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Council Minutes: 24 March 2023

(hybrid meeting)

PRESENT: Rt. Hon. Alistair Burt (Pro-Chancellor) (in the Chair); Professor Andy Schofield (Vice-Chancellor); Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears (lay member); Professor Steve Bradley (Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Alun Branigan (lay member); Hanah Burgess (lay member); Anthony Carey (lay member) (online); Professor Sir Ian Diamond (lay member) (online); India Ellis (Students' Union President); Adrian Jonas (lay member); Claire Leitch (Senate representative); Alison Mullan (Senate representative); Rt Hon Baroness Neville-Jones (Deputy Pro-Chancellor) (online); Victoria Phillips (student member); Marcia Reid Fotheringham (lay member) (online); Professor Ella Ritchie (Deputy Pro-Chancellor); Professor Jo Rycroft-Malone (Senate representative); Maureen Whilby (lay member) (online).

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Giles Carden (Director of Strategic Projects and Chief of Staff) (*for item 9*); Phill Dixon (Director of People and Organisational Effectiveness) (*for items 14 and 15*); Nick Fragel (Director of Philanthropy, Alumni and Supporter Engagement) (*for item 16*); Claire Geddes (Committee Clerk); Professor Simon Guy (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global)) (*for items 9 and 10*); Simon Jennings (Director of Strategic Planning and Deputy Secretary); Ben Matthews (Associate Director Global Engagement) (*for item 10*); Nicola Owen (Deputy Chief Executive (Operations) and Secretary); Sara Prowse (Chief Executive, UA92) (*for item 8*); Sarah Randall-Paley (Director of Finance); Professor Mark Stevenson (Cross-Faculty Associate Dean (Global Engagement)) (*for item 10*).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: David Barron (lay member); His Hon. Phillip Sycamore (lay member).

INTRODUCTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Council noted the apologies for absence received for this meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2.1 The Vice-Chancellor declared an interest in item 8 (Campus Expansion Proposal: UA92) as he was a member of the University Academy 92 Limited Board of Directors.

3. NOTES FROM THE JOINT COUNCIL/SENATE MEETING: 27 JANUARY 2023 PAPER A

3.1 Council noted the notes of the Joint meeting held on 27 January 2023.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 27 JANUARY 2023 PAPER B

4.1 Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 January 2023.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 The Chair confirmed that actions relating to item 6 (SU President Report) and item 7 (Annual Collaborative Partnerships Report) had been completed.
- 5.2 Council noted that an item regarding the development of the University's IT Strategy would be received at its May 2023 meeting.
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6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S UPDATE AND QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE *Some Restricted and Commercial in Confidence*

7. PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENTS' UNION: REPORT: MARCH 2023 PAPER C

- 7.1 The President reflected on her year in office to date and the achievements of the wider Students' Union's Officers team including improving the tone of the Students' Union's relationship with its students and the University. She drew attention to the following:
- (i) the outcomes of the Full Time Officer elections and the upcoming focus on the incoming team's effective induction; and
 - (ii) the findings of the All-Party Parliamentary Group's inquiry into Students and the Cost of Living which reported evidence that a majority of students were facing significant financial pressures, with certain groups particularly hard hit and consequent increasing risks around retention, progression, academic outcomes and participation in the extra-curricular activities.
- 7.2 Council noted the Students' Union's Officer team's engagement with the Office for Students' consultation regarding Harassment and Sexual Misconduct.
- 7.3 Council noted the report from the President of the Students' Union.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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| 8. | CAMPUS EXPANSION PROPOSAL: UA92
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PRESENTATION |
| 9. | 'CAMPUS IN THE CLOUD': A STRATEGIC PROPOSITION TO DEVELOP
ONLINE DEGREES AT LANCASTER
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| 10. | INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL: PROGRESS UPDATE
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ORAL UPDATE |

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| 11. | KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs): MID-YEAR REPORT FOR 2022-23
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| 12. | RESIDENCES REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME
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| 13. | LANCASTER UNIVERSITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW
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| 14. | ANNUAL EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) REPORT 2021-2022
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| 15. | GENDER PAY GAP REPORT 2022 2021-2022
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| 16. | ANNUAL FUNDRAISING AND ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT REPORT
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| 17. | NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
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| | * ITEMS NOT FOR DISCUSSION UNLESS REQUESTED IN ADVANCE TO THE CHAIR | |
| 18.* | SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022 | PAPER 1 |
| 18.1 | Council <u>approved</u> the report on the recommendation of the Council Safety, Health and Wellbeing Committee (2 March 2023). | |
| 19.* | COUNCIL CHAIR'S ACTIONS | PAPER 2 |
| 19.1 | Council <u>noted</u> the decision taken by the Chair since the last meeting relating to the approval of appointments to EDI Committee. | |
| 20.* | WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS
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| 20.1 | Council <u>noted</u> the following written reports of meetings: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Committee, meeting of 16 January 2023 • Council Safety, Health and Wellbeing Committee, meeting of 2 March 2023 • Estates Committee, meeting of 8 March 2023 • Finance and General Purposes Committee, meeting of 26 January 2023 • Finance and General Purposes Committee, meeting of 8 March 2023 • Student Experience Committee, meeting of 13 February 2023 | |

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

21. FORWARD SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

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21.1 Council noted the Forward Schedule.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22.1 There was no other business.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23.1 The next meeting is the Council Away Day and will be held in Salford at the Hilton Garden Inn, Manchester Emirates Old Trafford and UA92 from 13:00 on Thursday 18 May 2023 to 14:00 on Friday 19 May 2023.