

Appointments and Governance Committee

20/26 A meeting of the Appointments and Governance Committee was held via ~~teams~~ Monday 19 October 2020 at 130 pm.

Present: -

The President, Dr P.R. Prescott (on the Chair)

The Vice-President, Mr T. Beardmore-

The Code focused on the effectiveness of governance in the institution, the performance of the governing body and its individual membership and also how the governing body engaged the wider institution. These were areas where more work was required.

The Committee would need to recommend to Council how to deal with the CUC Code. The University Secretary suggested that Council should form a small group from among its members to review the Code, identify where there were gaps and to consider how adherence to the Code could be demonstrated and evidenced. Bob [Section 40] volunteered to be part of the Group and it was suggested that one of the new members might provide a fresh perspective. The University Secretary agreed to seek representation from an internal member.

The Committee agreed that the Group should submit an interim report to the Committee through to Council in the Spring Term with a final report in the Summer Term.

Action: University Secretary

20/36 Update on meeting regulatory requirements (Item 8)

The Committee received and noted a progress report from the University Secretary in 2020.

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15 March) did not allow for this. A meeting of Council would need to be added at the end of February.

Other returnsThe OfS had stated that it had for the time being reduced its demands on reporting in relation to the Prevent Duty. It would still, however, require an annual data return. The timing and sign of that return was awaited. The OfS continued to require acceptable progress against meeting the targets in the Access and Participation Plan, though regret could be had to the effects of the pandemic on the timing of meeting targets.

Reduced bureaucracyThe Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the Department for Education had published a policy paper "Reducing bureaucratic burden in research, innovation and higher education". The paper recognised the impact of the pandemic on research and teaching and outlined how it planned to support a refocus on these core activities removing administrative burdens.

20/37 Report on the Personal Titles Process 2019/20 (Item 9)

The Committee received and noted the report of the Personal Titles Process 2019/20. The Committee received a report each year on the number of appeals raised against decisions taken through the personal titles process, and any recommendations as to changes in process recommended as a result of appeals.

Cases for personal titles were considered first at School level. They either decide to pass the cases to the University stage or reject. An Appeals Committee chaired by a vice

University Secretary was asked to consider how this could practically be taken ~~and~~ into the schedule of upcoming meetings.

20/39 Dates of Meetings in Session ~~20~~-21
Thursday 4 February 2021 at 3.30pm
Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 12.00pm