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University Court  
Agenda

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28 April 2020

A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 28 April 2020 via TEAMS online conference.

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- Notes:
- (1) *Preliminary matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part A** of the Agenda. Strategic matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part B**. Core business matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part C**. **Part D** comprises other matters for report. At the beginning of the meeting the Chair will give members the opportunity to identify items in **Part D** on which they would wish to comment or ask questions.*
  - (2) *Items indicated as reserved business are to be discussed in closed session by members of Court and appropriate University officers (at the invitation of the Chair).*
  - (3) *Members should declare at the beginning of the meeting, or during the meeting if it becomes appropriate to do so, any pecuniary or other material interest they may have in any matter which is to be discussed by the Court. In cases of doubt, further advice may be obtained from the Secretary of the University (tel. 01382 384006).*

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**PART A - PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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- 1. **MINUTES**  
Minutes of the meeting of Court on 25 February 2020 are enclosed for approval. **A**
- 2. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - (1) Action Log  
Enclosed for members' information. **B**
  - (2) Emergency Committee  
To formally note the Courts approval, by email, of the formation of an Emergency Committee to take urgent decisions on behalf of the Court given the current COVID-19 pandemic. This Committee has not been required to meet.
  - (3) Update on Senior Appointments (minutes 38)  
A short update is provided as an appendix to paper H. The Chair of Court will update members further as necessary.

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***PART B – STRATEGIC MATTERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED***

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3. **COVID-19 UPDATE**  
Report and strategic risk register enclosed from the University Executive Group.  
The Interim Principal & Vice-Chancellor will provide a verbal update at the meeting  
Outlining critical matters arising since the issuing of papers. **C1**
- COVID-19 Risk Register enclosed for information. **C2**
4. **UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE GROUP REPORT TO COURT**  
Report enclosed. **D1**
- Draft institutional Risk Register enclosed for information. **D2**
5. **BUDGET UPDATE**  
Paper enclosed. **E**
6. **DEBT FINANCING PROPOSAL**  
Proposal enclosed for approval. **F**
7. **STAFF SURVEY**  
Report enclosed. **G**

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***PART C – CORE BUSINESS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED***

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8. **CHAIR'S REPORT TO COURT**  
The Chair will update the Court in relation to his activities at a University and sectoral level since the last meeting of the Court. **H**
9. **CONVENER REPORTS**  
Reports enclosed from the conveners of Court committees detailing the strategic business of the committees. **I**
10. **REPORT FROM THE CONVENER OF THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**  
Report enclosed from the meeting on 25 March 2020. **J**
11. **NARRATIVE FOR SENATE**  
To agree the narrative for inclusion in the Court report to the Senate.

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***PART D - OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT AND APPROVAL***

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12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- (1) Audit & Risk Committee  
Minutes from the Committee's Meeting on 3 March 2020 are enclosed for approval. **K**

- (2) Finance & Policy Committee Minutes  
 (i) Minutes of the meeting on 24 March 2020  
 Minute enclosed for approval. **L1**
- (ii) **Reserved Business: Reserved minute from the meeting on 24 March 2020**  
 Minutes enclosed for approval. **L2**
- (3) Governance & Nominations Committee Minutes  
 Minutes from the Committee's meeting on 24 March 2020 are enclosed for approval. **M**
- (4) People & Organisational Development Committee  
 Minutes from the Committee's meeting on 16 March 2020 are enclosed for approval. **N**
13. **REPORT FROM THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**  
 Report from the meeting of the Senate on 25 March 2020 is enclosed. **O**
14. **REPORT FROM THE STAFF COUNCIL**  
 Report enclosed. **P**
15. **STAFF: PROFESSORIAL AND GRADE 10 APPOINTMENTS**  
 (1) Appointments  
 There are no new appointments to report.
- (2) Honorary Chaplain  
  
 On the recommendation of the University Chaplain, Rev Dr Fiona Douglas, the Court is invited to approve the appointment of Robbie Sharpe as an Honorary Chaplain for the period of 1 year in the first instance, with immediate effect.
- (3) **Reserved Business: Emeritus Professor**  
 Paper enclosed. **Q**