

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Thursday, 10 October 2013
at 9.15am in the **Council Chamber, Senate House**.

Ken Sloan
Registrar and Chief Operating Officer

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 10 July 2013 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) Council Effectiveness Review (minute 122/12-13 refers)

(b) Fact-Finding Visits to International Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) Proposal
(minute 107/12-13 (c) refers)

(c) 2012-13 Year End Outturn (minute 124/12-13 refers)

(d) University Widening Participation Strategy (minute 126/12-13 refers)

3. Appointment of a Provost (minute 85/12-13 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral update from the Vice-Chancellor and President on the appointment of a Provost, subsequent to the circulation by correspondence (C.01/13-14, circulated by e-mail on 2 October 2013).

4. Membership of the University Council

TO RECEIVE:

A statement of the membership of the Council for the 2013/14 academic year (C.02/13-14, attached) together with an oral report from the Pro-Chancellor and the Deputy Registrar.

5. 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 CUC Guide for Members of Higher Education Governing Bodies in the UK.

6. Pro-Chancellor's Business

*Report from the Nominations Committee

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the meeting of the Nominations Committee held on 9 October 2013.

7. Vice-Chancellor and President's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and President (C.03/13-14, attached).

8. Registrar and Chief Operating Officer's Business

TO RECEIVE:

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

The University's Response to the Committee of University Chairs Consultation on the Code of Corporate Governance

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

TO CONSIDER:

(a) The University's Code of Practice on Corporate Governance (C.04/13-14, attached).

(b) The University's Statement of Primary Responsibilities (C.05/13-14, attached).

10. Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meeting of the Senate held on 2 October 2013, together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor (C.06/13-14, to be tabled and circulated electronically).

11. University Strategy (minute 138/12-13 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral update and presentation from the Vice-Chancellor and President and the Deputy Registrar on the progress made regarding the refresh of the University Strategy following the last meeting of the Council on 10 July 2013.

12. 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 10 July 2013 (C.07/13-14, attached).

13. Any Other Business

14. Strategic Topic for Discussion: A Presentation from the President of the Students' Union

TO RECEIVE:

A presentation from the President of the Students' Union, Mr B Sundell regarding the Students' Union at Warwick and its strategic priorities.

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 Deputy Registrar (ext: 22706) or the Head of Institutional Governance Services (ext: 24984) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

15. Reports from Council and Joint Senate and Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Building Committee (C.08/13-14, online only).
- (b) Research Governance and Ethics Committee (C.09/13-14, online only).
- (c) Intellectual Property Committee (C.10/13-14, online only).

16. Membership of Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

The membership of Council Committees for the 2013/14 academic year (C.11/13-14, online only), noting that further recommendations may be made following the meeting of the Nominations Committee to be held on the evening prior to the meeting of the Council.

17. Charity Commission Guidance

TO REPORT:

That a summary table of changes made by the Charity Commission to the guidance on Public Benefit is available at: <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/detailed-guidance/charitable-purposes-and-public-benefit>.

TO CONSIDER:

A paper outlining the changes to the Public Benefit guidance for charities (C.12/13-14, online only).

18. Register of Members' Interests

TO RECEIVE:

A copy of the Register of Interests of Members of the University Council for the academic year 2013/14 as at 9 October 2013 (C.13/13-14, to be tabled) which will be made available publicly on request, noting that it will be updated and the latest version periodically posted on the Council members' webpage as amendments are submitted by members of the Council.

19. Amendments to University Ordinances

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) For the first time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances, as noted by the Senate:

University Ordinance 4 on the Appointment of Lay Members of the Council (C.14/13-14, online only).

- (b) For the second time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances, as approved by the Senate:

(i) University Ordinance 5 on the Appointment of Members of the Council Appointed by the Senate (C.15/13-14, online only).

(ii) University Ordinance 7 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties (C.16/13-14, online only).

(iii) University Ordinance 8 on the Sub-Faculties (C.16/13-14, online only).

20. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

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

- (a) University Regulation 8 governing the Regulations for First Degrees (C.17/13-14, online only).

- (b) University Regulation 31 governing the Use of University Computing Facilities (C.18/13-14, online only).

21. Approvals by the Chair

- (a) Amendments to University Regulation 23 Governing Student Disciplinary Offences

TO REPORT:

(i) That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to confirm a revision of Regulation 23 on the recommendation of the Senate.

(ii) That the change was made as a result of the Senate recognising early in the 2012-13 academic year, that Regulation 23 was no longer fit for purpose because it was unable to be sufficiently responsive to support and govern the increasing number and complexity of student disciplinary cases being raised in the University.

(iii) That proposed revisions to the regulation were considered by the Senate in June and July 2013 and legal advice was sought and incorporated into the revised regulation.

- (iv) That, at the July meeting of the Senate, the student representatives (Mr Nick Swain, President of the Students' Union and Ms Anna Chowcat, Postgraduate Officer for the Students' Union) raised several outstanding issues which they felt were not adequately addressed in the revised version of the documentation.
- (v) That, in order to ensure that the final iteration of the revised Regulation could take effect from the start of the 2013 Autumn Term, the Senate delegated authority to the Steering Committee to work with Students' Union representatives in order to address these remaining matters at its meeting held on 3 July 2013.
- (vi) That the Senate also acknowledged that in order to meet the start of the 2013 Autumn Term, Chair's Action on behalf of the Council would be required before the next meeting of the Council.
- (vii) That the final iteration of the Regulation was approved by the Steering Committee on behalf of the Senate at its meeting on 22 July 2013 with the full support of the student representative (Mr Nick Swain), noting that it was agreed that any residual points of clarity would be covered through updated guidance that is in the process of being drafted.

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 3 October 2013