

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Wednesday, 30 November 2011
at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, University House.

Jon 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 October 2011 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

3. Pro-Chancellor's Business

(a) Strategic Discussion Topics for Meetings of the Council

TO RECEIVE:

A list of strategic items for discussion at future meetings of the Council (C.14/11-12, attached).

(b) HEFCE Assurance Review

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Pro-Chancellor on the initial feedback received from the HEFCE Assurance Review which took place on 2 November 2011.

4. Vice-Chancellor's Business

5. Update Report from the Senate: Sub-Faculty of Modern Foreign Languages (minute 15(d)/11-12 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

The establishment of a new Sub-Faculty of Modern Languages, including the creation of a Hispanic Studies unit, together with the resultant changes to University Governing instruments on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Senate, following consultation with the Boards of the Faculties in accordance with the resolution at the meeting of the Senate held on 5 October 2011 (C.15/11-12, attached).

6. Reports from Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Finance & General Purposes Committee (C.16/11-12, attached), including the draft Statutory Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2011 and an update on the University Financial Plan 2011 - 2015.
- (b) *Audit Committee (C.17/11-12, attached), including the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2010/11.
- (c) *Remuneration Committee (C.18/11-12, to be tabled)

7. Annual Assurance Return to the HEFCE

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 aspects, the institution has conducted its affairs during the year in accordance with its status as a charity" (C.19/11-12, attached).

8. University Risk Status and University Key Performance Indicators

TO CONSIDER:

A report on the University's Key Performance Indicators as at November 2011 and the status of the University's key risks (C.20/11-12, to follow).

9. Academic Statistics Yearbook

TO CONSIDER:

A copy of the University's Academic Statistics Yearbook document for the academic year 2011/12, accompanied by an oral report from the Academic Registrar (C.21/11-12, 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 October 2011 (C.22/11-12, attached).

11. Strategic Topic for Discussion: Internationalisation

TO CONSIDER:

A discussion paper from the Vice-Chancellor highlighting the projected future international landscape for higher education and an oral report on the actions the University is taking to position itself as a 'globally-networked university' (C.23/11-12, attached).

12. Core Partnership with Monash University

TO CONSIDER:

A paper setting out the context of the current activity and a proposal to develop a strategic alliance with Monash University (C.24/11-12, attached).

13. Any Other Business

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. University Council Members' Biographies 2011/12

TO RECEIVE:

A copy of the University Council Members' Biographies document for the 2011/12 academic year (C.25/11-12, attached), noting that a PDF of the document would be kept updated and available for download from the Council website.

15. Approvals by the Chair

TO REPORT:

That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Nominations Committee and the Council to approve:

(a) University Health and Safety Executive Committee

The appointment of Ms Lara McCarthy to serve on the University Health and Safety Executive Committee, as a Trade Union representative nominated by the University Health and Safety Committee.

(b) Intellectual Property Committee

The appointment of Professor Richard Dashwood to serve on the Intellectual Property Committee as one of three academic members of staff nominated by the Senate covering intellectual property matters in relation to research and teaching.

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.