

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Wednesday, 14 May 2014
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 13 February 2014 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- (a) University Strategy Refresh (minute 72/13-14 refers)
- (b) Council Effectiveness Review (minute 73/13-14 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

A paper regarding the Council Effectiveness Review, together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar (C.56/13-14, attached).

- (c) *Future Developments: California (minute 94/13-14 refers)

3. 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.

4. Pro-Chancellor's Business

(a) *Report from the Nominations Committee

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the meeting of the Nominations Committee held on 13 May 2014.

(b) Establishment of a School of Modern Languages and Cultures

TO REPORT:

(i) That following the paper received from the Senate, members of the Council were invited to consider, by correspondence, the following recommendations:

- (A) To note the academic vision for the establishment of a School of Modern Languages and Cultures as approved by the Senate;
- (B) To approve the establishment of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures with effect from 1 August 2014;
- (C) To approve the disestablishment of the Sub-Faculty of Modern Languages, the Departments of French Studies, German Studies, Hispanic Studies, Italian and the Language Centre with effect from 1 August 2014;
- (D) To approve the necessary revisions to University Ordinance 7 on the Constitutions of the Boards of the Faculties and Ordinance 8 on Sub-Faculties for the first pass as a result of recommendations 2 and 3 above and as set out in appendix 4 of paper C.55/13-14 {restricted}.

(ii) That members of the Council were wholly supportive of the recommendations and that subsequently, the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to:

- (A) Approve the establishment of a School of Modern Languages and Cultures with effect from 1 August 2014;
- (B) Approve the disestablishment of the Sub-Faculty of Modern Languages, the Departments of French Studies, German Studies, Hispanic Studies, Italian and the Language Centre with effect from 1 August 2014;
- (C) Approve the revisions to University Ordinance 7 on the Constitutions of the Boards of the Faculties and Ordinance 8 on Sub-Faculties for the first pass with effect from 1 August 2014.

(c) Appointment of a Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Social Sciences)

TO REPORT:

(i) That following the recommendation of the Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellor Committee chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and President and subsequently endorsed by the Senate, members of the Council were invited to consider, by correspondence, the appointment of Professor Simon Swain to the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Social Sciences).

- (ii) That members of the Council were wholly supportive of the recommendation and subsequently, the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to appoint Professor Simon Swain to the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Social Sciences), effective from 1 April 2014.

5. Vice-Chancellor and President's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and President (C.57/13-14, attached).

6. 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:

*University's Response to the High Speed 2 Rail Network (HS2) Bill

A paper regarding the University's response to the HS2 Bill, together with an oral report from the Registrar and Chief Operating Officer (C.58/13-14 {restricted}, attached).

7. Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meetings of the Senate held on 12 March 2014, together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor (C.59/13-14, attached).

8. Reports from Council Committees

(a) Part A: Thematic Reports

(i) *National Automotive Innovation Centre (NAIC)

TO CONSIDER:

A progress update on the National Automotive Innovation Centre (NAIC) project as reported by Finance and General Purposes Committee and Building Committee, together with an oral report from the Treasurer, Group Finance Director and Chair of the Building Committee (C.60/13-14 {restricted}, attached).

(b) Part B: Reports from Committees

TO CONSIDER:

(i) *Finance and General Purposes Committee (C.61/13-14 {restricted}, attached).

(ii) *Audit Committee (C.62/13-14 {restricted}, attached).

(iii) *Building Committee (C.63/13-14 {restricted}, attached).

9. *Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) (minute 79/13-14 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

A paper on the status of the USS pension scheme, together with an oral report from the Treasurer and the Group Finance Director (C.64/13-14 {restricted}, attached).

10. University Risk Update – Spring Term

TO CONSIDER:

A paper on the status of the University's key risks, together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar (C.65/13-14, attached).

11. Any Other Business

12. Monash Warwick Alliance

TO RECEIVE:

A paper, together with an oral report from Professor Andrew Coats, Academic Vice-President for the Monash Warwick Alliance (C.66/13-14, 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 Head of Institutional Governance Services (024 765 24984) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

13. Reports from Council and Joint Senate and Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Research Governance and Ethics Committee (C.67/13-14, online only).
- (b) Intellectual Property Committee (C.68/13-14, online only).
- (c) University Health and Safety Executive Committee (C.69/13-14, online only).

14. 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 February 2014 (C.70/13-14, online only).

15. *Deeds

TO REPORT:

That, in accordance with Council minute 33/77-78, a copy of the deeds executed on behalf of the Council since the meeting of the Council on 21 February 2013 is available for consultation online and will be attached to the minutes in the official minute book (C.71/13-14 {restricted}, online only).

16. Amendments to University Ordinances

TO CONSIDER:

For the second time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances, as approved by the Senate:

University Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas (C.72/13-14, online only).

17. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

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

- (a) University Regulation 8 (8.10) governing the Regulations for the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) and for the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMedSci) (C.73/13-14, online only).
- (b) University Regulation 36 governing the Regulations for Student Registration, Attendance and Progress (C.74/13-14, online only).
- (c) University Regulation 38 (38.12) governing the Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsych) (C.75/13-14, online only).

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 7 May 2014