SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Senate Business Committee will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 27 September 2017 in Committee Room 2, University Office.

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AGENDA

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2016 SBC17-18:01
2. Remit and Membership SBC17-18:02a and SBC17-18:02b
3. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 18 October 2017 SBC17-18:03
4. Review of the Operation of the Senate in 2016/17
   The Committee is asked to reflect on the operation of the Senate in 2016/17 and to consider whether there may be any ways to further enhance the effectiveness of the Senate.
5. Major Topics for Discussion in 2017/18 SBC17-18:04
6. Honorary Degrees Committee membership SBC17-18:05
7. Senate Working Group on Policies and Procedures following removal of Colleges from the management structure. SBC17-18:06
   The Committee is asked to note the report from the Group
   The Committee is asked to approve, for its part, on behalf of the Senate, the Annual Report on Institutional-led Review which is due to be submitted to the Scottish Funding Council by 30 September 2017.
9. Election of a Rector SBC17-18:08
10. Annual Senate Survey
    The Committee is asked to note that the annual Senate Survey will be conducted in December 2017. By undertaking the survey at this time will permit new senators to have more experience of being a part of Senate before completing the survey.
11. Senate Elections

The Committee is invited to note the outcome of the Senate elections conducted at the end of last academic year as detailed below:

The following have been elected to serve on the Senatus Academicus from 01 October 2017 to 30 September 2021:

**School of Divinity, History & Philosphy**

Dr G Hough

**School of Education**

Dr H Martin

**School of Law**

Dr P Glover

**School of Social Science**

Dr A McKinnon

**School of Medicine, Medical Sciences & Nutrition**

Dr M Brazzelli
Dr J Hislop
Dr A Jack
Dr G Jones
Dr P Murchie
Professor G Nixon
Professor H Wallace

**School of Psychology**

Dr M Jackson

12. Senate Assessors to Court

The Committee is invited to note that the elections for the four Senate Assessors to Court closes at 5pm on Wednesday 27 September 2017


As agreed at the meeting of Senate in June, a Working Group has been established to look further at the processes for the establishment of campuses overseas. The Group will be convened by Dr Tom Rist, with further members as noted below. The Group will meet for the first time on Friday 29 September.

- Language, Literature, Music & Visual Culture: Dr Amy Bryzgel and Dr Tom Rist (Convener)
- Business School: Mrs Lindsay Tibbets and Professor Norman Hutchison
• Divinity, History & Philosophy: Professor Joachim Schaper and Professor Karin Friedrich
• Social Science: Professor David Anderson and Dr Martin Mills
• Biological Sciences: Professor Michelle Pinard and Dr Martin Barker
• Psychology: Dr Emily Nordmann and Dr Margaret Jackson
• Engineering: Professor Maria Kashtalyan and Dr Oleksandr Menshykov
• Geosciences: Dr Brice Rea and Professor Andrew Hurst
• Natural & Computer Sciences: Dr Murilo da Silva Baptista and Professor Benjamin Martin
• Medicine: TBC
• Dean for Transnational Education: Professor Richard Wells

14. **County of Banff Bursary Fund**

   The Committee is invited to note that the Convener approved that Dr Glynn Hesketh should replace Dr David McMurtry as the University’s representative on the above Fund.

15. **Dates of meetings in 2017/18**

   The Committee is invited to note the dates of the meetings to be held in 2017/18:

   - Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2
   - Thursday 1 February 2018 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2
   - Thursday 29 March 2018 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2
   - Thursday 26 April 2018 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2