on Wednesday 3rd May to unveil a portrait of the former Chair of Court, Mr I Welsh OBE.

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