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UNIVERSITY OF KENT

MEETING OF COUNCIL

Venue: Darwin Conference Suite

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2022

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; Colin Carmichael; Xian Chan; Daniel Cook; Michael Crick; Neil Davies; Aisha Dosanjh; Thomas Freeston; Kim Lowe; Dr Owen Lyne; Mayuri Lakhani; Gabriel MacGregor; Tobi-Temple Obaremo; Alex Perkins; Mark Preston; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura; Professor Richard Reece; 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); Assistant Director Governance (Sarah Megson), PA/Secretary for Governance & Assurance (Claire Taylor).

Apologies: Mark Malcomson; Professor Gill Nicholls; Timi Okuwa.

5470 DIVISION OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Professor David Wilkinson, (Director of Division of Human and Social Sciences), joined by the Divisional Senior Leadership Team, Professional Service Staff Managers and Student Representatives presented to Council.

Council noted the presentation 'An introduction to the Division of Human & Social Sciences' and thanked the Division of Human and Social Sciences for their engagement.

5471 CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first face to face meeting of Council since the pandemic began.

It was noted Paper **C2021/055** Proposal for Renaming Buildings would be reviewed by the Ethics Committee, then come back to the meeting of Council in March.

5472 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 26 November 2021, 17 December 2021 and 27 January 2022, Paper **C2021/047** were **approved**.

5473 MATTERS ARISING

The Action Log: **C2021/048** was noted.

5474 VICE CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice Chancellor gave a verbal update on the crisis in Ukraine; Covid-19; Industrial action; USS Pension; Levelling Up White Paper; and the anticipated government response to the Augar Report.

Council noted that the University would be celebrating Emeritus Professor Abdulrazak Gurnah, who had received the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature for '*his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents.*' at an event on 24 February 2022 at the Gulbenkian.

5475 NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL STRATEGY DAY

The Vice-Chancellor presented paper **C2021/049**.

Council to be kept updated on progress of Next Steps priority actions.

**5476 CURRENT PERFORMANCE
C2021/050 Performance Dashboard report**

Council noted the update report on current performance against KPIs.

5477 LAMBETH CONFERENCE

The Vice Chancellor presented paper **C2021/053** which outlined preparations for the Lambeth Conference due to take place on campus in July 2022. Bishop Tim Thornton joined the discussion via MS Teams link from Lambeth Palace.

It was agreed that the University's Lambeth working group would continue to work up a risk assessment, a list of mitigating actions and a day-to-day plan for managing the event. The Director of Engagement would provide an update to Council in due course.

5478 KENT VISION GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Panel Review of Kent Vision Governance

The Deputy Chair of Council presented paper **C2021/054**.

Council noted recommendations for improvements to the governance, infrastructure and management of future investments for projects. These recommendations were already being taken forward by EG via a new Project and Portfolio Board which would report to the Finance and Resources Committee.

Council **approved** the recommendations of the Review Panel.

5479 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None Raised.

5480 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Friday 25 March 2022 10:00-16:00

Tuesday 17 May 2022 14:00-17:00

Wednesday 29 June 2022 10:00-16:00

5481 REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Confidential to Council.

ITEMS BELOW THE LINE

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

C2021/057 Report from the Chief Financial Officer

C2021/058 Council Forward Programme 2021/22

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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