

UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE**UNIVERSITY COURT**

An extraordinary meeting of the University Court was held on 2 July 2018.

Present: Ronnie Bowie (in the Chair)
Janice Aitken
Richard Bint (by teleconference)
Lord Provost Ian Borthwick
Dr William Boyd
Professor Tim Kelly
Rebecca Leiper
Allan Murray
Jane Marshall (by teleconference)
Dr Alison Reeves
Dr Jean Robson (by teleconference)
Professor Mairi Scott
Sharon Sweeney
Keith Winter (by teleconference)

In Attendance: Lady Lynda Clark (Court member from 1 August 2018)
Alan Bainbridge (Court member from 1 August 2018) (by teleconference)
Sofia Skevofylaka (DUSA President)
Jay Surti (Court member from 1 August 2018) (by teleconference)
Wendy Alexander (Vice-Principal (International))
Professor Nic Beech (Vice-Principal (Provost))
Roddy Isles (Head of Corporate Communications)
Dr Neale Laker (Director of Academic & Corporate Governance)
Professor Karl Leydecker (Vice-Principal (Learning & Teaching))
Dr Jim McGeorge (University Secretary)
Pam Milne (Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development)
Dr Liz Rogers (Assistant Policy Officer (Risk & Audit))
Professor John Rowan (Vice-Principal (Research, Knowledge Exchange & Wider Impact))
Thomas Veit (Director of External Relations)

Apologies: Anne Anderson
Shirley Campbell
Principal Professor Sir Pete Downes
Ezichi Ekpe
Jo Elliot
Rumana Kapadia
Bernadette Malone
Karen Reid
Andrew Richmond
Denis Taylor

103. APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Chair of Court thanked everyone for attending and introduced the paper outlining the process of appointment of the new Principal & Vice-Chancellor alongside the resulting recommendation of the Principal's Appointing Committee.

He advised that the Appointing Committee had recommended to the Senate and the Court that Professor Andrew Atherton should be appointed as the next Principal & Vice-Chancellor with effect from 1 January 2019. Members noted that Professor Atherton had provisionally accepted the appointment, subject to the Court's approval, and that the Senate had wholeheartedly and unanimously endorsed this recommendation to the Court at its meeting earlier that day. A draft contract had been reviewed and approved by the Remuneration Committee, although aspects of the final terms, conditions and remuneration package still required to be finalised within the parameters set by the Court. Members reviewed Professor Atherton's profile, his curriculum vitae, and a draft press release from the Head of Corporate Communications, welcoming his impressive background and career achievements.

Discussions focused on the interactions the Appointing Committee and various staff and student groups had had with Professor Atherton, and on feedback from the Appointing Committee on Professor Atherton's likely approach to the role and to engaging with the University community. Members noted that, over the coming months and in advance of his formal start date, Professor Atherton would be meeting with Professor Sir Pete Downes and other staff and students to gain a better understanding of the University. Members noted that Professor Atherton had demonstrated a strong understanding of the community the University of Dundee sought to be, particularly in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion.

Thereafter Court decided unanimously to approve the appointment of Professor Andrew Atherton as the University's new Principal & Vice-Chancellor in accordance with Statute 5.

Those in attendance thanked the Chair of Court and the Appointing Committee for all their work in leading and undertaking the recruitment and selection process.

The Court decided: unanimously to approve the appointment of Professor Andrew Atherton as the University's Principal & Vice-Chancellor from 1 January 2019.

Mr Ronald Bowie
Chair of Court
University of Dundee