

THE SENATE



There will be a meeting of the Senate at 2pm on Wednesday 8 June 2016, in the Council Chamber, the Council House, University Plain.

Registrar and Secretary
1 June 2016

AGENDA

1. BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA

Items in Section A are for discussion and action by the Senate. Items in Section B contain routine recommendations which will be deemed to have been approved at the meeting unless members of the Senate ask for them to be discussed. Items in Section C are for information only. Any member of the Senate may ask for an item from Section B or Section C to be moved to Section A by contacting the Secretary before 5pm on Monday 8 June, 2015. Reserved items appear in Section D.

These Items can be found on the Committee's Blackboard site.

- Go to the UEA Portal site (<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/>) and log in
- Click on the Learn tab
- Then find the Senate Committee Blackboard site listed under My Organisations and look at the Meeting Papers folder for the relevant meeting.

The open items can be found online at the Committee Office website at <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/committee-office/uea-committees-and-boards/senate/senate-2015-2016>)

2. MINUTES

To confirm
the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2016 (Enclosed).

3. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

To report
the approval on behalf of Senate of nominations for Professor Emeritus awards and Honorary Degrees for award in 2015/16.

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SECTION A: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Please look under 1. Business of the Agenda for details of how to view these documents.

*A1. UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE

To consider

- (1) the confidential preliminary findings of the 2016 UEA student experience survey. SEN15D020 (Divider A)
- (2) the confidential University's performance in recent league tables. SEN15D021 (Divider B)

A2. ADMISSIONS PERFORMANCE 2016

To consider

a presentation on the admissions position for 2016 from Alix Delany (Head of Admissions) and Professor Richard Harvey (Academic Director for Admissions).

*A3. UEA RESEARCH REPORT 2016

To consider

a confidential report and recommendations from Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor David Petley and Director of the Research and Enterprise Division, Ms Helen Lewis. SEN15D023 (Divider C)

*A4. FULL-TIME PHD SUBMISSION RATES

To consider

a confidential report and recommendations from Dr Vivien Easson, Head of Postgraduate Research Service, Research and Enterprise Division and Dr Nick Watmough, Academic Director of Research Degree Programmes. SEN15D024 (Divider D)

A5. MANAGING AND DEVELOPING ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AT UEA

To consider

- (1) a presentation and report on the University's performance in relation to engagement from Professor Yvonne Tasker, including the first Engagement half-day, Engagement awards and the establishment of an Engagement network. SEN15D025 (Divider E)
- (2) recommendations with respect to the management and development of engagement activities at UEA.

*A6. ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

To consider

- (1) a confidential report from Academic Director, Helena Gillespie on coursework turnaround times for 2015/16. SEN15D026 (Divider F)
- (2) the next steps for encouraging further performance improvement in 2016/17.

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*A7. EFFICIENCY OF DELIVERING TEACHING

To report

that in November 2015 during a discussion of the University's progress in reducing the number of modules with low student enrolment Senate resolved to review the role of UEA PGT courses as pathways to UEA PhD study. Data was presented in document SEN15D006. [SEN15D006 \(Divider F\)](#)

To consider

- i. a confidential report on the continuation of UEA alumni into PGR study at UEA and the role of UEA PGT courses from Head of the PGR Service Dr Vivien Easson. SEN15D027 (Divider G)
- ii. actions to be taken to pursue the objective of reducing the number of PGT modules with low student enrolments.

*A9. EMPLOYABILITY

To consider

a confidential report from Professor Neil Ward, PVC Academic. SEN15D028 (Divider H)

*A8. HONORARY DEGREES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

To consider

the Honorary Degree nominations in the attached paper which are for award by UEA and Partner colleges from 2016/17. SEN15D029 (Divider I)

A10. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE SENATE TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL

To report

- (1) that the Council includes amongst its membership two members of the Senate;
- (2) that the members are currently Ms Helen Lewis (2018) and Professor Gillian Schofield (2016)
- (3) that the term of office of Professor Gillian Schofield will end on 31 July 2016;
- (3) that nominations have been sought for the vacancy and the following nominations received:

Professor Mark Searcey – nominated by Professor Philip Gilmartin
Dr Nalini Boodhoo – nominated by Professor Neil Ward

To consider

the nominations via a ballot of Senate members

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A11. SENATE MEMBERSHIP

To report

that the terms of office of the following Senate members will expire on 31 July 2016 or are otherwise stepping down:

HEADS OF SCHOOLS

HUM

Professor P. Womack (2016)

SCI

Professor V. Moulton (2016)

SSF

Professor G. Schofield (2016)

FMH

Professor Rosalynd Jowett (2016)

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES

HUM

Dr J. Drugan (2016)

Dr M. Williams (2016)

FMH

Professor N. Spalding (2016)

SCI

Dr S.D. Laycock (2016)

Dr M. O'Connell (2016)

SSF

Professor F. Lettice (2016)

Claudina Richards (2017)

To consider

the recommendation that the following members are approved:

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

HUM

Professor Lee Marsden (PPL) (2019)

SCI

Professor Mark Searcey (PHA) (2019)

SSF

Professor Paul Dobson (NBS) (2019)

FMH

Professor Rosalynd Jowett (2017)

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES

HUM

Dr David Nowell-Smith (LDC) (2019)

Dr Karen Schaller (LDC) (2019)

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Dr Kelly Walker (HSC) (2019)

SCI

Dr Beatriz De La Iglesia (CMP) – (2019)

Dr Robert Gray (MTH) – (2019)

SSF

Professor Kenny Coventry (PSY) (2019)

Dr Alfonso Avila-Merino (NBS) (2019)

Please note that from the 2016/2017 Academic year all Academic Directors *may attend Senate and have the right to debate, but not to vote.*

A11. SENATE COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP

To consider

the recommendations in the report. SEN15D030 (Divider J)

SECTION B:

ITEMS WHICH CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS BUT WHERE NO DEBATE IS ANTICIPATED

Please look under 1. Business of the Agenda for details of how to view these documents.

B1. REVIEW OF HIGHER DOCTORATES

To consider

a recommendation from the Learning and Teaching Committee that the University cease offering the following higher degrees: Doctor of Laws (LLD), Doctor of Letters (LittD) and Doctor of Science (ScD). SEN15D031

B2. STARRED FIRSTS

To consider

a recommendation from the Learning and Teaching Committee that the classification of starred first degrees will not be available to any student registering on a course from 2016/17 onwards. SEN15D032

B3. ENRICHMENT WEEK

To receive

a progress report. SEN15D033

SECTION C: ITEMS FOR REPORT

Please look under 1. Business of the Agenda for details of how to view these documents.

C1. LEARNING AND TEACHING COMMITTEE

To receive

a round-up report of the meetings of the Committee held on 2 December 2015, 27 January 2016, 16 March and 11 May 2016. SEN15D034

C2. ITEMS FOR REPORT

To receive

the items for report. SEN15D035

- (1) Heads of Schools for 2016/17
- (2) Union of UEA Students – Election 2016/17 Results

C3. DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2016/17

To report

that the dates of the Senate meetings have been confirmed as:

Wednesday 9 November 2016 – 2pm
Wednesday 11 January 2017 – 2pm
Wednesday 1 March 2017 – 2pm
Wednesday 7 June 2017 – 2pm

SECTION D: RESERVED BUSINESS

**D1. BUSINESS CONTINUITY

To receive

the confidential and reserved report on the University business continuity plans. SEN15D036 (Divider K)