

A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.05 pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021 via TEAMS online conference. It will be preceded by a Court briefing on the subject of UEG Priorities and University Strategy Development from 12.30pm – 1.45pm. A pre-briefing stimulus paper will be issued to the Court under separate cover.

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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).*

PART A - PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- 1. **MINUTES**
 - (1) Minutes of the meeting of Court on 23 February 2021 are enclosed for approval. **A**
- 2. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - (1) Action Log
Enclosed for members' information. **B**

PART B – STRATEGIC MATTERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

- 3. **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & SUSTAINABILITY: UPDATE**
Paper enclosed. **C**
- 4. **DEVELOPING OUR NEW UNIVERSITY STRATEGY**
Paper enclosed from the Director of Strategic Planning **D**

5. **RESERVED BUSINESS: UPDATE ON RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK SUBMISSION**
The University asserts that this information is exempt from public disclosure and claims exemptions in S.36(2)(b) of the Freedom of information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Paper enclosed from the Vice-Principal (Research & Knowledge Exchange). E
6. **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. F
7. **UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE GROUP REPORT TO COURT**
Report enclosed for members' information. G
8. **REPORT TO COURT FROM THE DUSA PRESIDENT**
Report enclosed for members' information. H

PART C – CORE BUSINESS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

9. **CONVENERS' REPORTS**
Report enclosed for members' information. I
10. **GOVERNANCE MATTERS**
 - (1) Appointment of the Senior Independent Member of Court
To formally note the election of Jane Marshall as the Senior Independent Member On Court from 1 August 2021 until the end of her term of office on 31/07/2023.
 - (2) Appointment of the Deputy Chair of Court
The Chair of Court will formally update members on the outcome of the process for the appointment of a successor for Bernadette Malone as the Deputy Chair of Court from 1 August 2021 for a period of 4 years in the first instance.
11. **REPORT FROM THE CONVENER OF THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**
Report enclosed for information. J
12. **NARRATIVE FOR THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**
To agree the narrative for inclusion in the Court report to the Senate.

PART D - OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT AND APPROVAL

13. **REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**
Report enclosed of the meeting of the Senate on 24 March 2021. K
14. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - (1) Audit & Risk Committee Minutes
 - (i) Minute of the meeting of the Committee on 2 March 2021 enclosed for approval L1
 - (ii) Reserved Business: Minute 11 from the meeting on 2 March 2021
The University asserts that this information is exempt from public disclosure and claims exemptions in S.30(b)(i) of the Freedom of information (Scotland) Act 2002.

	Minute 11 enclosed for approval.	L2
(2)	<u>Finance & Policy Committee Minutes</u> Minutes from the meeting on 23 March 2021 enclosed for approval.	M
(3)	<u>Governance & Nominations Committee</u> Minutes from the meeting on 23 March 2021 enclosed for approval.	N
(4)	<u>People & Organisational Development Committee</u> Minutes from the meeting on 15_March 2021 enclosed for approval.	O
(5)	<u>Welfare & Ethical Use of Animals Committee</u> Minutes from the meeting on 15 April 2021 and amended terms of reference enclosed for approval.	P
15.	STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES Minutes from meeting on 3 March 2021 enclosed for information.	Q
16.	STAFF MATTERS	
(i)	<u>Senior Staff Appointments Report</u> Enclosed for information.	R