

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2022**

Present: Karl Leydecker (Chair), Tracey Slaven, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Abbe Brown, Kirsty Kiezebrink, Graeme Nixon, Cheryl Dowie, Scott Styles, Iain McEwan, Amy Bryzgel, Neil Vargesson and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from: David Mercieca, Marion Campbell and Georgios Leontidis,

518. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2021

518.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2021

519. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 2 February 2022

519.1 The Committee noted that the agenda for the February meeting was very much research focused and that a draft implementation plan for taking forward the outcomes of the Senate Effectiveness Review would also be included.

519.2 The Committee queried the intention to include the items connected to Race Definitions and Antisemitism as items for information. While noting that these items had already been discussed at Senate for an academic view, there was general agreement that these were significant items and they should be moved up the agenda. It was agreed that the items should not precede the substantial research items on the agenda.

519.3 The Committee noted the intention to bring the curriculum aspects of the Decolonising work to a future meeting of Senate for a full discussion. The item included at Senate in February was intended as an update only.

519.4 It was agreed that it would be preferable to have a full discussion at a later meeting of Senate rather than trying to squeeze one into an already full meeting.

519.5 In terms of the update item about the Review of Pastoral Support, it was agreed there should be a presentation as well as a brief paper.

520. Senate Effectiveness Review Action Plan

520.1 The Committee agreed that the update on the Senate Effectiveness Review should also include a brief note confirming that the current SBC membership would be extended pending the outcome of the implementation of the review.

521 The Committee noted that the decision of Lindsay Tibbetts to stand down as Senate Assessor would necessitate an election. It was agreed that the timeline for the election should be included on the Agenda for Senate Approval.

522. Dates of meetings in 2021/22

522.1 The Committee is invited to note the next dates of the meetings to be held in 2021/22:

- Thursday 17 February 2022 at 2.05 p.m.
- Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.