



UNIVERSITY COURT

A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.00 pm on Monday 18 April 2016 in the Ustinov Room of the Bonar Hall; the meeting will be preceded at 1pm by a buffet lunch in the Upper Foyer of the Bonar Hall.

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AGENDA

Notes: (1) *Matters on which discussion is expected are included in Part A of the Agenda. Part B comprises other matters for report/approval. At the beginning of the meeting the Chairman will give members the opportunity to identify items in Part B 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).*

1. APOLOGIES

2. OVERVIEW OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STRATEGY

Presentation by the Vice-Principal (Research, Knowledge Exchange & Wider Impact)

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting 16 February are enclosed.

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4. MATTERS ARISING

(1) Voluntary Severance Re-engagement

The Director of Organisational Change will provide a verbal summary of data and analysis undertaken in advance of a paper being provided for consideration by the Human Resources Committee.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Report enclosed from the Chair of Court. **B**

6. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Report enclosed from the Principal. **C**

PART A – MATTERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

7. **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT AND PLAN**

The Principal will provide a report and presentation. **D**

8. **FINANCE**

(1) Finance & Policy Committee

Report of the Committee's meeting 21 March 2016 **E**

(2) Credit Facility

The Director of Finance will present a proposal. **F**

9. **GOVERNANCE**

(1) Governance & Nominations Committee

Report of the Committee's meeting on 21 March 2016 **G**

(2) Court Membership

To note the election of Indre Urbanaviciute as DUSA President effective from 1 July 2016 and the election of Sean O'Connor as the Independent Student Member on Court for the period 1 August 2016 - 31 July 2017 in the first instance.

10. **AUDIT**

(1) Audit Committee

Report of the Committee's meeting on 1 March 2016. **H**

(2) Internal and External Audit provision

To consider and, if so minded, approve the recommendation from the Audit Committee that Scott-Moncrieff be appointed as internal auditor for a further period of 2 years from 31 July 2016.

To also consider and, if so minded, approve the recommendation from the Audit Committee panel for the appointment of the external auditor for a period of 3 years in the first instance from the financial year ending 31 July 2016 and therefore providing audit services for financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 inclusive.

11. **SEVERANCE POLICY**

Draft severance policy enclosed.

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12. **RESERVED BUSINESS: WELFARE & ETHICAL USE OF ANIMALS COMMITTEE**
Reserved Item – Strictly Confidential

The University requires members to treat the discussion and all papers for this item as strictly confidential and exempt from public disclosure. The University claims the exemptions in S.30, S38 and S.39 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

The Convener will attend the meeting to speak to the report.

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13. **UNIVERSITY STRATEGY TO 2017: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

To note Key Performance indicator (KPI) reports into Learning and Teaching

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PART B – OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR APPROVAL

14. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS**

(1) Senate Meeting 23 March 2016

Report enclosed from the meeting of the Senatus on 23 March 2016.

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(2) Extract from Academic Calendar

An extract of the calendar showing proposed dates for Court and its Committees is enclosed.

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15. **DOJ CENTENARY TRUST**

In accordance with the terms of the DOJ Centenary Trust, there is a requirement for the University to identify three trustees. Given the timeframe for appointments to be confirmed the Court is asked to delegate the authority to the University Secretary to appoint trustees on this occasion.

16. **STAFF**

(1) Statute 16 Matters

The University Secretary will, if necessary, update the Court on matters relating to Grievances, Appeals and Hearings under Statute.

(2) Grievance Procedures

To approve the composition of a Committee to hear a grievance under section 5.7 of the University's [Grievance Procedure](#) from unnamed members of staff.

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**