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UNIVERSITY OF KENT

MEETING OF COUNCIL

Venue: Darwin Boardroom

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2022

Present: The Chair of the Council (Dame Ursula Brennan); the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Karen Cox); the Deputy Chair of the Council (Andrew Newell); Colin Carmichael; Daniel Cook; Michael Crick; Neil Davies; Aisha Dosanjh; Thomas Freeston; Kim Lowe; Gabriel MacGregor; Tobi-Temple Obaremo; Timi Okuwa; Alex Perkins; Mark Preston; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura; Professor Richard Reece; Professor Shane Weller; 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: Chris Barron; Xian Chan; Mayuri Lakhani; Dr Owen Lyne; Mark Malcomson; Professor Gill Nicholls.

5482 CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

The Chair outlined the new agenda format to balance strategic and compliance items and reduce the number of pages.

5483 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2022, Paper **C2021/059** were **approved**, subject of the amendment of thru to through.

5484 MATTERS ARISING

The Action Log: **C2021/060** was noted.

5485 VICE CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice Chancellor gave a verbal update on the following topics:

- Ukraine Crisis
- Government Post 18 Review
- Covid update
- Lambeth Conference
- Strike Action
- UCEA pay negotiations for 2022/2023
- Cyber-attack response

- Graduation ceremonies had taken place at Rochester Cathedral, with ceremonies scheduled for Canterbury Cathedral, covering graduations from 2020 and 2021. The Vice Chancellor thanked volunteer staff for their assistance.

**5486 STRATEGIC PLAN DASHBOARD REPORT
(minute confidential to Council)**

The Vice-Chancellor presented paper **C2021/061**, an update on progress against the Strategic Plan.

5487 CURRENT PERFORMANCE (minute confidential to Council)

The Vice Chancellor and the DVC for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance presented paper **C2021/062**, Performance Dashboard report.

The DVC for Research and Innovation presented Paper **C2021/063 KPI Research and Innovation – Update on Research Grant and Innovation Income**.

Council noted University REF results would be issued on 9 May 2022.

The Director of HR and Organisational Development presented Paper **C2021/064 KPI People and Culture – Staff Recruitment and Retention** – Understanding the current position.

5488 UNIVERSITY LEAGUE TABLES (minute confidential to Council)

The DVC for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance presented paper **C2021/051** on National and International league table performance.

5489 DIVISION OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Professor Ben Cosh, (Director of Division of Computing, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences), joined by the Divisional Senior Leadership Team presented to Council.

Following dialogue, Council thanked the Division of Computing, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences for their presentation.

**5490 ANNUAL REPORT ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS
(minute confidential to Council)**

The DVC for Education and Student Experience presented paper **C2021/066** the Annual Report on Appeals and Complaints.

5491 Proposal for Renaming Buildings

The DVC for Education and Student Experience presented paper **C2021/055** the proposed procedure for the renaming of University buildings.

Council **approved** the procedure for the renaming of university buildings.

5492 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair and Council members thanked Claire Taylor and wished her well as she would be departing the University at the end of the month.

5493 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Tuesday 17 May 2022, 14:00-17:00
- Wednesday 29 June 2022, 10:00-16:00

ITEMS BELOW THE LINE

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

C2021/068 Report from the Honorary Degrees Committee

C2021/069 Senate Report for Council

C2021/070 Minutes of 11 March 2022 Finance and Resources Committee

C2021/071 Minutes of 21 February 2022 Audit Committee

C2021/072 Kent Union Leadership Elections

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 SharePoint site at <https://livekentac.sharepoint.com/sites/council>.

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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