

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**Notes of the meeting of 26 April 2018**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Ms D Connolly, Professor P McGeorge, Professor M Campbell, Dr D Maccallum and Dr N Vargesson

414. Minutes

414.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2018.

415. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 16 May 2018

415.1 The Committee discussed the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of Senate.

415.2 The Committee noted that, in advance of the revised degree classification paper being considered at Senate, additional meetings of the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Committees were being held.

415.3 The Committee noted that David Steyn (Court Member) was scheduled to attend the meeting of Senate and had indicated that he would be willing to take questions from Senate members. The Committee agreed that Mr Steyn should have the opportunity to observe the meeting before taking questions. It was, therefore, decided that any questions for Mr Steyn would be taken with the questions for the Principal at the end of the meeting. In agreeing this, the Committee noted the importance of ensuring there was sufficient time in the meeting for full discussions of the substantive items on the agenda.

416. Senate Survey Outcomes 2018

416.1 The Committee discussed the outcomes of the survey (copy filed with principal copy of the minutes). Following discussion, it was noted that the 2018 survey did show that some progress was being made in some areas following the changes made after the last effectiveness review. It was agreed that the paper should be taken to Senate for discussion at the start of the new academic year.

417. John Reid Trust

417.1 The Committee approved that Professor Pete Stollery replace Professor John Morrison as Convenor of the John Reid Trust Scheme. The Trust exists to assist distinguished Aberdeen University graduates, preferably with Honours, and preferably in Arts, which are failing, in Science to continue their studies in Arts or in any other branches of higher learning at any institution outside Scotland.

418. Dates of meetings in 2017/18

418.1 The Committee noted that the meetings in 2018/19 had been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2

Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2

Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2

Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2

Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room 2