

THE SENATE



Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2015

Present: The Vice-Chancellor (Professor D.J. Richardson) (in the Chair), Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor N. Ward), the Executive Deans of Faculty (Professor J. Collier, Professor I Harvey, and Professor Y. Tasker), Heads of Schools (Professor V. Lattimer, Professor G. Schofield, Professor P. Womack), Academic Representatives (Dr H. Adcock, Professor D. Andrews, Dr L. Biggart, Dr R. Denison, Dr J. Drugan, Professor M. Frenneaux, Professor F. Lettice, Ms C. Richards, Professor N. Spalding, Dr J. Turner, Dr M. Williams), Dean of Students (Dr A. Grant), Director of Information Services (Mr J. Colam-French), Ms C. Peasgood (CCN Representative) and the Student Representatives except for business marked ** Mr L. McCafferty and Ms H. Staynor.

With: The Registrar and Secretary (Mr B. J. Summers), Academic Director of Learning and Teaching Enhancement (Mrs H. Gillespie), Academic Director of Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes (Dr N. Watmough), Director of Learning and Teaching Services (Dr A. Blanchflower), Assistant Registrar (Mrs L. Williams) and Senior Administrative Assistant (Mrs R. Phillips).

Apologies: Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor D. Petley), the Executive Dean of Faculty (Professor P. Gilmartin), Heads of School (Professor V. Moulton), Mrs J. Barker, Professor G. Plank, Dr D. Watson and Student Representative (Mr C. Rand)

17. MINUTES

Confirmed

the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2015.

18. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice Chancellor

- (1) welcomed Professor Michael Frenneaux as a new member of Senate nominated by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- (2) (reported that work had begun on the 2016-2020 Corporate Plan. There were to be four chapters covering: students; research; global reach (internationalisation and reputation enhancement); and resourcing the vision. Work has been able to commence on the student chapter a little earlier than the research chapter as we have been awaiting the outcome of the Research Excellence Framework (REF). Preliminary discussions of the Corporate Plan's student chapter have taken place at ET Strategy Day, Senate, Employability Executive and ARM Executive. The Union of UEA Students have also submitted a set of 10 'student experience challenges' to the University to help inform thinking on the Corporate Plan. A new timeline has been agreed by ET to allow further time for consultation with all stakeholders during 2015. ARM are currently setting up a consultation timeline and full details will be provided at the February Senate.
- (3) reported that UEA's position in relation to staff taking industrial action as part of the dispute over the future of the pensions schemes had been communicated to all staff. The University would be withholding 25% of pay for staff taking action short of a strike, in line with at least 66 other Universities. The University's hope was for a negotiated settlement to be reached without the need for any industrial action and withholding of pay.

- (4) reported on the opening of a new exhibition called "Francis Bacon and the Masters" at the State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg in December 2014. *Francis Bacon and the Masters* forms the culmination of the celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of the State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg and will coincide with the UK/Russia Year of Culture in the UK. The exhibition is coming to the Sainsbury Centre on 18 April 2015, a major coup for UEA and the SCVA. Masterpieces on loan to SCVA from the Hermitage include those by artists such as Velázquez, Rembrandt, Titian, Michelangelo, Rodin, Van Gogh, Picasso, Cézanne, Gauguin and Matisse. Many of these works have never before been shown in the UK.
- (5) reported on the launch of a new project with a proposed name of Generation Park Norwich, and led by NPH (Norwich) LLP - a partnership which includes the University of East Anglia. In addition to prospective research and education facilities, and student housing, the project would feature a low carbon, renewable, clean Community Energy Centre generating electricity equivalent to the needs of 88,000 homes.
- (6) reported on the successes of two members of staff:

Dr. Chris Hanretty from PPL is part of a cutting edge team of researchers that are forecasting the outcome of the 2015 general election. Dr Hanretty appeared on Newsnight in October to explain his predictions; and former Creative Writing student Emma Healey has won the Costa Book Award for best first novel. Emma Healey's debut novel *Elizabeth is Missing*, some of which was written during her time as a UEA student, has been showered with praise since its publication in June 2014.

*19. RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK RESULTS

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*20. HONORARY DEGREES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Reported

that the next meeting of the Senate is scheduled for Wednesday 18 February 2015.