

Senate

22/3 A meeting of the Senate was held via Teams, on Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 2.15 pm.

Present:

The Vice-Chancellor (Chair)

Dr Tabarak Ballal
Professor Adrian Bell
Professor Cindy Becker
Professor Kat Bicknell
Professor Helen Bilton
Professor John Board
Professor Ingo Bojak
Dr Simon Clarke
Professor Phil Dash

22/6 Verbal Update on the Review of Senate (Item 5)

At its meeting in November 2021 the Senate had approved the establishment of a review of the effectiveness of Senate in 2021/22, undertaken by the Senate itself.

Professor Katrina Bicknell and Professor Richard Frazier gave an update to the Senate on the discussions to date, in particular:

- x The Group had met on four occasions to date. Early meetings had looked at the previous review of Senate, reflected on individual experiences as Senators, and looked at Senate arrangements at other institutions.
- x The Group had agreed that improvements could be made to induction processes setting out – where Senate sits in terms of decision making, role of Senate, its powers, remit, obligation of Senators, structure of Committees feeding in, and how representatives would benefit from a handover.
- x The format and conduct of meetings had been discussed especially in regard to the pandemic and how big decisions had to be made at speed. The Review Group were 8h 09 00 18 15 00

questions they had.

The Senate recorded its thanks to all those available in the review. It was anticipated that a final report would be available by the end of the Summer Term.

22/7 Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Item 6)

The Senate received the Vice-Chancellor's address to the Senate, noting in particular:

Conflict in Ukraine– The Vice-Chancellor reported that he tended not to comment on ongoing political issues but decided that the situation in Ukraine was an exceptional situation where he felt that he should issue a statement; the statement was posted on the Portal on 1 March 2022.

The Senate noted that the University was supporting all students (Ukrainian and Russian; the

~~REF~~ the outcome of REF would be published on 12 May 2022.

At the same time, the government also launched two consultations on:

- x Student number control
- x Considering the introduction of minimum eligibility requirements
- x Foundation Programmes

Savings needed to be found to fund plans to deliver the Lifelong Loan Entitlement (LLE).

The University was unlikely to face significant impact from the outcome of the announced
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- Changes to policies
- Attendance Management and Engagement Project
- Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework
- University Annual Quality Assurance Review Report 2020/21
- Graduate outcomes 2018/19 Cohort – sector-level comparison
- UG and PG student surveys
- Sustainable Citizen ('Green') and Global Citizen ('International') Awards
- Education for Sustainable Development
- Extenuating Circumstances Redesign Project
- Student Voice and Partnership
- Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies
- Sector bodies and national initiatives
- PLanT Project Scheme award winners 2020/21

The Senate were asked to approve and recommend to Council the Annual Learning and Teaching Report for Spring 2022, and to approve the appointment of internal and external examiners.

The Senate approved the appointment of the internal examiners.

The Senate recommended to the Council the Annual Learning and Teaching Report.

- x Received an update on UKRI's Open Access research policy and recent related University activity.
- x Received an update on the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021.
- x Received an update on recent matters of business considered by the University Committee for Research and Innovation.

22/11 Report of the Global Engagement Strategy Board (Item 10)

The Senate noted that there was no report on this occasion but that an annual report would be submitted to the June meeting.

Items for note

22/12 Report of the Senate Strategic Review (Item 11) (J10-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100)

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Student representatives withdrew from the remainder of the meeting

RESERVED BUSINESS

22/17 The reserved minutes (21/61 -21/62) of the meeting held on 3 November 2021 were approved.