

THE COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2013

Present: The Chairman of the Council (Mr R. Jewson) (in the Chair), The Vice-Chancellor (Professor E.D.J. Acton), the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Professor D.J. Richardson and Professor N. Ward), the Treasurer (Mr J. Sisson), Dr M. Blyth, Mr D. Edwards, Mr J. Grenwell, Mr G. Jones, Ms V. Keller-Dorsey, Dr K. Skoyles, Mrs E. Slaymaker and the Student Representative except for business marked ** (Ms R. Rawle).

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 J. Collier, Professor P. Gilmartin, Professor I. Harvey and Professor Y. Tasker).

Apologies: Ms L. McGillivray, Professor G Schofield, Mr J Levell

2. MINUTES

Confirmed

the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2013 and 14 August 2013.

3. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Reported

that Members of Council were advised over the summer that Senate had resolved to recommend the appointment of Professor Gillian Schofield to Council for the period to 31 July 2016.

Resolved

that that Professor Gillian Schofield be appointed to Council with immediate effect.

The Chair made the following statements:

- (1) Mr Joe Greenwell, Professor Neil Ward and Ms Rosie Rawle were welcomed as members to their first Council meeting. Professor Jacqueline Collier was also welcomed as the new Executive Dean for the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- (2) The Chair stated that the 50th Anniversary Celebrations had reflected well on the University. The Masterpieces Exhibition had been much enjoyed.
- (3) Interviews will take place for shortlisted candidates for the post of Vice-Chancellor on 12 December 2013. It was resolved that there will be a meeting of Council on 13 December 2013 to consider, inter alia, the recommendation for appointment.

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- (4) The Chair had attended a “Love Norfolk” event hosted by the Norfolk Community Foundation at which Peter Wilson had spoken of the importance of the Arts in education and that young people involved in the Arts did better in education overall.

4. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor made the following statements in addition to his quarterly report:

The University has been successful in a collaborative bid to the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). It is understood that the bid was ranked third in the country and will bring in £17m over five years to the partners (Universities of Sussex, Kent, Essex, UEA, the Open University and the Courtauld Institute) in respect of AHRC studentships.

The three principle campus trades unions have balloted successfully in favour of strike action and (in some cases) a work to rule. Such action would have to commence between 22 October and 4 November.

*5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*6. CORPORATE PLAN: OPERATIONAL PLAN 2013/4

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*7. STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*8. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUFFOLK

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

9. LCIF ENGLAND

Received

a presentation about LCIF England by Dr John French. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D006)

(It was confirmed that the legal status of LCIF and Adapt was that the Adapt Group was part of the University and also operated through some limited companies though the structure is complex. The intellectual origins arose from the School of Environmental Sciences. The concept has the support of key government departments including BIS, DCLG and DWP. The government is now encouraging a commissioning group approach and the DCLG lawyers are looking at the best way of amending the structure to support this approach. The University holds funds on behalf of Adapt and currently investments are doing well. The fund is a genuine

fund with co-investors seeking financial return. The first cycle of investment must follow the original principles with the second cycle more being more relaxed but still following the broad principles. The aim of this presentation is to increase awareness of the programme.

Dr French sits on the University's Enterprise Executive and the activities of Adapt feed directly to the HEBCIS survey which in turn leads to Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) income (currently £1.8m). Going forward there will be a need to take ideas to market from across the Norwich Research Park. There has also been some diversification into the creative industries and this has delivered the "Grimes on the Beach" programme at Aldeburgh and is also looking at architectural software and digital developments.)

10. COMMITTEE PAPERS

Considered

the papers submitted to this Committee (including minutes) and to identify those which must continue to remain confidential and those which may now be considered open (either in whole or part).

RESOLVED

to follow the recommendations of the authors of papers as identified in the paper header.

11. PRO-CHANCELLOR

Considered

the recommendation in the confidential report from the Registrar and Secretary. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D007)

RESOLVED

to confirm an extension of three years to the Pro-Chancellor's term of office.

12. ORDINANCE 6

Considered

the recommendation in the report from the Registrar and Secretary. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D008)

RESOLVED

to adopt the revised Ordinance 6 as proposed by the Registrar and Secretary.

13. LCIF INVESTMENTS POWER OF ATTORNEY

Considered

the continued operation of the LCIP Investments Power of Attorney. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D009)

RESOLVED

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to approve the Power of Attorney for the academic year 2013/14.

*14. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Received

a confidential report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D010)

15. COUNCIL: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP 2013-14

Received

the terms of reference and membership of the Committee 2013-14. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D011)

16. RESERVED AREAS OF BUSINESS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Received

statements of the University's policies on reserved areas of business and confidentiality. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D012)

17. ITEMS FOR REPORT

Received

the following Items for Report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU13D013)

- (1) Sealings
- (2) Heads of School – BIO, FTM, LAW, NSC, RSC

18. DATES OF MEETINGS

Reported

that the dates of future Council meetings were:

Monday 18 November 2013 (during CSC)
Monday 20 January 2014 - 10.30am
Monday 10 March 2014 - 10.30am
Monday 19 May 2014 - 10.30am
Monday 30 June 2014 - 10.30am