



University Court
Agenda

15 June 2021

A meeting of the University Court will be held at **2.05 pm on Tuesday 15 June 2021** via TEAMS online conference. It will be preceded by a Court briefing on the subject of the Race Equality Charter.

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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 27 April 2021 are enclosed for approval. **A**
- 2. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - (1) Action Log
Enclosed for members' information. **B**
 - (2) Update on appointment of Senior Vice-Principal
The Principal will update members on the appointment process.

PART B – STRATEGIC MATTERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

- 3. **DEVELOPING OUR UNIVERSITY STRATEGY**
The Principal and the Director of Strategic Planning will introduce the enclosed paper. **C**

4. **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & SUSTAINABILITY: PROPOSAL FOR NEW COMBINED SCHOOL**
Paper enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval. **D**
5. **RESERVED BUSINESS: BUDGET AND 5-YEAR PLAN**
The University claims exemption under Sections 27, 33(1)b, and 36 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
Paper enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval. **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. **ANNUAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT**
Report enclosed. **J**
11. **COURT RETREAT**
Update enclosed. **K**
12. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COURT**
 - (1) Nomination of a Union Nominated Member of Court
To formally note the re-nomination of Sharon Sweeney to the Court for a further Period of 4 years from 1 August 2021.
 - (2) Lady Lynda Clark
To formally note the resignation of Lady Lynda Clark due to changes to personal circumstances, effective from 1 August 2021.
13. **REPORT FROM THE CONVENER OF THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**
Report enclosed for information. **L**
14. **FORMATION OF AN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – SUMMER**
The Court is invited to follow precedent in remitting the transaction of any urgent routine Court business over the summer to an Emergency Committee, comprising the Principal or a Vice-Principal (Convener), two lay members (normally the Chair of Court and the Convener of the Finance & Policy Committee), one other staff member, and a student member where available. Any action taken by the Committee will be reported to the Court as soon as possible with a formal report being submitted to the first business meeting of the Court in 2021/22.

15. **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

16. **REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**
Report enclosed of the meeting of the Senate on 26 May 2021. **M**
17. **DUSA ANNUAL REPORT**
Report enclosed from the DUSA President. **N**
18. **SPORTS UNION ANNUAL REPORT**
Report enclosed from the President of the Sports Union. **O**
19. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- (1) Audit & Risk Committee Minutes
- (i) Minute of the meeting of the Committee on 20 May 2021 enclosed for approval **P1**
- (ii) Reserved Business: Minute 13 from the meeting on 20 May 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 13 enclosed for approval. **P2**
- (2) Finance & Policy Committee Minutes
- (i) Reserved Business: Minutes from the additional Meeting on 5 April
The University claims exemption under s33 (1) b) regarding substantial prejudice to commercial interests and s36 actionable confidentiality Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Enclosed for approval. **Q1**
Available under separate cover
- (ii) Minutes from the meeting on 25 May 2021
Enclosed for approval. **Q2**
- (3) Governance & Nominations Committee
Minutes from the meeting on 25 May 2021 enclosed for approval. **R**
- (4) People & Organisational Development Committee
Minutes from the meeting on 19 May 2021 enclosed for approval. **S**
- (5) Remuneration Committee
Minutes from the meeting on 20 May 2021 and amended terms of reference enclosed for approval. **T**
20. **STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES**
Minutes from meeting on 4 May 2021 enclosed for information. **U**