

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**Notes of the meeting of 22 November 2017**

Present: Professor M Greaves (Convener), Mrs C Inglis, Mr L Ogubie, Professors K Shennan, J Masthoff, H Hutchison, C Kee, D Lusseau, J Schaper, W Vasconcelos, Drs D Maccallum, N Vargesson, Mrs M Stephen, Mr S Styles, Mrs L Tibbets and Dr R Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Professor M Campbell

399. Minutes

399.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2017.

Action: Clerk

400. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 13 December 2017

400.1 Mr Styles provided the Committee with an additional motion for inclusion on the Senate agenda in relation to the pension scheme for academic and academic-related staff. The Committee agreed that this should be included on the agenda for discussion at Senate, however it was noted that terms and conditions of employment were a matter for the University Court rather than the Senate.

400.2 The Committee agreed that the paper should be amended to reflect more accurately the University's position as submitted in the institutional response to the original consultation on pensions.

Action: SS, CI

400.3 In noting the motions which had been proposed regarding the circulation of Senate and Court minutes, the Committee recognised that, in addition to any discussions at Senate, changes may be forthcoming in this regard anyway as part of the institutional response to the new Scottish Code of Good HE Governance.

400.4 Regarding the proposed motion in relation to University finances and revenues, the Committee noted the external legal advice provided to the University Secretary, which did not support the view that revenue and properties were matters for Senate, rather these are part of the remit of the Court. However, notwithstanding this view, the Committee agreed that Senate should receive regular briefings on the University's financial position. It was agreed that consideration should be given to revising the motion.

Action: SS

400.5 The Committee noted that the Student Experience item on the agenda was not for approval and that the agenda should be amended to reflect this.

Action: Clerk

400.6 The Committee noted that there would be amendments to some of the motions as a result of discussions at the meeting, however, the Committee were content to approve the agenda for the December meeting of Senate

401 Committee memberships:

401.1 Honorary Degrees Committee

The Committee noted that, subsequent to discussions at the meeting on 27 September, the following elected Senators were appointed to the Honorary Degrees Committee for a period of four years:

Dr R Shanks
Mrs M Stephen
Professor H Wallace
Professor P Nimmo
Dr J Lamb
Dr N Vargesson
Dr O Menshykov
Professor C Grebogi
Professor P Ziegler

401.2 Senate Business Committee

The Committee noted that, following an election, the following elected Senators have been appointed to the Committee for a period of two years:

Professor J Schaper
Mrs M Stephen
Mr S Styles
Mrs L Tibbetts
Professor D Lusseau
Dr D Maccallum
Dr N Vargesson
Professor W Vasconcelos

402 Dates of meetings in 2017/18

402.1 The Committee noted that meetings in 2017/18 have been scheduled as follows:

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