

# THE COUNCIL



## Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2014

Present: The Chairman of the Council (Mr R Jewson) (in the Chair), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor D Richardson), the Pro Vice-Chancellors (Professor D. Petley and Professor N Ward), the Treasurer (Mr J Sisson), Dr M Blyth, Mr D Edwards, Mr G Jones, Ms L. McGillivray, Professor G Schofield, Dr K Skoyles, Ms V Keller Dorsey, Mrs E Slaymaker, Dr W Thomson and the Student Representatives (Mr C. Jarvis and Mr Y. Yu)

With: The Registrar and Secretary (Mr B Summers), the Director of Finance (Mr S Donaldson), the Director of Planning (Mr I Callaghan), the Assistant Registrar (Ms L. Williams)

In attendance: The Executive Deans of Faculty (Professor J Collier, Professor I Harvey, Professor Y Tasker and Professor P Gilmartin)

Apologies: Mr M Williams

### 1. MINUTES

Confirmed

the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2014.

### 2. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

The Chairman welcomed the new members of Council to their first meeting. This was also Professor Richardson's first meeting as Vice-Chancellor. The Chairman has been invited to attend the Chairs of Participants in the Norwich Research Park meeting which was an excellent meeting further improved by the attendance of Tom Blundell, Chair BBSRC and an alumnus of the UEA. The Chief Executive of Norwich Research Park gave an excellent account of progress.

### 3. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor stated that he intended to present a written report to each meeting of Council and, as such, anticipated that his statements at future meetings would be minimal and relate only to significant matters that had occurred since papers were circulated.

### 4. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Received

the Vice-Chancellor's report to Council. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D001).

(This report was in a new format and it is proposed that a report in this format will be presented to each meeting of Council in place of the previous quarterly reports. The following sections remain confidential following the meeting (and any minute will appear in the confidential section of these minutes):

- Admissions position (until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015)
- NRP

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- Finance (bullet point two) (until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015)
- Partnerships (potential new partnerships)
- Engagement (bullet points two and three)

It was pleasing to see the University's position in the recently published THES "Table of Tables" and also the fact that the University remained in the World Top 100 (though noting a slip from 174 to 198. There is stiff global competition in this table and there is a prospect of falling below the Top 200 next year as the University's scoring in the reputation metric has not caught up with the absolute measures such as number of citations where the score is 70<sup>th</sup> worldwide, 14<sup>th</sup> in the UK and international outlook where the score is 54<sup>th</sup>. Improving reputation is resource intensive both financially and in terms of personal time. In discussion it was acknowledged that it was good to see the aspirations of the University. It was also noted that a Music Director has now been appointed and there are positive plans to expand music provision on campus into alternative genres beyond the classical. There may be possibilities to explore closer liaison with Access to Music which has strong links with supporting NEET young people.

### \*5 STUDENT NUMBERS AND FINANCES

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### 6. CORPORATE PLAN: OPERATIONAL PLAN 2013/4

Considered

- (1) a confidential report providing a summary of key league table information (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D003)
- (2) the confidential outcome of the National Student Survey (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D004)
- (3) the confidential timetable for the new Corporate Plan. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D005)

(Council members were reminded that the research measures will be updated next year following the outcome of the REF exercise which will impact all institutions.)

### \*7. ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

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### \*8. STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE

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### 9. 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).

10. LCIF INVESTMENTS POWER OF ATTORNEY

Considered

the continued operation of the LCIF Investments Power of Attorney. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D008)

RESOLVED

to approve the continued operation of the LCIF Investments Power of Attorney.

11. SCVA BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Considered

revisions to the terms of reference of the SCVA Board (a committee of Council) (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D009)

(In discussion, Council approved the appointment of Paul Zuckerman as Chair with the remaining membership to be discussed and confirmed by Chair's action. Council wished to express their thanks to the Executive Dean (HUM) for her tireless work as the former Chair of the SCVA Board. The Board will now be able to move forward with delivering due diligence confirmation on the Hermitage project.)

RESOLVED

- (1) to confirm the appointment of Paul Zuckerman as Chair of the SCVA Board;
- (2) to permit Chair's action to confirm the remaining Board membership.

12. COUNCIL: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP 2014-15 AND RESERVED AREAS OF BUSINESS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Received

the terms of reference and membership of the Committee 2014-15. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D010)

13. ITEMS FOR REPORT

Received

the following Items for Report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D011)

- (1) Sealings

14. DATES OF MEETINGS

Reported

that the dates of future Council meetings were:

Monday 1 December 2014 (during CSC)  
Monday 19 January 2015 - 10.30am  
Monday 9 March 2015 - 10.30am  
Monday 18 May 2015 - 10.30am  
Monday 29 June 2015 - 10.30am

\*\*15. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIBUNAL

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### 16. DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

Considered

the recommendations contained within the confidential and reserved report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU14D013)

RESOLVED

to confirm the appointment as outlined.