

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of 22 April 2021

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

Apologies for absence were received from: Scott Styles, Amy Bryzgel and Allan Sim

500. Minutes

500.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2021.

501. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 12 May 2021

501.1 In discussing the draft agenda for the meeting the Committee discussed issues around the timing of Senate meetings. It was noted that Senate had previously agreed that meetings should commence at 1pm and that this was at odds with current guidance for meeting timings.

501.2 It was noted that it would be inappropriate for Senate to be setting a bad example and that Schools are already operating a variety of models within the institutional guidance.

501.3 Following much discussion it was decided that the meeting should start at 1pm in order to ensure as many members are able to attend, but that the meeting should be scheduled to finish at 3.30pm.

Action: Clerk

501.4 The Committee approved the draft agenda for the meeting on 12 May, noting that there would be an item looking forward in research terms, seeking to redress the balance of Senate's focus in recent months back to a more of a balance between teaching and research. The Committee also noted that the paper on teaching principles for 2021/22 was currently out for consultation and that the version brought to Senate would be updated to reflect feedback gathered from the consultation.

502. Senate Elections

502.1 The Committee approved the proposed timelines for the Senate member elections and also the proposals for the Senate Assessor elections.

503. Students' Progress Committee Convenor

503.1 On the recommendation of the Heads of School for Biological Sciences, Geosciences, Medicine, Medical Sciences & Nutrition, Natural & Computing Sciences and Psychology, the Committee approved the appointment of Michelle Pinard as Convenor for the Student Progress Committee for Science.

504. Dates of meetings in 2021/22

The Committee noted the dates of the meetings to be held in 2021/22 as follows:

- Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
- Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 3.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 17 February 2022 at 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.