

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**Minutes of the meeting of 12 October 2022**

Present: Tracey Slaven (Chair), Akua Agyeman, Marion Campbell, Ruth Taylor, Neil Vargesson, Zeray Yihdego and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies were received from: Karl Leydecker

The chair was delayed in joining the meeting. Marion Campbell chaired until Tracey was able to join the meeting.

539. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2022

539.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2022 noting that discussions at Senate on 28 September had added a possible further elected member to the Committee's composition if necessary (minute 533.4 refers).

540 Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 2 November 2022

540.1 The Committee noted that two of the papers (academic promotions and workload review) would not be available for circulation at the time of issue of the agenda. It was noted that this was due to the timing of other meetings needing to consider the papers ahead of Senate. It was agreed that late circulation of the outstanding papers was appropriate and would take place on Monday 24 October.

540.2 It was highlighted that a paper on the issue of Open Access needed to be included on the agenda following the initial discussion at Senate of 21 September. This would be a further agenda item for approval.

[Action: Clerk]

541 Items submitted for inclusion on Senate Agenda

541.1 The Committee noted that two motions had been received at the time of the September meetings, but these had not been submitted in time to be considered for inclusion on the September agenda and hence were included on current agenda.

541.2 In terms of the motion submitted in relation to the composition of the Digital Strategy Committee (DSC), the Committee were informed that this was not an item which should be being discussed at Senate.

541.3 It was further noted that changes being made following the Governance Review would result in the in the DSC moving to become an Executive Group rather than a formal committee.

541.4 It was agreed that the originators of the motion should be contacted and the details of why the motion was not competent business for Senate should be explained.

[Action: TS]

541.5 The second motion received, relating to staff pension provision, was agreed to relate to something of interest to academic staff however, there was agreement that Senate was not the appropriate place for these discussions. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Pensions Review Group where it would more appropriately be considered.

[Action: TS]

542 Subject to the items noted above, the Committee approved the draft agenda.

543 Senate Elections

543.1 The Committee approved the timeline for elections to fill the outstanding vacancies on Senate for academic year 2022/23

544 Nomination of Postgraduate Research Officers

544.1 The Committee approved changes to the nominated PGR School Officers:

School of Divinity, History, Philosophy & Art History: Phil Ziegler to replace Paul Nimmo.

School of Education: Peter Mtika, to replace Liz Curtis and David Johnston.

School of Law: Peter Cserne to replace Matyas Bodig.

545 Dates of meetings in 2022/23

The Committee noted the dates of the meetings to be held in 2022/23:

- Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 1.35 p.m.
- Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 2.05 p.m.
- Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 3.05 p.m.