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UNIVERSITY OF KENT

MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2021

Present: The Chair of the Council (Dame Ursula Brennan); the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Karen Cox); the Deputy Chair of the Council (Andrew Newell); Chris Barron; Martin Cook; Aisha Dosanjh; Kim Lowe; Dr Owen Lyne; Gabriel MacGregor; Professor Gill Nicholls; Tobi-Temple Obaremo; Alex Perkins; Mark Preston; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura; Professor Iain Wilkinson.

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, Professor Richard Reece, and Nicola Williams.

The meeting was held online through Microsoft Teams in recognition of the University's Future of Work guidance to mitigate the spread of Covid-19

5438 CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION INCLUDING DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interests

Dr Owen Lyne declared an interest as Branch Secretary and member of UCU.

The Chair welcomed new members to Council:

Chris Barron, Non-Academic Related Staff Representative Grade 7+
Tobi-Temple Obaremo, Kent Union, Vice-President Postgraduate Experience
Alex Perkins, Non-Academic Related Staff Representative Grade 1-6.

5439 MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Council noted paper **C2021/001 Council Membership** and paper **C2021/002 Terms of Reference 2021/22**, subject to the following amendments:

Terms of Reference:

- Remove confidential watermark and header
- Capitalise 'Statement of Responsibilities' in second paragraph
- Add website link to Schedule of Delegation

5440 REPORT OF THE LAY NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Council **approved** paper **C2021/003 Report of Lay Nominations Committee**.

5441 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2021, Paper **C2021/004**, were **approved** and would be ratified at the next Council.

ACTION: Secretary to include minutes for ratification at next Council meeting.

5442 MATTERS ARISING

a) The Action Log: Paper **C2021/005** was noted.

b) The Financial Improvement Director presented paper **C2021/006 Update on Kent Vision**

5443 VICE CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT'S UPDATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice Chancellor gave a verbal update on Covid-19, the Cabinet re-shuffle, the impact of the Health and Care Bill, the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill, and the Spending Review.

5444 STUDENT RECRUITMENT

The DVC for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance, joined by the Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, presented paper **C2021/007 Latest update on Student Recruitment**.

Council noted the report.

5445 REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Chief Financial Officer presented paper **C2021/008**.

Council noted the report.

5446 DIVISION OF LAW, SOCIETY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Professor Toni Williams, (Director of Division of Law, Society and Social Justice), joined by the Senior Leadership team presented to Council.

Council thanked the team for the presentation 'Building on the past, working on the present, looking to the future'

5447 KPIs AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The DVC for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance, joined by the Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, presented paper **C2021/009 Performance Reporting**.

Council noted the report.

5448 PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE CHAIR

The Senior Independent Governor presented a verbal report.

5449 COUNCIL EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW

The Chair of Council presented paper **C2021/010 E-Survey findings and next steps**.

5450 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

5451 COUNCIL FORWARD PROGRAMME 2021/22 & DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Autumn term meetings will be held via MS Teams unless otherwise indicated.

Friday 26 November 2021 10:00-16:00

Thursday 27 January 2022 10:00-16:00 (Strategy session)

Wednesday 23 February 2022 14:00-17:00 (preceded by optional tour 12:30-13:30)

Friday 25 March 2022 10:00-16:00

Tuesday 17 May 2022 14:00-17:00 (preceded by optional tour 12:30-13:30)

Wednesday 29 June 2022 10:00-16:00

The Council Forward Programme for 2021/22 paper **C2021/011** was noted. If any members had suggestions for inclusion, to please email them to Council Secretariat.

ITEMS BELOW THE LINE

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

C2021/012 Delegation to the Vice Chancellor and President for 2021/22

C2021/013 Sustainability Policy

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).

CLT 11.10.2021