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UNIVERSITY OF KENT
MEETING OF COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2021

Present: The Chair of the Council (Dame Ursula Brennan); the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Karen Cox); the Deputy Chair of the Council (Bob Scruton); Colin Carmichael; Martin Cook; Mark Ellis; Joshua Frost; Kim Lowe; Dr Owen Lyne; Gabriel MacGregor; Andrew Newell; Professor Gill Nicholls; Mark Preston; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura; Professor Richard Reece; Patrick Stillman; Zarafshaan Tahir; Sir David Warren; Professor Iain Wilkinson; Nicola Williams; Zoe Wood.

In attendance: Chief Financial Officer (Jane Higham); Financial Improvement Director (Peter Pentecost); Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council) (Dr Sinead Critchley); PA/Secretary for Governance & Assurance (Claire Taylor).

Apologies: Neil Davies; Mark Malcomson; Sarah Gibson.

The meeting was held online through Microsoft Teams in recognition of the Government requirement to stay at home to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

5385 CHAIR’S INTRODUCTION INCLUDING DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Committee introduced themselves and welcomed Nicola Williams, new Lay Member, to the Council.

Declaration of Interests
There were no declarations of interest.

5386 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2021 Paper C2020/044, were approved subject to minor amendments.

5387 MATTERS ARISING

Paper C2020/046 new format Action Log was approved.
Minute No: 5364 has now been completed.
Minute No: 5363 will be discussed at the March meeting.
Action: PA/Secretary to follow up with action owners in advance of each meeting of Council.

5388 VICE CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT’S UPDATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice Chancellor gave a verbal update on Covid-19 and on engagement with the Office for Students.

5389 STUDENT RECRUITMENT

5390 REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (Commercial in Confidence)

5392 PROPOSED GUIDANCE FOR COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES ON GRIEVANCES (Confidential to Council)

5393 UNIVERSITY OF KENT ACADEMIES TRUST

The Council approved the appointment of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance, Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura, to become a Member of the Academy Trust to represent the University as principal sponsor and to empower her to act on the University’s behalf to appoint further University Members of the Academy Trust. It also empowered the Deputy Vice-Chancellor to act on the University’s behalf to appoint University governors to the Governing Body of UKAT.

5394 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

5395 DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2020/2021

Friday 26 March 2021 (full day meeting)
Friday 14 May 2021 (half day meeting)
Friday 25 June 2021 (full day meeting)

All meetings will be held via MS Teams unless otherwise indicated.

Notes

1. Papers
Copies are available on the Council eboard portal (Diligent Boards) or on request from the Secretary. Approved Minutes and many of the papers are published on the University website at https://kent.ac.uk/governance/council/index.html.

2. Queries
Any queries should be addressed to Dr Sinead Critchley, Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council), (email: S.Critchley-2002@kent.ac.uk).

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