

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Thursday 13 October 2011
at 2.15pm in the Council Chamber, University House.

Jon F Baldwin
Registrar

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 13 July 2011 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

3. Membership of the University Council

TO RECEIVE:

A statement of the membership of the Council for the 2011/12 academic year (C.1/11-12, attached).

TO REPORT:

That, at its meeting held on 5 October 2011, the Senate appointed the following academic member of the Senate to membership of the Council for the period through 31 July 2014:

Professor Pam Thomas, Physics

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Pro-Chancellor and the Registrar, following the meeting of the Nominations Committee held prior to the meeting of the Council.

4. Pro-Chancellor's Business

(a) 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.

(b) Strategic Discussion Topics for Meetings of the Council (minute 6/07-08 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

A list of strategic items for discussion at future meetings of the Council (C.2/11-12, attached).

5. Vice-Chancellor's Business

6. Membership of Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

The membership of Council Committees for the 2011/12 academic year (C.3/11-12, 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.4/11-12, attached).

(b) The University's Statement of Primary Responsibilities (C.5/11-12, attached).

8. Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meeting of the Senate on 5 October 2011 (C.6/11-12, attached) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

9. Reports from Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

Finance & General Purposes Committee (C.7/11-12, attached).

10. 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 13 July 2011 (C.8/11-12, attached).

11. Any Other Business
12. Strategic Topic for Discussion: Future Role of the Higher Education Funding Council for England - Technical Consultation from the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills

TO CONSIDER:

The future role of the HEFCE in the light of the Technical Consultation from BIS on a new, fit-for-purpose regulatory framework for the Higher Education sector together with the proposed University response to the consultation (C.9/11-12, attached).

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

The following papers are deemed 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.

13. Register of Members' Interests

TO RECEIVE:

A copy of the Register of Interests of Members of the University Council for the academic year 2011/12 as at 12 October 2011 (C.10/11-12, to be tabled at the meeting), noting that this will be updated and the latest version periodically posted on the Council members' web page as amendments are submitted by members of the Council.

14. Amendments to University Ordinances

TO REPORT:

For the second time, proposed amendments to the following University Ordinances, as recommended by the Senate (C.11/11-12, attached):

- (a) University Ordinance 7 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties.
- (b) University Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas.

15. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to University Regulation 37 governing Taught Postgraduate Courses (C.12/11-12, attached).