

SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2020

Present: Karl Leydecker (Convener), Steve Cannon, Ondrej Kucerak, Ruth Taylor, Kath Shennan, Kirsty Kiezebrink, Graeme Nixon, Alfred Akisanya, Scott Styles, Helen Martin, Iain McEwan, Neil Vargesson, Amy Bryzgel, Michelle Pinard and Rachael Bernard (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from: Cecilia Wallback, Marion Campbell, Abbe Brown, and Allan Sim

459. Minutes

459.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019.

460. Draft Agenda for the meeting of the Senate on 5 February 2020

460.1 The Committee noted that the location of the meeting on 5 February had been changed and would now take place in KCG 7 to enable senate members to have sight of part of the newly refurbished teaching space.

460.2 It was agreed that, assuming approval was given by the Honorary Degrees Committee at its meeting on 16 January, the proposed new criteria and process for honorary degree nominations would be an addition to the agenda for discussion and approval.

460.3 The possibility of including a general debate on teaching and learning at the February meeting was discussed in some detail. The Committee agreed that a general discussion of this sort at Senate might not be the most productive approach. It was noted that Ruth would be leading an education item at the March meeting focused around actions arising from Aberdeen 2040.

460.4 The Committee agreed that Scott's motion regretting the UK decision to leave the European Union should be included on the agenda as item three.

461. Nomination of Postgraduate Research Officers

461.1 The Committee approved 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

462. Senate Membership of Committees

462.1 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 approved:

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

462.2 The composition of both the above committees includes two elected members of Senate; the Committee agreed that further volunteers should be sought. It was agreed that the additional member of the Estates Committee should ideally be a member based at Foresterhill.

463. Dates of meetings in 2019/20

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

- Thursday 20 February 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 10.00 a.m.