

**The University of Huddersfield
Minutes of the Senate
26 June 2019**

- Present:** Professor R Cryan (Chair), Professor A Ball, Dr S Bastow, Dr S Burns, Professor S Donnelly, Mrs S Furmedge, Professor M Ginger, Mr E Haruna, Professor J Johnes, Professor M Kagioglou, Professor N King, Dr S Lui, Professor P Miller, Mr M Mills, Professor J Owen-Lynch, Professor A Pettican, Mr J Stephen, Professor D Taylor, Professor R Ward, Dr L Waters, Ms K White, Dr S White.
- In Attendance:** Dr R Birds, Mr C Blair, Mrs M Boryslawskij, Ms S Campbell, Ms K Engel, Dr J Grainger, Mr A Mandebura, Professor L Towns-Andrews.
- Observing:** Ms L French.
- Apologies:** Professor M Adkins, Professor P Bissell, Professor R Cowgill, Mrs N Firth, Professor P Goswami, Professor J Malay, Mr A McConnell, Dr Y Novakovic, Professor K Orr, Mr J Rodgers, Professor T Schmidt, Professor T Thornton, Professor B Tolchard.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, including the new members: Professor K Orr, Ms A Adebisi and Ms L French.

The Chair thanked Mrs M Boryslawskij, Mr J Rodgers, Mr J Stephen and Dr S White for their contribution to Senate.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-1.0 SENATE BRIEFING

1.1 Estates Briefing

- Members were advised that the gym and the Students Union shop in Student Central would be undergoing a refurbishment over the summer which would be completed by September 2019.
- Members were advised that a post occupancy evaluation had recently taken place about the operation of the Oastler building and this would be reported to a later Senate.
- Members noted that the Bath House on the Western Campus would be renamed as the Sovereign Design House and this project would be completed by September 2019 and would exhibit design work from across the institution.
- Members were updated on progress with the Barbara Hepworth Building which is due to be completed in July 2019 and would be available for the open day in July. This will provide dynamic open spaces and studios for students to inspire trans-disciplinary work across the school.
- Senate was also briefed on progress with the Western Campus site clearance and the new infrastructure, with the power supply now in place.
- Members were advised that the extension to the Joseph Priestley Building was nearly completed and should be ready for September 2019.
- Members noted the plans for the external landscaping across campus which is ongoing.

- Members were updated on the plans for the Faith Centre and its relocation to an alternative site on the Wakefield Road car park, which is due to be completed during the next year.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-2.0 MINUTES

- 2.1 Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record. **(REGS-SC-13Mar19-M)**

REGS-SC-26Jun19-3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-4.0 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

- 4.1** The Chair had no specific items to raise.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-5.0 UNIVERSITY NEWS

- 5.1** Members were briefed on a range of news from around the University including the following items:
- Researchers, led by Dr Nik Georgopolous, are developing a specially formulated lotion that, when combined with Paxman's scalp cooling technology, will minimise, or eliminate completely, hair loss, one of the most distressing side-effects of cancer treatment.
 - A team led by Professor Jaap Van Den Berg and local company Reliance Precision have been granted £2.25m to collaborate on two projects entitled RAMP-UP and INSPIRE to develop high strength components for the aerospace industry and medical implants.
 - A team of geneticists led by Professor Martin Richards have identified that a small-scale migration took place from South Africa to East Africa around 65,000 years ago. Professor Richards has also recently worked with Harvard University on a study of ancient DNA from the Iberian Peninsula which suggests Iberian male lineages were almost completely replaced, between 4,500 and 4,000 years ago, by newcomers originating on the Russian steppe.
 - Dr Tomasina Stacey, Reader in Midwifery Practice, has shown that pregnant women can lower the risk of stillbirth by not sleeping on their back. The findings have been incorporated into official NHS guidance which aims to reduce the number of babies who are stillborn in the UK – amounting to nine a day, or one in every 225 births.
 - Matheus Tunes, doctoral researcher and physicist based in the MIAMI research facility, is working with the University of São Paulo, to find materials that can ensure disasters such as the 2011 accident at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station will not recur.
 - Professor Adele Jones had been awarded a Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences. The University's None in Three Research Centre Director was one of just 73 academics to receive the award.
 - A Royal Academy of Engineering Fellowship has been awarded to Dr Hussam Muhamedsalih who is a senior research fellow in the University's EPSRC Future Metrology Hub.
 - Lecturer, Dr Yan Wang Preston, was announced the winner of the *Landscape* category in the world's most prestigious photography competition, the *2019 Sony*

World Photography Awards. She was one of five finalists from around the world who made the shortlist which attracted an overall entry of more than 370,000 images.

- Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology, Dr Fraser Scott, was named the winner of the Higher Education category in the 2019 edition #RSCPoster Twitter Conference for a poster that outlines his approach to helping students succeed in a maths-heavy module.
- The University's Professor Karen Ousey and Dr Nikolaos Georgopoulos teamed with industry partners Perfectus Biomed and Essity to win the Best Clinical or Preclinical Research Award at the 2019 Journal of Wound Care Awards for their Innovate UK funded project which looked at the development of a new and reliable method for testing how much of the fluid that exudes from wounds can be absorbed by dressings.
- The team that develops, manages and maintains the University of Huddersfield's campus won the award for Estates/Facilities Team of the Year from the Association of University Directors of Estates (AUDE), which particularly recognised colleagues hard work in relation to diversity and social exclusion; and earned exceptional levels of praise from the Executive Director of the AUDE.
- The 3M Buckley Innovation Centre has won the *National Technology Award* for its Huddersfield Innovation and Incubation Project in recognition of its investment in technology in response to the needs of innovative and ambitious SMEs across the region. In addition, the Centre now has a new CEO, Sue Cooke, the former Executive Head of Economic Services at the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP).
- After setting students in the School of Art, Design and Architecture a high-end stationery design challenge earlier in the year, the Duchess returned to judge the winners and chose Gayathri Kopattil, Ben Higgins and Libby-Mae Fotheringham for their collection *Botanical Beauty*.
- Professor Mike Kagioglou confirmed that he had been appointed Vice President of the International Council for Research Innovation in Building and Construction.
- Professor Stephen Donnelly confirmed that Dr Pavlos Lazaridis had been awarded a grant for the training of young people in artificial intelligence in 5G networks.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-6.0 MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Resolved: to approve the updated membership of Senate.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-6.1)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-7.0 HONORARY AWARDS

7.1 Members were updated on the Honorary Award recipients for 2019 and were asked to invite colleagues to propose nominees for future years. Members were reminded that the names of those nominated were to be kept confidential until formally announced by the University.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-8.0 APPLICATIONS FOR 2019

- 8.1** Members were briefed by the Vice-Chancellor on the status of applications and firm acceptances for September 2019 entry, noting that institutions were facing a difficult situation due to the demographic decline and increased competition within the sector. The figures reflected strong performance where there had been innovation, refreshed curriculum and proactive engagement with feeder institutions. The Vice-Chancellor also discussed the challenges faced by the sector and within the university, confirming that the university was in a relatively strong position whilst noting that there would need to be a rebalance across the institution to reflect areas of growth/decline. Colleagues were asked to continue to work hard to convert applicants to firms.

REGS-SC-26Jun-9.0 REPORTS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (TEACHING AND LEARNING)

- 9.1** Attainment
The Pro Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning confirmed that this would be discussed under agenda item 16.

- 9.2** NSS
The Pro Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning reported that the NSS closed in April, and thanked colleagues for their help in encouraging their students to complete the survey. The Pro Vice-Chancellor confirmed that the results would be released shortly and an update would be provided to Senate.

- 9.3** Teaching Excellence Framework
The Pro Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning advised that the University's preparations for subject level TEF were ongoing and that subject level drafts had now been completed with meetings with schools on going.

- 9.4** UTLC Summaries
The summaries of the 5 March and 22 May 2019 meetings were noted.

Members were advised that the Students' Handbook of Regulations had been revised and that there were now two regulatory handbooks – one for taught students "Regulations for Taught Students" and one for researchers "Regulations for Postgraduate Research Students". The Pro Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning outlined the changes that had been made to the regulations paying particular attention to the important changes and the reasons for these changes.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-9.4)

- 9.5** EDI Governance Framework

Members were advised that the University Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Enhancement Committee had recently met for the first time and that this forum was now operational for progressing EDI issues.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-10.0 REPORT FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (INTERNATIONAL)

- 10.1** Update on International Enrolments & Recruitment
The Pro Vice-Chancellor for International advised that recruitment continued to be encouraging, in comparison with our competitors, given the challenging circumstances in the sector.

- 10.2** International Student Barometer
Members were reminded that the ISB would run in autumn 2020.

- 10.3** University International Committee Summary
The summary of the 24 April 2019 meeting was noted.

Members were advised that the Santander Universities student mobility programme had agreed to support the university for another three years.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor for International advised that an agreement would be signed at the Awards Ceremonies next week, establishing a Confucius Institute at the University of Huddersfield, in partnership with the East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST) in Shanghai.

Members were reminded that the University had ranked in the top 25 for performing arts in the QS World Rankings and noted that a more structured approach would be adopted towards data submissions for next year.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-10.3)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-11.0 REPORT FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH & ENTERPRISE)

- 11.1** Update on the Research Excellence Framework
Members' attention was drawn to the REF2021 preparations and the current modelling being undertaken to inform the University's approach. Special thanks was given to the Research and Enterprise team for their work on the Code of Practice which had now been submitted to the Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel (EDAP).

- 11.2** University Research Committee Summary
The summary of the 11 June 2019 meeting was noted. Member's attention was drawn to the three new research centres and the signing of the San Francisco Declaration of Research Assessment (DORA) at institutional level.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-11.2)

Research and Ethics Integrity Policy

- 11.3** The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) explained that minor changes had been made to the Research and Ethics Integrity Policy by UREIC.

Resolved: to approve the amendments to the Policy.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-11.3)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-12.0 SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARIES

- 12.1** The summaries of the School Boards were noted.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-12.1-12.8)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-13.0 UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES

- 13.1** The University Council minutes of 28 March 2019 were noted.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-13.1)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-14.0 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE OIA

- 14.1** The annual report from the OIA was noted.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-14.1)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-15.0 ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE REVIEW

- 15.1** Senate received the report of the academic governance review. The Director of Registry confirmed that whilst Senate could have confidence that the academic governance structure was sound, improvements could be made to individual committees and their operation. The members noted that the Students' Union had also carried out a review of student representation through the governance structure and that the University was working with the Students' Union to improve the student voice.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-15.1)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-16.0 ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION PLAN

- 16.1** Members considered a comprehensive report on the Access and Participation Plan.

Following discussion, which included observations on the ambitious nature of the plan, together with the impact of previous teaching environments, the members resolved to recommend the Plan to University Council for approval.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-16.1)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-17.0 STUDENT PROTECTION PLAN

- 17.1** Members considered the revised Student Protection Plan for 2019/20.

Following discussion, members resolved to approve the Plan.

(REGS-SC-26Jun19-17.1)

REGS-SC-26Jun19-18.0 STUDENT CHARTER SIGNING

- 18.1** The Student Charter was signed by the Vice-Chancellor and the incoming SU President for 2019/20.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-19.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19.1 There were no additional matters to discuss.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-20.0 AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA, PAPERS AND MINUTES

20.1 There were no papers excluded from the Library under Standing Order 11.8.

REGS-SC-26Jun19-20.0 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

21.1 5 November 2019 at 9.30am in the McClelland Suite

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