

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2021

Present: Karl Leydecker (Chair), Tracey Slaven, Javier González Cuervos, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Kath Shennan, Marion Campbell, Abbe Brown, Kirsty Kiezebrink, Graeme Nixon, Cheryl Dowie, Georgios Leontidis, Scott Styles, Iain McEwan, Amy Bryzgel, Neil Vargesson and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from: Allan Sim

489. Minutes

489.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2020.'

490. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 3 February 2021

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

- The presentation on Race Equality would be given by Ruth Taylor and Siladitya Bhattacharya. The presentation would provide an overview of work undertaken to date and would highlight the creation of a group to oversee work on decolonising the curriculum. The Committee agreed that it was important that Senate had clear sight of this work.
- It was also noted that the anticipated item on appeals and complaints, included on the draft agenda, would not be taken forward at this time. It was agreed that space should be left on the agenda for educational issues which would inevitably arise from discussions at UCTL. At the time of the meeting it was not clear what these would be; the educational context was fluid and responses to the new period of lockdown were still being formulated. The Committee agreed that the agenda should be adjusted to take account of educational issues as necessary.

491. Effectiveness Review Update

491.1 The Committee noted that Advance HE had been appointed as the replacement external facilitators for the Review.

491.2 It was agreed that Senate should be updated on the resumption of the Senate Effectiveness Review and how the key themes would articulate with the ongoing review of Governance more generally being undertaken on behalf of Court.

491.3 In the context of the Governance Review, it was noted that, following the Report on the first phase of the Review, the second phase would commence. This would involve an external facilitator.

492. Rectorial Election

492.1 The Committee approved that Ruth Taylor, Vice-Principal (Education) should be appointed as Returning Officer for the election.

492.2 The Committee agreed the process for determining Senate memberships of the Election Committee. Volunteer members for the Election Committee should be sought from amongst the elected members of Senate and, if necessary, an election would be held.

492.3 The Committee stressed the need to ensure appropriate diversity the membership of the Elections Committee.

493. Nomination of Postgraduate Research Officer

493.1 The Committee approved a change to the nominated PGR School Officer for Divinity, History and Philosophy:

Jackson Armstrong will be replaced by Paul Nimmo. Paul is currently on research leave so the role will be undertaken by Brian Brock until Paul's return.

494. Dates of meetings in 2020/21

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

- Thursday 18 February 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 10.00 a.m.