

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Thursday 2 October 2008  
at 2.15pm in the Council Chamber, University House.

Jon F Baldwin  
Registrar

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A G E N D A

**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 9 July 2008 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

Finance and General Purposes Committee: HRI Kirton (minute 109/07-08(b) refers)

3. Membership of the University Council

TO RECEIVE:

A statement of the membership of the Council for the 2008/2009 academic year (C.1/08-09, attached).

TO CONSIDER:

(a) An oral report from the Pro-Chancellor on the progress of meetings with prospective members of the Council.

(b) \*A recommendation from the Nominations Committee for the appointment of a lay member of the University Council for the period to 31 July 2011 (C.2/08-09, attached).

4. Pro-Chancellor's Business

5. Vice-Chancellor's Business

6. University Committee Structures, Membership of Council Committees and Related Matters

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Proposed minor revisions to the constitution of Council Committees (C.3/08-09, attached).
- (b) The membership of Council Committees for the 2008/2009 academic year (C.4/08-09, attached).

7. Code of Corporate Governance, Statement of Primary Responsibilities and Delegated Authorities

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) The University's Code of Practice on Corporate Governance (C.5/08-09, attached).
- (b) The University's Statement of Primary Responsibilities (C.6/08-09, attached).

8. Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items to be considered at the meeting of the Senate on 1 October (C.7/08-09, attached) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

9. Reports from Council Committees

- (a) \*Remuneration Committee (C.8/08-09, attached).
- (b) University Health and Safety Executive Committee (C.9/08-09, attached).

10. Academic Redundancy Process

TO CONSIDER:

A paper outlining proposals for amending the redundancy process for academic staff with indefinite contracts from the Human Resources Operations Director (C.10/08-09, attached).

11. Awards and Distinctions

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the last meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2008 (C.11/08-09, attached).

12. Any Other Business

13. Strategic Topic for Discussion: *The Coming Crisis of British Universities*

TO RECEIVE:

\*A report from the Vice-Chancellor setting out key issues in the competitiveness of the UK HE sector internationally.

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 Agenda for the day by contacting the Registrar (ext: 23708) or Deputy Registrar (ext: 22713) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

14. Register of Members' Interests

TO RECEIVE:

A copy of the Register of Interests of Members of the University Council for the academic year 2008/2009 as at 25 September 2008 (C.12/08-09, attached).

15. Amendments to University Statutes and Ordinances

TO CONSIDER:

For the second time, proposed amendments to University Statutes and Ordinances, including those relating to the Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors (C.13/08-09, attached).

16. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to University Regulations (C.14/08-09, attached)

17. Strategic Discussion Topics for Meetings of the Council

TO CONSIDER:

A list of the rolling programme of potential strategic items for discussion at future meetings of the Council (C.15/08-09, attached).