

## THE COUNCIL



### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016

Present: The Chairman of the Council (Mr R Jewson), the Treasurer (Mr J Sisson), Mr J Greenwell, Mr G Jones, Ms L. McGillivray, Dr K Skoyles, Dr W. Thomson, Mr M Williams, the Vice-Chancellor (Professor D. Richardson), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Professor D. Petley), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Professor N. Ward), Professor G Schofield, Ms H. Lewis, Mr C. Brown and the Student Representatives (Mr C. Jarvis and Mr Y. Yu)

With: The Registrar and Secretary (Mr B Summers), the Director of Planning (Mr I. Callaghan), the Head of Corporate Communications (Mr A. Stronach), the Assistant Registrar (Ms L. Williams) and the Senior Administrative Assistant (Mrs R. Phillips).

In attendance: The Executive Deans of Faculty (Professor P Gilmartin, Professor Y Tasker, and Professor D Edwards), Mr P Zuckerman (for item A2).

Apologies: Mr S Donaldson, Ms V Keller Dorsey, Professor J Collier

#### 49. MINUTES

Confirmed

the minutes of the Council meetings held on 18 January 2016.

#### 50. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

The Chair welcomed Professor Dylan Edwards as the new Executive Dean for the Faculty of Medicine and Health. He also noted that this was the last meeting at which Stephen Donaldson, Director of Finance could attend. Unfortunately, Stephen was unable to attend in person but the Chair wished to record his thanks for Stephen's hard work and contribution to the University during his time as Director of Finance.

The remainder of this minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

#### 51. REPORT AND STATEMENTS FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received

a confidential report from the Vice-Chancellor. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D037)

(An updated report was circulated to the meeting and has been filed in the minute book. The Vice-Chancellor also provided an update on the recently issued grant letter from BIS to HEFCE. The following was noted:

- QR funding had been held though last year's allocation was for one-year only. The algorithm may change for this year's allocation;

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- There was confirmation that HEFCE should work with the Stern review regarding REF and continue to prepare for an exercise due to complete by the end of 2021. Submission dates are yet to be confirmed but the University continues to work towards submission deadlines in 2019 which may be extended to 2021;
- RPIF funding will continue. This operates on institutions submitting bids for funding with matched (or exceeded) external funding. For the next round charity funding will also be allowed;
- Funding has been provided for:
  - World Class Laboratories (£3bn) between HEFCE and the Research Councils over a five year period.
  - Grand Challenges (£2.9bn) of which £0.4bn is for RPIF. It is believed that most of this funding has already been allocated;
  - Global Challenges (£1bn) to support areas aligned to the government's commitment to invest 0.7% of GDP to overseas aid projects. There is potential benefit here for ENV/DEV at UEA.
- In terms of teaching there is a commitment to protect STEM funding in real terms though the funding per student is not yet confirmed;
- The transfer of numbers currently supported by the Department of Health to being supported by the loan book is confirmed and UEA is well placed to take advantage of some of the expected 10,000 additional numbers that arise from the cap being lifted.
- HEIF is maintained which is worth c. £2.5m per annum to the University and is an area where improved metrics have been delivered year on year.
- Other items of key interest:
  - Requirement for HEFCE to work with institutions to ensure that trustee bodies are appropriately diverse in terms of gender;
  - Action to work on the gender pay gap: UEA has work to do in this area but is currently at position 82 out of 87 on the recently published UCU table;
  - Further work is required on the Athena Swan process;
  - HEFCE have been asked to investigate methods to implement a doctoral loans scheme.

\*52. SCVA GOVERNANCE

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\*53. LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

\*54. THE SAINSBURY LABORATORY

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55. SPECIAL RESOLUTION: STATUTE 7: NOTICE GIVEN ON 16 February 2016

Approved by special resolution:

delete the current Statute 7 and replace with the revised Statute, subject to the approval of Privy Council and to any amendments required by the Privy Council which do not materially affect the substance of the revised Statute. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D040)

(BIS and the Privy Council had confirmed that they had no comments to make on the draft resolution. Following approval the revised wording will be submitted for Privy Council approval which may be subject to a delayed approval once the supporting Ordinances have been finalised.)

56. GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Considered

a paper from the Registrar and Secretary regarding the Graduate Students Association. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D041).

(The three comments received were considered together with the original proposal as submitted.)

RESOLVED

to close the Graduate Students' Association.

57. STUDENT OBSERVERS

Considered

a paper from the Registrar and Secretary regarding student observers attending the Council meeting on 4 July 2016. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D042)

(It was noted that the results of the recent elections for sabbatical officers had now concluded and the following were elected:

- Undergraduate Education: Theo Antonio-Phillips
- Postgraduate Education: Madeleine Colledge
- Campaigns and Democracy: Amy Rust
- Welfare, Community and Diversity: Jo Swo
- Activities and Opportunities: Joe Zilch

The Students' Union had yet to confirm which of the two above would attend Council in the next academic year. On that basis it was confirmed that once the names were confirmed the individuals concerned would be asked whether they would welcome the opportunity for the existing members to support them at their first meeting.)

58. REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Considered

a confidential report from the Council Membership Committee meeting held on Monday 18 January 2016. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D043)

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(The relevant individuals left the room during discussion of this item.)

RESOLVED  
to appoint

- (1) Mr Joe Greenwell as Chair of Council for an initial three year period from 1 August 2016;
- (2) Mr Mark Williams as Treasurer for an initial three year period from 1 August 2016.

### 59. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE GROUP

Considered  
a confidential report from the Finance Group meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2016. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D044)

### 60. ACCOUNTS OF THE UNION OF UEA STUDENTS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Received  
a report from the Registrar and Secretary in respect of the financial statements for the Union of UEA Students and the Graduate Students Association for 2014/15. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D045)

### 61. NEXT MEETING

Reported  
that the date of the next Council meeting would be on 16 May 2016.

### 62. DATES OF MEETINGS 2015-2016

Reported  
that the dates of future Council meetings were as set out below:

Monday 16 May 2016 – 10.30am  
Monday 4 July 2016 – 10.30am: note this was a change of date

### 63. ITEMS FOR REPORT

Received  
the report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU15D046).

- (1) Sealings

### \*\*64. REDUNDANCY COMMITTEE

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