

## UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

## EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 June 2021

*Present:* John Barrow (Co-Chair), Tracey Innes (Co-Chair), Justin Borg Barthtet, Stuart Durkin, David Green, Prof Norman Hutchison, Amy Irwin, Dr Gillian Mackintosh (gave her apologies as needed to leave the meeting early), Lenka Mbadugha, Dr Joy Perkins, Helen Pierce, Dr Lucy Leiper (sent apologies ahead of time as needed to arrive late to the meeting) and Alisdair McKibben

*Apologies:* Siddiq, M. Amir

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting welcoming members to the first Employability and Entrepreneurship Committee meeting.

### 2. Remit and Composition

(EEC/020621/001)

2.1: There was a wide discussion relating to the remit and composition paper with inputs recorded onto the [group padlet](#). John Barrow will take the comments away and update the paper accordingly. Once complete, John will post the updated paper onto the TEAMS channel (to be set up by Alisdair McKibben) for further comments and edits.

**(Actions: John Barrow & Alisdair McKibben)**

### 3. Aberdeen 2040 Operational Plan: Education Strategy

(EEC/020621/002)

3.1: John Barrow gave an overview to section 6.3.2, section 7.3.1 and Appendix 1 C12 regarding the **Skills Task and Finish Group** in which “employability” will play an important role in shaping. He welcomed any interested committee members to join this group.

3.2: Comment from Professor Hutchison suggested the University-wide strategy would do well to have the flexibility that allows each school/department to adapt it their individual needs. Within this discussion, the provision for placement implementation across the schools/subject areas was raised (Appendix 1 C12 2). Tracey Inness suggested the need for the **Placement Task and Finish Group** to support this. Prof Norman Hutchison volunteered to be a part of this group as did Helen Pierce and David Green. **Call to go out for anyone who would like to be a part of the two Task and Finish Groups.**

**(Action: All Members)**

### 4. Changes to the STAR Award

(EEC/020621/003)

4.1 Tracey Innes spoke to the EEC/020621/003 and following John Barrow asked the committee if they were open to approving the two changes requested. **All committee members approved of the changes requested.**

### 5. Dates of Future Meetings

Committee members were made aware of all future meeting dates

### 6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next EEC committee meeting is during the October holidays (20/10/21) and it was therefore proposed a new date be made.