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

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.

5413 CHAIR’S INTRODUCTION INCLUDING DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interests
There were no declarations of interest.

5414 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2021 Paper C2020/073, were approved.

5415 MATTERS ARISING

The Action Log: Paper C2020/74 was noted.

5416 VICE CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT’S UPDATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice Chancellor gave a verbal update on Covid-19; Headlines from the Queens Speech; Office for Students.

5417 STUDENT RECRUITMENT FOR 2020/21

The DVC for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance, joined by the Director of Marketing, Outreach, Recruitment and Admissions, presented Paper C2020/075; Latest update on Student Recruitment.

5418 REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Chief Financial Officer gave an update on the University finances, and on the USS Valuation, as outlined in Papers C2020/076-080.
5419 KENT BUSINESS SCHOOL

Presentation ‘Strategic Plan: Vision 2025’

Professor Marian Garcia, (Director of Kent Business School), joined by the Senior Leadership team presented to Council.

Council thanked Kent Business School for their presentation.

5420 KPI REPORT

The DVC for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance, joined by the Director of Strategic Planning & Performance, presented Paper C2020/081; Institutional KPI Review.

5421 EUROPEAN CENTRES


5422 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Change of Campus Building Names
   - The President of Kent Union requested that Council should consider a proposal to review and change the names of some of campus buildings.
   - Council invited the Vice Chancellor to bring forward proposals for guidelines and ground rules for consideration of the proposal, taking account of views of the interested parties.

5423 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Friday 25 June 2021 (full day meeting)

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

The schedule of meetings of Council and its committees in academic session 2021/22 was noted.

ITEMS BELOW THE LINE

Council approved and/or noted as appropriate the following papers:

C2020/084 Revised Terms of Reference of the Remuneration Committee
C2020/085 Report of Kent Union elections
C2020/086 Council Forward Programme 2020/21
C2020/087- 92 USS Valuation Background Documents

Notes

1. Papers
   Council 14 May 2021: Minutes
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).

CLT 17.5.21