

THE COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2013

- Present: The Chairman of the Council (Mr R. Jewson) (in the Chair), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor E.D.J. Acton), the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor N. Norris), the Treasurer (Mr J. Sisson), Dr M. Blyth, Sir Richard Dales, Mr D. Edwards, Ms V. Keller-Dorsey, Ms L. McGillivray, Dr K. Skoyles, Mr D. White and the Student Representative except for business marked ** (Mr J. Levell and Mr M. Myles).
- With: The Registrar and Secretary, the Director of Planning (Mr I. Callaghan), the Director of Finance (Mr S. Donaldson), the Senior Assistant Registrar (Dr L. Moulard) and the Senior Administrative Assistant (Committee Office) (Mrs R. Phillips)
- In attendance: The Executive Deans of Faculty (Professor P. Gilmartin, Professor I. Harvey and Professor N. Ward).
- Apologies: Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor D.J. Richardson), Mr G. Jones, Mrs E. Slaymaker, the Executive Dean of Faculty (Professor Y. Tasker)

41. MINUTES

Confirmed
the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 November 2012.

42. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting of Council at which David White would be present and thanked him for his contribution to the Council and wished him well in the future.

43. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the selection process for the University's Chancellor. It is proposed that an approach will be made to a potential candidate and if this approach is unsuccessful the matter will be returned to Council.

*44. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

45. FAITH POLICY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

An update report from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) regarding prayer facilities on campus. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU12D037.)

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The Pro Vice-Chancellor was thanked for this detailed paper and supporting information. There was some concern that lack of communication had again been cited as an issue and did this highlight a wider issue with the University's communication strategy. There was concern to ensure that wherever possible reference is made to refer to "special facility requirements" rather than specifying a single faith's needs. There was also a suggestion that the reference to "resources" and "obligations" should have less prominence in the statement at section 3.1 of the supporting papers.

There was support for the underlying statement of principles and it was noted that it is not the role of the University to provide for the religious needs of the wider local community. The current buildings provided for religious observance are managed by the University and provided for the use of students and their immediate families. The proposed way forward with the Faith Policy was welcomed by the Students' Union and received generally strong support as an example of best practice.

RESOLVED

to adopt all of the recommendations as identified in the submitted paper.

*46. CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*47. JOINT VENTURE STRUCTURE

This document (COU12D039) and minute are secret and enclosed in a sealed envelope.

*48. GOOD HONOURS/CONTINUATION RATES

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

49. STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE AND STUDENT AFFAIRS GROUP

Received

a paper regarding the status of Student Experience Committee and Students Affairs Group. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU12D041)

RESOLVED

to accept the recommendations as submitted.

50. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Considered

a report with recommendations from the Council Membership Committee. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU12D042)

RESOLVED

to accept the recommendations as submitted.

51. CONSTITUTION OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

A report with amendments to the GSA Constitution. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU12D043)

RESOLVED

to approve the Constitution.

52. UNION OF UEA STUDENTS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2012

Received

a report from the Registrar and Secretary regarding the accounts of the Union of UEA Students and the Graduate Students Association. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU12D045)

53. ITEMS FOR REPORT

Received

the following Items for Report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU12D046)

(1) Sealings

54. DATES OF MEETINGS

Reported

(1) that the date of the next Council meeting was Monday 11 March 2013 - 10.30am

(2) that the dates of future Council meetings were:

Monday 20 May 2013 - 2pm

Monday 24 June 2013 - 10.30am