



University Court
Agenda

3 September 2020

A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.05 pm on Thursday 3 September 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).*

PART A - PRELIMINARY MATTERS

At the start of the meeting the three reporters from the Pre-Court Session groups will be invited to give a short overview of their discussions with the Deans.

- 1. **MINUTES**
 - (1) Minutes of the meeting of Court on 22 June 2020 are enclosed for approval. **A1**
 - (2) Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Court on 25 August 2020 are enclosed for approval. **A2**
- 2. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - (1) Action Log
Enclosed for members' information. **B**
 - (2) Emergency Committee
To note that the Emergency Committee has not been required to meet.

(3) Court Appointments

The Court is invited to formally homologate its decision, taken by email on 2 July 2020, to approve the appointment of Tricia Bey, Ron Mobed and Karen Thomson as lay members of the Court for a period of four years in the first instance, with effect from 1 August 2020 under Statute 9(1)(k).

PART B – STRATEGIC MATTERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

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| 3. | 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. | C |
| 4. | UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE GROUP REPORT TO COURT
Report enclosed. | D |
| 5. | UPDATE ON BUDGET DEFICIT REDUCTION MEASURES
Report enclosed from the University Executive Group. | E |

PART C – CORE BUSINESS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

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| 6. | CONVENER REPORTS
Reports enclosed from the conveners of Court committees detailing the strategic business of the committees. | F |
| 7. | DUSA EXECUTIVE 2020-21 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Report from the DUSA President enclosed. | G |
| 8. | ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SFC ON INSTITUTION-LED REVIEW 2019/20
Report, as discussed by the Governance & Nominations Committee, enclosed for approval. | H |
| 9. | NARRATIVE FOR SENATE
To agree the narrative for inclusion in the Court report to the Senate. | |

PART D - OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT AND APPROVAL

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| 10. | COMMITTEE REPORTS | |
| | (1) <u>Audit & Risk Committee</u> | |
| | (i) <u>Minutes of the meeting on 3 August 2020.</u>
Minutes enclosed for approval. | I1 |
| | (ii) <u>Reserved Business: Reserved minute from the meeting on 3 August 2020.</u>
Minutes enclosed for approval.
The Court is also invited to consider the recommendation from the Committee regarding the appointment of the Internal Auditor. | I2 |

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| (2) | <u>Finance & Policy Committee Minutes</u> | |
| (i) | <u>Minutes of the meeting on 11 August 2020</u>
Minute enclosed for approval. | J1 |
| (ii) | <u>Reserved Business:</u> Reserved minute from the meeting on 11 August 2020
Minute enclosed for approval. | J2 |
| (3) | <u>Governance & Nominations Committee Minutes</u>
Minutes from the Committee's meeting on 11 August 2020 are enclosed for approval. | K |
| (4) | <u>People & Organisational Development Committee</u>
Minutes from the additional meeting of the Committee on 20 August 2020 are enclosed for approval. | L |
| (5) | <u>Remuneration Committee</u>
Minutes from the additional meeting of the committee on 27 July 2020 are enclosed for approval. | M |
| (6) | <u>Welfare & Ethical Use of Animals Committee</u>
Paper enclosed for noting. | N |
| 11. | REPORT FROM THE STAFF COUNCIL
Report enclosed from the additional meeting of the Staff Council on 2 July 2020. | O |
| 12. | GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
To note that information on the 2020/21 programme is available from:
https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/governor-development-programme-gdp | |
| 13. | ANNUAL REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS | |
| (1) | <u>Reserved Business:</u> Annual Report from the Chair of Court
Paper enclosed for noting. | P1 |
| (2) | <u>Process for Annual Review</u>
Paper enclosed. | P2 |