

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2020

Present: Karl Leydecker (Chair), Steve Cannon, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Kath Shennan, Kirsty Kiezebrink, Graeme Nixon, Cheryl Dowie, Georgios Leontidis, Scott Styles, Iain McEwan, and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from: Javier González Cuervos, Marion Campbell, Abbe Brown, Amy Bryzgel and Allan Sim

484.. Minutes

484.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2020.'

484. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 2 December 2020

484.1 In approving the draft agenda for Senate, the Committee noted that:

- Richard Wells would make a presentation on the UUK consultation and it was agreed that a weblink to the full consultation documentation would be useful;
- The Committee noted that the proposals regarding amendments to the Education Committee Structure were to be discussed at a meeting of the Senate Effectiveness Review Group in advance of their inclusion at Senate, due to the overlap between the Group's remit in terms of the Senate subcommittees and the proposals being made.
- The emphasis for agenda item eight was the 'unauthorised' late submission of work. It was noted that consideration of this matter had been delayed by the move off campus, but that it was now appropriate for discussions to be resumed with a view to changes being implemented for the beginning of 2021/22. It was further noted that the main issues for discussion and decision at Senate would be the need for institutional consistency, the inclusion or not of weekends and holiday periods and the appropriate penalties.

485. Senate Effectiveness Review Update – Work Update

485.1 The Committee noted the current status of the review which had commenced in October 2019 prior to work being paused in March 2020.

485.2 It was noted that the review would be recommencing but that it had been necessary to retender for new external consultants; at the time of meeting the tender process was ongoing. Additionally two of the original members of the review group were no longer members of Senate but that these individuals had agreed to continue as members to assist with continuity within the process.

[Clerk's note: following conclusion of the tender process AdvanceHE were appointed as external consultants for the review]

486. Gifford Lecture Committee Chair

486.1 The Committee noted the current membership and the proposals for change to the Gifford Lecture Committee. The Committee agreed that the Gifford Committee should

be asked to reflect on the proposals and take forward as appropriate in consultation with the Head of Discipline (Divinity & Religious Studies)

487. Nomination of Postgraduate Research Officer

487.1 The Committee approved a change to the nominated PGR School Officer for Language, Literature, Music and Visual Culture:

Suk Jun Kim to replace Andrew Gordon

488. Dates of meetings in 2020/21

488.1 The Committee noted the dates of the next meetings to be held in 2020/21:

- Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 2.00 p.m.
- Thursday 18 February 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 10.00 a.m.