

University of Kent

COURT

The meeting of the Court of the University will be held at 3.00pm on Friday 31 January 2020 in the Darwin Conference Suite on the Canterbury Campus

Dr Keith Lampard
Secretary of the Court

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MEMBERSHIP AND BUSINESS OF THE COURT**
 - a. Constitution, Membership and Standing Orders |
The following papers are for note:
Paper CT2019/1: Constitution and Membership
Paper CT2019/2: Current Membership
Paper CT2019/3: Standing Orders
 - b. **Proposal to Amend the Standing Orders**
To consider a proposal from Rev Peter W Sherred concerning an amendment to the Standing Orders concerning the membership of Court, **Paper CT2019/4.**
To note that if approved, Senate and Council would need to consider an amendment to Ordinance 10 for the proposal to take effect.
3. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the Court's meeting held on 25 January 2019 have been circulated. A further copy is attached as **Paper CT2019/5.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
5. **ANNUAL REVIEW FOR 2018/2019**
Professor Karen Cox, Vice-Chancellor and President, will present highlights of the Annual Review.
Questions to the Vice-Chancellor and discussion.
The following written questions have been received.
 - a. **From Professor John Baldock on behalf of the Former Staff Association Liaison Group**
What are the plans for the roles of the Colleges and College Masters in supporting the student experience and maintaining links with alumni and the wider community?
Members of the Former Staff Association have noticed the closing of the Reception in Rutherford and heard that College Masters will not be continued. Members of the Association believe that the Colleges and the collegiate ethos are important to the distinctive institutional identity of Kent and changes may have negative effects on recruitment, the student experience and on links between the University and the local and regional communities.
 - b. **From Professor John Butler**
What are the University's policies with regard to (a) the use of unconditional offers and (b) grade inflation?
6. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019**
Bob Scruton, Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee, will present the audited Financial

Statements for the year 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019.

Questions to the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee and discussion.

7. **PRESENTATION**

Professor Bob Smith, Director of the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE) will give a presentation on the work of the Institute.

DICE is part of the School of Anthropology and Conservation and its exceptional contribution has been recognised by the award of a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education. The official announcement took place at St. James's Palace on Thursday 21st November 2019 and the award will be presented at Buckingham Palace on 20 February 2020. Questions to Professor Smith and discussion

8. **DATE OF THE COURT'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN 2020/2021**

The Court's Annual General Meeting in 2020/2021 will be held at the end of January 2021. The Secretary will confirm in the Autumn Term.