1. Purpose of the Paper

This is a paper consider membership of the Honorary Degrees Committee

This paper is provided for discussion and approval

2. Recommended Action

The Senate Business Committee is asked determine the elected Senators to be members of the Honorary Degrees Committee.

3. Discussion

One of the outcomes of the Senate Effectiveness Review was a revision to the composition of the Honorary Degrees Committee. The Senate agreed that:

‘...in regard to the Honorary Degrees Committee, fixed terms of office for a period of four years should be introduced for non ex officio members and that where members cease to be a member of Senate, their membership of the Committee should also cease. Where vacancies arise, the committee concerned would be invited to bring forward nominations for new members for approval by the Senate Business Committee’.

As a result of this change there are currently eight vacancies for Senators on the Committee. Elected members of Senate who were interested in taking up a role on the Honorary Degrees Committee were asked to respond indicating this.

It is proposed that the four elected Senate members who are already members of the Committee continue for a further two years in order to provide some continuity within the Committee. The Senate Business Committee is, therefore, asked to appoint nine members of the Honorary Degrees Committee (HDC) from the list of elected senators (below) who indicated an interest, to serve as members of the HDC for four years. The remit and composition of the HDC is provided as Annex A.

Dr Gareth Jones  Reader, Applied Health Sciences
Dr John Lamb  Lecturer, Management Studies
Oleksander Menshykov  Senior Lecturer, Engineering
Professor Paul Nimmo  Theology
Dr Rachel Shanks  Senior Lecturer, Education
Dr Allan Sim  Senior Lecturer, Management Studies
Mrs Mary Stephen  Senior Lecturer, Education
Mr Scott Styles  Senior Lecturer, Law
Dr Neil Vargesson  Senior Lecturer, Medical Sciences
Professor Heather Wallace  Applied Medicine
Professor Phil Ziegler  Divinity

4. Further Information

Further information is available from Professor Michael Greaves (m.greaves@abdn.ac.uk or 2017) or Dr Rachael Bernard (r.bernard@abdn.ac.uk or 3388)

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UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

(Committee of Senate)
(July 2014)

1. COMMITTEE TITLE

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

2. DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT

1963

3. CONVENER AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AREA

Convener: Principal & Vice-Chancellor
Clerk: Academic Affairs (Registry)

4. PURPOSE

The Honorary Degrees Committee’s primary purpose is to consider nominations for honorary degrees and make recommendations to the Senate.

5. REMIT: (To be reviewed annually at first meeting of committee cycle)

The Honorary Degrees Committee’s primary role is to consider nominations for honorary degrees and make recommendations to the Senate. Ultimate approval of decisions on whether to offer honorary degrees to a particular candidate rests with the Senate.

The Honorary Degrees Committee also, from time to time, reviews the University’s practices and procedures in regard to honorary degrees and makes recommendations to the Senate, as appropriate.

6. COMPOSITION AND QUORUM:

Convener: Principal

Membership: Senior Vice-Principal
Head of College
Vice Principal (Teaching & Learning)
Vice-Principal (Research & Knowledge Exchange)
Vice-Principal (People)
University Secretary

12 Members of the Senate, on a gender balanced basis, appointed by the Senate Business Committee for a four year term of office
President of the Students’ Association

Quorum: 50%

ACCOUNT TO BE TAKEN OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN MEMBERSHIP

7. MEMBERSHIP

Principal
Professor J Kilburn
Professor M Greaves
Professor P Hannaford
Professor P McGeorge
Professor B MacGregor
Professor Marion Campbell
8. **REPORTING LINE/PARENT COMMITTEE AND INTERFACE WITH OTHER COMMITTEES**

Formal reporting line: Senate
Interface with other committees: N/A

9. **FREQUENCY AND TIMING OF MEETINGS**

Two meetings per year in advance of meetings of the Senate. Meetings between 10am – 4pm in accordance with University Policy.

10. **PUBLICATION OF PAPERS**

Cognisance will be taken of the University’s Publication Scheme

Papers are confidential and are not made available.

11. **DATE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE APPROVED/RECORDED BY UMG:** tbc ........................................