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**JCO300 (a)**

**COUNCIL**

**UNRESTRICTED** Minutes of the meeting held at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 26 September Teifi Suite, Carmarthen Campus

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| **UWTSD and UW Council Members:** | **UW Council Members:** | **UWTSD Council Members:** |
| Emlyn Dole (Chair) | Dr Stuart Robb | Natalie Beard  |
| Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)  | Deris Williams | Dr Tracy Cruickshank  |
| Justin Albert |  | Maria Dinu |
| John Edge  |  | Professor Kyle Erickson |
| Timothy Llewelyn |  | Dr Deborah Hughes  |
| Nigel Roberts |  | Rowland Jones  |
|  |  | Geraint Roberts  |
|  |  | Emlyn Schiavone |
| **In attendance:** |  |  |
| Gavin Bessant, Director of Financial Services |  |  |
| Sarah Clark, University Secretary and Clerk to the Councils |  |  |
| Dr Andrew Cornish, Principal, Coleg Sir Gar |  |  |
| Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff |  |  |
| Peter Mannion, Chief Operating Officer |  |  |
| Jane O’Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources |  |  |
| Professor Mirjam Plantinga, PVC (Student Experience) |  |  |
| Debra Williams PVC (Commercial and Business Relations) |  |  |
| Catrin Beard (Translator)  |  |  |
| Margaret Williams (Secretary) |  |  |
| Mark Rainey, Director of Finance UW (for item 24.30) |  |  |

The meeting was preceded by a strategic planning session, focusing primarily on UWTSD.

| Minute  | Main discussion points  |
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| 24.24Apologies  | Apologies for absence were received from Geraint Evans, Uzo Iwobi, Dr Liz Siberry, Iwan Thomas.  |
| 24.25Declarations of interest  | Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk’s report (CJO267). The Clerk reminded members to identify any agenda items on which their declared interests were likely to have a bearing.  |
| 24.26Terms of reference and workplan 2024/25  | Council CONSIDERED its terms of reference and workplan (JCO268).The Clerk reported that the workplan was the draft mapping of the business proposed for Council meetings during the year. She explained the revised methodology that was currently being piloted for meetings and papers, whereby there would be a single meeting and agenda covering both Councils, with some changes to the structure of the agenda. Separate minutes for the two Councils would continue to be produced. In response to members’ comments, the cover sheet had been amended to focus more clearly on the executive summary and to ensure that the papers referenced the Business Plan The Clerk noted members’ comments regarding colour coding and agreed to investigate possible issues with accessibility. |
| 24.27Chairs report | Council RECEIVED the Chair’s report (JCO269).The Chair thanked members for their participation in last year’s appraisal meetings. The Governance team would be scheduling the next cycle of meetings shortly.  |
| 24.28Vice-Chancellor’s report | Council RECEIVED an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor, focusing on UWTSD matters (JCO270). |
| 24.29Financial and cash management report | This is a RESTRICTED ITEM and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting. |
| 24.30UW legacy matters: Welsh Church Act  | Council CONSIDERED a report on UW legacy matters relating to Welsh Church Act Residual Estate (JCO274)Presenting the report, the UW Director of Finance referred members to the background on how the UW became responsible for the land which had been transferred to it by the Church of England under the Welsh Church Act 1914. A briefing and update had been provided for RPC in November 2022 and several decisions had been made about disposals. The current report made proposals for disposing of the remaining plots, noting the continuing liability of UW until all disposals had been completed.Council APPROVED the proposals and recommendations proposal. It AGREED that the Vice-Chancellor and the UW Director of Finance should act on behalf of the University in instructing land agents to proceed with valuation reports and recommendations for sale on the remaining plots as outlined in the report. Council further AGREED that an update should be provided at its March 2025 meeting.  |
| 24.31Minutes | Council APPROVED the unrestricted and restricted minutes of the meetings held on 11 July 2024 (CO277). |
| 24.32Scheme of Delegation  | Council APPROVED the Scheme of Delegation 2024/25 (CO278).  |
| 24.33Associated Bodies  | Council APPROVED the list of UW Associated Bodies 2024/24 (JCO279). |
| 24.34Staff declarations of interest procedure | Council RECEIVED the confirmation of the completion of staff declaration of interest procedure (JCO281). |
| 24.35Declarations of Interest | In relation to the UW church land, Justin Albert noted that he had been CEO of the National Trust Wales at the time of previous disposals. Rowland Jones noted his potential interest as a landlord and buyer. |
| 24.36Date of next meeting  | The next meeting would be held on 28 November 2024 in Swansea. |
|  | The Clerk informed members of the reinstatement the late afternoon briefing sessions for members. The programme for the year would be circulated shortly. |