

COUNCIL**CONFIRMED MINUTES**

Minutes of the 234th meeting of Council held on **Wednesday, 22 November 2023** at 2.00pm in ESGW402, Eastern Gateway Building

Present: Professor Stuart Palmer (Chair); Professor Andrew Jones (Vice-Chancellor & President); Ms Amanda Rowlatt (Deputy Chair); Ms Sharon Blackman; Ms Janet Dean; Professor Dave Delpy; Ms Rita Gardner (Teams); Mr Mark Garrett; Professor Paul Hellewell; Ms Lucinda Hunt; Mr David Kennedy; Ms Josie Mangan; Mr Suraj Shaw; Professor Claire Turner (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education); Ms Tone Rosingholm; Ms Anne Waltham (Teams); Professor Jonathan Wastling (Deputy Vice-Chancellor);

In attendance: Mr Peter Cross, Interim Chief Finance Officer
Ms Beatrice Otudeko, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Partner (Teams)
Professor Geoff Rodgers (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Enterprise & Employment);
Dr Nicola Rogers (Chief of Staff);
Dr Rosa Scoble (Director of Strategic Planning);
Professor Hua Zhao (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research)

Officers: Mr Tristan Foot (University Secretary and General Counsel);
Mrs Joanna Barry, Governance Officer (Notes)

Apologies: Mr Mukhtar Ahmed; Professor Manuel Alonso; Mr Shashank Manjunatha;
Mr Chris Maw; Dr Peter Thomas

REGULAR BUSINESS**23/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST(S)****24/01**

27/03 AGREED:

report would be amended for future meetings to include tabulated student recruitment data. It was noted that student numbers alone did not provide a full view of financial performance, which necessitated additional data relating to fees payable and attrition, for example.

8 APPOINTMENT OF CHANCELLOR

28/01 NOTED: that following a previously unsuccessful recruitment campaign, the Governance & Nominations Committee had agreed to resume its search to appoint a Chancellor.

9 APPOINTMENT OF PRO CHANCELLOR (CO/3976)

29/01 The Chair reported that the Governance & Nominations Committee had discussed the proposal at its meeting on 30th October to recommend Dr Shini Somara for the appointment of Pro-Chancellor.

29/02 Members noted that the Chair and Vice Chancellor had met with Dr Somara and considered her to be an excellent candidate.

23/33 ANTI-SLAVERY STATEMENT (CO/3980)

33/01 APPROVED: annual Anti-Slavery Statement for publication.

33/02 AGREED: that future changes be highlighted in track changes for ease of reference.

23/34 COUNCIL ORDINANCE 5

ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT**23/39 KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE POLICY ENVIRONMENT (CO/3985)**

- 39/01** **NOTED:** the current HE policy and funding environment for knowledge exchange and the recently released results for the Knowledge Exchange Framework.

INTERNATIONAL AND SUSTAINABILITY**23/40 FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

- 40/01** **NOTED:** Forthcoming meeting dates:
30-31 January 2024 (Council Dinner and Away Day) Plan and Strategy Monitoring Framework
13 March 2024
3rd July 2024

23/41 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SENATE (CO/3968)

- 41/01** **NOTED:** Audit & Risk Committee Minutes (12 October 2023) (CO/3986)
- 41/02** **NOTED:** Annual Report of the Audit & Risk Committee (CO/3987)
- 41/03** **NOTED:** Remuneration Committee Minutes (28 September 2023) (CO/3988)
- 41/04** **NOTED:** Annual Report of the Remuneration Committee (CO/3989)
- 41/05** **NOTED:** Governance & Nominations Committee Minutes (31 October 2023) (CO/3990)

23/42 GOVERNANCE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW FINAL ACTIONS (PAPER FROM GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE) (CO/3991)

- 42/01** **NOTED:** the update on progress against the final actions from the most recent review, with particular reference to:
- (i) the need to ensure that Council concentrates on adding value and influencing the strategy a review will be undertaken on an annual basis to ensur

