

University of Wales Trinity Saint David

UNRESTRICTED Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 25 January 2024 on Zoom

Present:

Emlyn Dole (Chair)
Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)
Justin Albert
Professor Kyle Erickson
Taya Gibbons
Uzo Iwobi
Rowland Jones
Timothy Llewelyn
Arwel Ellis Owen
Professor Conny Matera Rogers
Geraint Roberts

Nigel Roberts
Emlyn Schiavone
Dr Liz Siberry
Dr Peter Spring
Dr Kerry Tudor

UW Observer
Stuart Robb

In attendance:

Natalie Beard (Student Union Representative)
Dr Andrew Cornish, Principal, Coleg Sir Gâr (via teams)
Rebecca Doswell, Clerk
Shone Hughes, Chief of Staff
Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Peter Mannion, Chief Operating Officer
Professor Mirjam Plantinga

Gavin Bessant, Director of Financial Services
Jane O'Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources
Catrin Beard (Translator)
Margaret Williams (Secretary)

Minute Number	Main discussion points	Action/decision
24.01 Apologies for absence	Council RECEIVED apologies for absence from John Edge.	

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24.02 Declarations of interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (CO599).	
24.03 Coleg Sir Gâr Board report	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	
24.04 Resources and Performance Committee report 20/11 2023 and 18/01/24	<p>Council RECEIVED the report of the Resources and Performance Committee meeting held on 20 November 2023 together with an oral update of the meeting held on 18 January 2024 (CO601).</p> <p>The Chair of RPC reported that the committee had considered the financial statements at both meetings. Officers had outlined the actions taken to address the deficit position of the University and members had commended the focus on tighter business planning in going forward to ensure accountability and transparency.</p> <p>The Chair of RPC reported that the Committee recommended to Council that it approved the financial statements and annual accounts.</p>	
24.05 Financial and cash flow report	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	
24.06 ASSUR statement	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	
24.07 Vice Chancellor's update	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	
24.08 Audit and Risk Committee report	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting	
24.09 UWTSD Consolidated Financial Statements	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting	
24.10 External audit year-end report and opinion UWTSD	Council RECEIVED the External Auditors' year-end report and completion memorandum (CO606)	

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24.11 Audit and Risk Committee annual report	Council CONSIDERED the annual report of the Audit and Risk Committee which was part of the suite of documents due for submission to HEFCW as part of the Annual Assurance Return (CO607). Council APPROVED the ARC Annual Report for submission to HEFCW.	
24.12 HSBC facility agreement and Indicative Terms	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	
24.13 Borrower's Certificate	Council APPROVED the Borrower's Certificate for signing by the Chair of Council and Vice-Chancellor (CO608b).	
24.14 Special Resolution	Council APPROVED the Board Resolution for entering into the new term for signing by the Chair of Council (CO608c).	
24.15 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023	Council APPROVED the Minutes and Restricted Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023 (CO609).	
24.16 Appointment of Directors	Council noted the provisions of the Framework in relation to the appointment of directors to University subsidiaries (CO610) and APPROVED the recommendations of the NGC in relation to changes to subsidiary board membership as noted in the appendix to the report.	
24.17 Dissolution of Subsidiary Companies	Council APPROVED the proposals relating to the dissolution of the following UWTSD subsidiaries as recommended by the GSC (CO611): The Trinity St David Trust Tidal Lagoon Academy Ltd UWTSD Innovation Centres Ltd	
24.18 Estates Committee business report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Estates Committee meeting held on 7 December 2023. (CO612a)	
24.19 Estates Committee Annual Report	Council RECEIVED the annual report of the Estates Committee (CO612b).	
	Council was no longer quorate from this point	

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24.20 OFSTED Update	Council RECEIVED the OFSTED update and commended the extremely good report (CO613).	
24.21 National Student Survey outcomes	Council RECEIVED the National Student Survey outcomes (CO614).	
24.22 Chair's Action report	Council RECEIVED the Chair's Action report (CO615).	
24.23 Senate report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Senate meeting held on 15 November 2023 (CO616).	
24.24 Declarations of Interest	No additional declarations of interest were declared during the meeting.	
24.25 Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 21 March 2023.	

Meeting terminated 6.55