



# UNIVERSITY COURT

8 September 2016

A business meeting of the University Court will be held at 4.45pm on Thursday 8 September 2016 in the Balbeggie Room at the West Park Conference Centre, 319 Perth Road, Dundee, DD2 1NN (directions available from <https://www.westpark.co.uk/contact-us>).

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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. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting on 6 June 2016 enclosed.

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### 2. ACTION LOG

The Action Log for Court, reflecting actions from 2015/16 not completed before the last meeting is enclosed.

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### 3. MATTERS ARISING

(1) Academic and Financial Sustainability Update (Minute 64)

To note an update from the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development regarding the savings project in Humanities and the associated Redundancy Committee approved by the Court on 6 June 2016.

(2) Use of Emergency Powers (Minute 71)

To note a report of the use of emergency powers approved by the Court on 6 June 2016.

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(3) Communications from the Senatus Academicus (Minute 79)

To consider and, if so minded, ratify the decision taken at the meeting of Court on 6 June 2016, and by the Senatus Academicus on 25 May 2016 to approve changes to Ordinance 39 to include the Degree of Master of Finance to the list of recognised University awards.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

The Chairman will provide an update on his activities since the last meeting.

5. **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

An update on institutional news is enclosed.

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*PART A – MATTERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED*

6. **COURT OPERATIONS**

To note the new templates for Court papers which are proposed to be implemented for Court and its Committees in 2016/17, and to consider agenda setting and committee business planning for 2016/17.

7. **BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION**

Update to be provided by the Director of Business Transformation.

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8. **GOVERNANCE**

(1) Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act

Report and proposals from the Working Group are attached.

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(2) Membership of Court and its Committees

To consider recommendations from the Governance & Nominations Committee in relation to appointment to the lay vacancy on Court and, noting the outcome of these discussions, to confirm the membership of the Committees of Court for 2016/17.

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*PART B – OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR APPROVAL*

9. **DUSA EXECUTIVE MANIFESTO**

Paper enclosed for members' information.

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10. **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

Report of the meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee on 15 August 2016 enclosed. **I**

11. **ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT TO THE SFC ON QUALITY**

Report enclosed for approval. **J**

12. **GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2016-17**

To note that the brochure was circulated to members over the summer, and remind members that they should contact the Policy Officer (Corporate Governance) in the first instance to indicate their interest in attending sessions.