

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Senate Business Committee will be held at **2.00 p.m. on Monday 13 January 2020** in **Court Room, University Office**.

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AGENDA

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019** **SBC19:20-07**
- 2. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 5 February 2020** **SBC19:20-08**

3. Nomination of Postgraduate Research Officers

PGR School Officers have authority delegated via Senate to approve PGR requests for official amendments to degree programmes. This includes request such as: off-campus study; change to full-time or part-time study transfer of degree; extension of the write up period; suspension of supervised study.

The Committee are invited to approve the nominated PGR School Officers for academic year 2019/20 as follows:

Biological Sciences: Alan Bowman
Business School: Audrey Paterson
Divinity, History & Philosophy: Jackson Armstrong
Education: Liz Curtis, David Johnston
Engineering: Jefferson Gomes
Geosciences: Matteo Spagnolo
Language, Literature, Film & Visual Culture: Andrew Gordon
Law: Roy Partain
Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition: Isobel Crane, Jerry Morse
Natural and Computing Sciences: Ekkehard Ullner
Psychology: Margaret Jackson
Social Sciences: Andrew McKinnon

4. Senate Membership of Committees

Following amendments to the composition of the Estates Committee (formerly the Capital Programme Management Committee (CPMC)) and the Digital Strategy Committee to include two elected members of Senate, the Senate Business Committee is invited to approve:

Amy Bryzgel as a member of the Estates Committee, and
Murilo da Silva Baptista as a member of the Digital Strategy Committee

The composition of both the above committees includes two elected members of Senate, further volunteers will therefore be sought.

FOR INFORMATION

5. **Dates of meetings in 2019/20**

The Committee is invited to note the next dates of the meetings to be held in 2019/20:

Thursday 20 February 2020 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2

Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2

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SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**Minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2019**

Present: Karl Leydecker (Chair), Dariya Koleva, Cecilia Wallback, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Kath Shennan, Alison Jenkinson, Ekaterina Pavlovskaja, Alfred Akisanya, Scott Styles, Iain McEwan, Amy Bryzgel, Allan Sim, Michelle Pinard, Rachael Shanks and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from: Caroline Inglis, Marion Campbell, Graeme Nixon, Helen Martin, Neil Vargesson, and Mirela Delibegovic

456. Minutes

456.1 Subject to some minor amendments, the Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2019.

457. Matters arising

457.1 It was confirmed that the elections for the Senate vacancies on the Digital Strategy Committee and the Estates Committee would be taken forward, alongside a Senate Assessor election, following the next meeting of Senate.

457.2 It was suggested that a possible item for a future meeting of Senate might be to include an item of sustainability. The Committee noted, however, that it might be more appropriate to include a discussion of all four pillars of the Strategy after its launch, rather than singling out one strand.

458. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 4 December 2019

458.1 It was noted that the Strategy would be introduced by the Principal and that there would be a presentation on developments for 525 either as part of the Strategy discussion or as a separate item.

458.2 The Committee noted that the item of Late Submission was being updated following initial discussions at various teaching committees. It was further noted that the discussion at Senate was intended to gather feedback for input it policy developments and that a draft policy would be developed and brought to a future meeting of Senate.

458.3 It was suggested that consideration should be given to including a regular item on the Senate agenda to update Senate on Estates developments. In this context it was noted that a website was being developed to keep the whole community informed of developments in this area. In addition the Committee noted that the Principal's update would also highlight specific developments which Senate needed to be aware of.

458. Dates of meetings in 2019/20

455.1 The Committee noted that the next meetings in 2019/20 had been scheduled for:

- Monday 16 December 2019 at 11.00 a.m.
- Thursday 20 February 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

SENATUS ACADEMICUS
Wednesday 5 February 2020

The next meeting of the Senate will be held on **Wednesday 5 February 2020** at **1.00 p.m.** in the **King's Conference Centre**.

A sandwich lunch will be available in the James McKay Hall from 12.30 p.m.

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.

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of 4 December 2019
3. Update from Principal
4. Report from the University Court
5. Enhancing Interdisciplinarity: Presentation from VP Research and VP Education followed by discussion
6. New Deans (paper for information as background to discussion on the new roles)

Item for Discussion & Approval

7. ELIR One-Year Follow-up Report

Any Other Items for Discussion

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

Items for Routine Approval or Information

9. Items for Routine Approval

9.1 Report from the University Committee on Teaching & Learning

10. Items for Information

10.1 Report from the University Committee on Teaching & Learning

Notes

Formal Business and Questions for the Principal

Any member of Senate wishing an item for routine approval or for information to be brought forward for discussion or 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 Acting Academic Registrar no later than by 5.00 p.m. on Monday 3 February 2020, indicating the reasons for their request.