### UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Wednesday, 25 November 2015 at 9.15am in the **Council Chamber, Senate House**.

Ken Sloan Registrar and Chief Operating Officer

#### AGENDA

As approved by the Council at its meeting on 28 September 2005, selected papers will remain private and confidential to Council members and attendees only. These items are clearly denoted with asterisks within the agenda.

# MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL (Green Papers)

Note: The following items and reports are for consideration at the meeting. A summary sheet is provided with each paper setting out in broad terms the content of the paper and the action which the Council is asked to take on each specific item.

#### 1. Minutes

#### TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 October 2015 (attached).

# 2. Conflicts of Interest

#### TO REPORT:

That, should any members or attendees of the Council have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items for the meeting, they should be declared in accordance with The Committee of University Chairs (CUC) Higher Education Code of Governance (2014).

# 3. <u>Chair's Business</u>

(a) Appointment of Senate Representative to Membership of the Council (minute 4/15-16 refers)

#### TO REPORT:

That Professor Aileen Clarke, Head of Division, Warwick Medical School (Health Sciences) has been appointed by the Senate as one of the four academic representatives of the Senate on the Council, for the period 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2018.



# (b) \*Report from the Remuneration Committee

#### TO REPORT:

That a report from the meeting of the Remuneration Committee held on 24 November 2015 will be considered at the meeting of the Council to be held on 10 February 2016.

### 4. Vice-Chancellor and President's Business

### TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and President (C.13/15-16, attached).

# 5. Registrar and Chief Operating Officer's Business

### TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Registrar and Chief Operating Officer that includes the following item of business:

(a) Review of the Statutes and Associated Processes Relating to Employment Matters (minute 90/14-15 refers)

### 6. \*Report from the Senate

#### TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meeting of the Senate held on 12 October 2015, together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and President (<u>C.14/15-16</u> {restricted}, attached).

# 7. Reports from Council Committees

### TO CONSIDER:

- (a) \*Finance and General Purposes Committee (C.15/15-16 {restricted}, attached), including the draft Statutory Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2015, the associated HEFCE financial return, the letter of representation (C.15/15-16 {restricted} Appendix 1, attached); the Annual Sustainability Assurance Report (ASSUR) (C.15/15-16 {restricted} Appendix 2, attached); and a paper concerning the build of a new student residences (C.15/15-16 {restricted} Appendix 3, attached).
- (b) \*Audit Committee (C.16/15-16 {restricted}, attached), including the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2014/15 (C.16/15-16 {restricted} Appendix 1, attached), an extract of the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2014/15 (C.16/15-16 {restricted} Appendix 2, online only) and the annual University Value for Money (VFM) report for 2014/15 (C.16/15-16 {restricted} Appendix 3, online only).
- (c) \*University Health and Safety Executive Committee (C.17/15-16 {restricted}, attached).

### 8. Annual Assurance Return to the HEFCE (Annex E)

### TO CONSIDER:

The draft of the University's Annual Assurance Return to the HEFCE, including in particular the required statement by the Council as trustees that, "in all material respects, the institution has conducted its affairs during the year in accordance with its status as a charity" (C.18/15-16, attached).

### 9. \*University Risk Update: Autumn Term 2015

#### TO CONSIDER:

A paper on the status of the University's key risks, together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar (C.19/15-16 {restricted}, attached).

# 10. \*University Strategy Report: Autumn Term 2015

### TO CONSIDER:

A report on progress towards the achievement of the goals set out in the University Strategy, together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar (C.20/15-16 {restricted}, attached).

### 11. \*California: Progress Report

#### TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Provost on progress to establish academic and student activities and a physical presence in California.

# 12. Warwick Arts Centre Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15

#### TO RECEIVE:

The Warwick Arts Centre Annual Report and Accounts for the 2014/15 financial year (C.21/15-16, attached).

# 13. Awards and Distinctions

#### TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the meeting of the Council held on 15 October 2015 (<u>C.22/15-16</u>, <u>attached</u>).

# 14. Any Other Business

# 15. Strategic Topic for Discussion: BIS Consultation on the Higher Education Green Paper

## TO CONSIDER:

A paper and presentation for discussion from the Deputy Registrar on the Higher Education Green Paper (C.23/15-16, attached).

# MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION (Blue Papers)

The following papers are non-controversial or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Council may, however, ask for any of the following items to be transferred to the 'Matters for Consideration by the Council' element of the Agenda for the day by contacting the Registrar and Chief Operating Officer (024 765 23704) or the Director of Governance and Assurance Services (024 765 24984) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

### 16. Reports from Council and Joint Senate and Council Committees

#### TO CONSIDER:

- (a) University Estate Committee (C.24/15-16, online only).
- (b) Equality and Diversity Committee (C.25/15-16, online only).

# 17. Register of Members' Interests

#### TO RECEIVE:

A copy of the Register of Interests of members of the University Council for the academic year 2015/16 as at 18 November 2015 (C.26/15-16, online only).

### 18. Arts Centre Board Terms of Reference

#### TO CONSIDER:

The terms of reference of the Arts Centre Board (C.27/15-16, online only).

# 19. Amendments to University Ordinances

#### TO CONSIDER:

For the first time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances, as noted by the Senate:

(a) University Ordinance 16 on the Payment of Annual Fees, Residential Charges and Other Debts (C.28/15-16, online only).

# 20. <u>Amendments to University Regulations</u>

#### TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to the following University Regulations, as recommended by the Senate:

- (a) University Regulation 2.3, Regulations Governing the Election of Representatives of the Assembly to Membership of the Senate (<u>C.29/15-16</u>, online only).
- (b) University Regulation 5, Grant of Study Leave, Leave of Absence, and Leave to Accept a Research Award (C.30/15-16, online only).
- (c) University Regulation 8, Regulations for First Degrees (C.31/15-16, online only).

(d) University Regulation 9, Constitutions of Boards of Examiners (<u>C.32/15-16</u>, online only).

# 21. <u>Dates of Future Meetings</u>

### TO REPORT:

That the future meetings of the Council for the 2015/16 academic year are as follows:

Wednesday, 10 February 2016	17:00 - 18:30 in the Senate House Council Chamber
Wednesday, 18 May 2016	09:15 - 14:00 in the Senate House Council Chamber
Wednesday, 13 July 2016	09:15 - 14:00 in the Senate House Council Chamber

All members of the Council and attendees at the meeting are reminded that papers circulated for consideration at the meeting remain confidential to the University and should not be circulated or discussed outside the University community.

As at 18 November 2015