

**SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE****Minutes of the meeting of 3 June 2020**

*Present:* Karl Leydecker (Convener), Steve Cannon, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Kath Shennan, Marion Campbell, Kirsty Kiezebrink, Graeme Nixon, Michelle Pinard, Abbe Brown, Amy Bryzgel Alfred Akisanya, Helen Martin, Scott Styles, Neil Vargesson, Iain McEwan and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

*Apologies for absence were received from:* Cecilia Wallback, Allan Sim

**472. Minutes**

472.1 With a minor amendment the Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2020.

**473. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 18 June 2020**

473.1 The Committee noted that there would be an update on the Covid response, but that this would not be as extensive as the coverage at the last meeting of Senate.

473.2 Regarding the planned update for Senate on the KPIs for Aberdeen 2040, the Committee noted that these had been put out to the University community for consultation through the staff eZine. Discussion at Senate was intended to centre on prioritisation of the KPIs.

473.3 The Committee noted that the item on Governance for Trans-National Education (TNE) would be led by Richard Wells. The paper to be considered at Senate would also be included for consideration at the Policy and Resources Committee, before being submitted to Court.

473.4 The Committee queried the relationship between the planned document on TNE governance and the previously Senate approved procedures. It was confirmed that those procedures were being incorporated within the proposed governance structure,

473.5 It was noted that it was not anticipated that there would be anything significant in terms of a REF update available in time for the scheduled Senate meeting

**474. Election of non *Ex Officio* Members to Senate**

474.1 The Committee agreed that the scheduled elections for new Senate members should go ahead, despite the current off-campus working environment.

474.2 The Committee was in agreement that the proposed longer timeline for the election should be followed.

474.3 It was agreed that members should encourage new and younger staff members to consider standing for election to Senate.

**475. Dates of meetings in 2020/21**

475.1 The Committee is noted the dates of the meetings to be held in 2020/21 as follows:

- Thursday 17 September 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 3.00 p.m.
- Monday 14 December 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 18 February 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 10.00 a.m.