

# SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Senate Business Committee will be held at **2.05 p.m. on Thursday 17 February 2022** via Microsoft Teams.

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## AGENDA

### FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2022** **SBC21-22:08**
2. **Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 16 March 2022** **SBC21-22:09**
3. **Students' Progress Committee Convenor**

On the recommendation of the Head of School for Engineering, the Committee is asked to approve Thanga Thevar to replace Maria Kashtalyan as Convenor for the Student Progress Committee for Engineering.

### FOR INFORMATION

#### 4. **Dates of meetings in 2020/21**

The Committee is invited to note the next date of the meeting to be held in 2021/22:

- Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

**SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE****Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2022**

*Present:* Karl Leydecker (Chair), Tracey Slaven, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Abbe Brown, Kirsty Kiezebrink, Graeme Nixon, Cheryl Dowie, Scott Styles, Iain McEwan, Amy Bryzgel, Neil Vargesson and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

*Apologies for absence were received from:* David Mercieca, Marion Campbell and Georgios Leontidis,

**518. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2021**

518.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2021

**519. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 2 February 2022**

519.1 The Committee noted that the agenda for the February meeting was very much research focused and that a draft implementation plan for taking forward the outcomes of the Senate Effectiveness Review would also be included.

519.2 The Committee queried the intention to include the items connected to Race Definitions and Antisemitism as items for information. While noting that these items had already been discussed at Senate for an academic view, there was general agreement that these were significant items and they should be moved up the agenda. It was agreed that the items should not precede the substantial research items on the agenda.

519.3 The Committee noted the intention to bring the curriculum aspects of the Decolonising work to a future meeting of Senate for a full discussion. The item included at Senate in February was intended as an update only.

519.4 It was agreed that it would be preferable to have a full discussion at a later meeting of Senate rather than trying to squeeze one into an already full meeting.

519.5 In terms of the update item about the Review of Pastoral Support, it was agreed there should be a presentation as well as a brief paper.

**520. Senate Effectiveness Review Action Plan**

520.1 The Committee agreed that the update on the Senate Effectiveness Review should also include a brief note confirming that the current SBC membership would be extended pending the outcome of the implementation of the review.

521 The Committee noted that the decision of Lindsay Tibbetts to stand down as Senate Assessor would necessitate an election. It was agreed that the timeline for the election should be included on the Agenda for Senate Approval.

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## UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

**SENATUS ACADEMICUS**  
**Wednesday 16 March 2022**

The next meeting of the Senate will be held on **Wednesday 16 March 2022** at **1.00 p.m.** in via **Microsoft Teams**.

Staff and student members of the University are welcome to attend meetings of the Senate as observers. Those wishing to do so are asked to respect the formal nature of the proceedings and the understanding that no intervention or lobbying will be permitted from non-members who may be invited to leave when items of confidential business are to be considered. Non-members wishing to attend are asked to notify [academicservices@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:academicservices@abdn.ac.uk) by 11am Wednesday 16 March.

**Agenda**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of 2 February 2022
3. Oral Report from the Principal and Update on HE Sector/University Developments
4. Senate Effectiveness Review Implementation Action Plan

**Items for Discussion to Provide an Academic View**

5. **Research Policy Committee**
  - 5.1 Presentation on Interdisciplinary Research Themes
  - 5.2 For information: Research Policy Committee Report to Senate
6. **University Education Committee**
  - 6.1 Aberdeen 2040: Delivery of Education update
  - 6.2 For information: University Education Committee Report to Senate
7. Presentation: Update from the Workload Review Group on the Academic Workload Model.

**Any Other Items for Discussion**

8. Opportunity for Senate members to raise any other items of academic interest for discussion.

## For Routine Approval

- 9.1 **University Education Committee**  
Changes to Degree Regulations  
Updated Fitness to Practise (Education) Guidance Note

Notes

### **Formal Business and Questions for the Principal**

*Any member of Senate to propose an amendment to the Minutes of the last meeting or to put a question to the Principal on general matters is asked to email the Academic Registrar no later than by 4.00 p.m. on Monday 14 March 2022, indicating the reasons for their request.*

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