

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**Minutes of the meeting of 17 February 2022**

Present: Karl Leydecker (Chair), David Mercieca, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Graeme Nixon, Cheryl Dowie, Georgios Leontidis, Scott Styles, Iain McEwan, Amy Bryzgel, Neil Vargesson and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from: Tracey Slaven, Marion Campbell, Abbe Brown and Kirsty Kiezebrink

523. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2022

523.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2022

524. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 16 March 2022

524.1 In approving the Draft Agenda the committee noted:

- Tracey would provide an update on the action plan for implementing the Effectiveness Review outcomes;
- The update on the interdisciplinary research challenges would be a presentation from the newly appointed leads for the research themes;
- The update from the Education Committee would provide the context for delivery in 2022/23 with the work for Aberdeen 2040 being phased beginning in 2023/24;
- Karl would present emerging findings from the Workload Review Group with a more substantive paper being brought to a future meeting.

524.2 The membership of the Workload Review group was queried in terms of the Group not including a representative from the Business School. It was confirmed that the group had not been created to include representation from all schools.

524.3 Student outcomes from the most recent graduating cohort were raised as an issue that should be being discussed at Senate, given the dramatic rise in the numbers of first class degrees seen in some areas.

524.4 Ruth confirmed to the Committee that this work is ongoing and would be coming to a future meeting of Senate. The paper to be considered will look at various issues, including grade inflation and awarding gaps.

524.5 The Committee welcomed the proposal to include a comprehensive forward look in terms of planning for future Senate meetings. This had been identified as part of the Effectiveness Review.

525. Students' Progress Committee Convenor

525.1 On the recommendation of the Head of School for Engineering, the Committee approved Thanga Thevar to replace Maria Kashtalyan as Convenor for the Student Progress Committee for Engineering.

526. Dates of meetings in 2021/22

526.1 The Committee noted the date of the next meeting to be held in 2021/22:

- Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

526.2 The Committee noted the intention to return Senate Business Committee meetings to the slot in the week prior to Senate papers being circulated as part of the changes being made following the Effectiveness Review.

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