

Academic and Governance Services

Council

19/36 A meeting of the Council was held in Room G03, Building L022, London Road, on Monday 8 July 2019 at 2.15 pm.

The President
The Vice-President (Mr R.E.R. Evans)
The Vice-Chancellor
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Professor G. Brooks)
The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor M Fellowes)
The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Mr V. Raimo)
The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor P. Yaqoob)

Miss F Bangham
Mr T. Beardmore-Gray
Professor J. Board
Miss M. Cleaver
Mr K. Corrigan
Mrs P. Egan

Professor C.L. Furneaux
Ms H. Gordon
Ms M. Hargreaves
Mr S.P. Sherman
Ms S.M. Woodman

In attendance:

The Chief Strategy Officer and University Secretary
The Chief Financial Officer
The Director of Quality Support and Development

Apologies were received from the Vice-O/MCID 36F TJ ET Q q 0 0 595.32 841.92 re W* n BT /TT1

In response to questions, Professor Yaqoob explained that the original proposal for the establishment of a medical school had not proceeded to submission due to the challenging timescales, financial pressures, and a growing awareness that preference would be given to proposals related to socially and medically deprived areas. She indicated that the lower projected costs had been achieved through savings in infrastructure, and that these savings remained consistent with aspirations to excellence. She confirmed that there was limited scope for curricular innovation in the early years of a medical school, given the need to align with the curriculum of an established medical school.

- (d) invited the Deputy Vice-Chancellor to report on the recently published results of the National Student Survey and the outcome of the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) pilot (which remained confidential to the University).

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor advised that the University now stood at 76th in the NSS ranking, having improved its position by 24 places. The proportion of students who were satisfied with learning resources had increased by some 8%, though this remained significantly below the sector average due to the challenges arising from the Library refurbishment, and there remained substantial work to be done in relation to Assessment and Feedback, which again remained below the sector average.

In response to questions, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor confirmed that the University was seeking to ensure local ownership of the issues identified in relation to individual subjects and in relation to the provider-level submission.

Resolved:

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19/45 Update on the REF (Item 8(b))

The Council received an update on the Research Excellence Framework.

In response to questions, Professor Yaqoob explained that the methodology for REF2021 differed from REF2014 in a number of respects, including a requirement that all staff with an element of research in their contract be included in the submission. While the University in REF2014 had been less selective than many universities, there were some units of assessment which might be adversely affected by this requirement.

Resolved:

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- vi) To note that one vacancy remained for the Strategy and Finance Committee representative (vice Chairman);

d) Strategy and Finance Committee

- i) Simon Pryce be re-appointed to the Strategy and Finance Committee to serve until 31 July 2022.
- ii) Dr Paul Preston be re-appointed to the Strategy and Finance Committee to serve until 31 July 2022.
- iii) Helen Gordon be appointed to the Strategy and Finance Committee to serve until 31 July 2020.
- iv) Tom Beardmore-Gray be appointed to the Strategy and Finance Committee from a date to be determined, until 31 July 2020;

e) Investments Committee

- i) Kevin Corrigan be re-appointed to the Investments Committee to serve until 31 July 2022;
- ii) Simon Pryce be re-appointed to the Investments Committee to serve until 31 July 2022;

iv) Dr Preston be re-appointed as President of the Council to serve until 31 July 2022 ° Å

3. That a report that the University remains fully compliant with the CUC
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4. That the Report of the meeting of the Appointments and Governance Committee held on 11 June 2019, - ° Å

19/50 Report of the Joint Standing Committee of Council and Senate on Honorary Degrees (Item 13)

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thanked them for their service to Council over their periods of office.

19/54 List of Meetings for 201 9-20 (Item 19)

The Council received the list of provisional dates for meetings for 201 9-20, for the information of members.

Meetings of the Council next Session were provisionally scheduled to take place as follows:

Wednesday 27 November 2019 10.00 am (preceded by a strategy session
and dinner on Tuesday 26 November)
Thursday 23 January 2020 2.15 pm
Monday 16 March 2020 2.15 pm
Monday 6 July 2020 at 2.15pm

Resolved:

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submitted, be received. Ä