



Prifysgol Cymru
Y Drindod Dewi Sant
University of Wales
Trinity Saint David

COUNCIL

UNRESTRICTED Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 28 November 2024 in the Vivian Hall, Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea

UWTSD and UW Council Members:

Emlyn Dole (Chair)
Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)
John Edge
Timothy Llewelyn
Nigel Roberts
Dr Liz Siberry

Observer: Katrin Shaw

UW Council Members:

Dr Stuart Robb
Iwan Thomas

UWTSD Council Members:

Natalie Beard
Dr Tracy Cruickshank
Maria Dinu
Professor Kyle Erickson
Dr Deborah Hughes
Uzo Iwobi
Rowland Jones
Geraint Roberts

In attendance:

Gavin Bessant, Director of Financial Services
Sarah Clark, University Secretary and Clerk to the Councils
Dr Andrew Cornish, Principal, Coleg Sir Gar
Peter Mannion, Chief Operating Officer
Jane O'Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources
Catrin Beard (Translator)
Margaret Williams (Secretary)

Minute	Main discussion points
24.69 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Geraint Evans, Deris Williams, Emlyn Schiavone, Professor Mirjam Plantinga, Debra Williams.
24.70 Declarations of interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO284). The Clerk reminded members to identify any agenda items on which their declared interests were likely to have a bearing.

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24.71 Chair's Report	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Chair's report (JCO285).</p> <p>The Chair reported on the appointment of Katrin Shaw as an independent member of the UWTSD Council and welcomed her to the meeting as an observer. She would be joining the Council on 1 January 2025. He also congratulated Dr Tracy Cruickshank on her appointment as Dean of the Institute of Inner-City Learning (London Campus).</p> <p>The Chair referred to the recent Graduation Ceremonies and congratulated all involved.</p>
24.72 Vice-Chancellor's report	<p>Council RECEIVED an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor updated members on the financial situation of the University and the Welsh HE sector more widely, including the impact of the forthcoming increases in employer National Insurance contributions. She reported on the current discussions about the delivery of Humanities programmes at the Lampeter campus and wider work with external stakeholders to shape the future of education in the region.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor referred to the retirement of the Executive Dean of IICL (London Campus) and congratulated Dr Tracy Cruickshank on being appointed his successor. She also congratulated Professor Kyle Erickson on his appointment as an Associate PVC of the University and Simon Young who had been appointed Director of Academic Services. She noted her appreciation to the members of the senior team who had recently left the University.</p>
24.73 Students' Union report	<p>Council RECEIVED the Students' Union report (JCO286).</p> <p>The report highlighted areas of work of the Students' Union and focussed on course representation, Black History Month and the Annual Quality Report 2025. The report also included a brief summary of student concerns about the dialogue on the future delivery of Humanities programmes on the Lampeter campus, which were presented under 24.76 below.</p>
24.74 Committee report: CSG Board	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.
24.75 RPC Committee report: 2 October 2024	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.
24.76 RPC Committee report: 13 November 2024	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.

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24.77 Financial and cash management report	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.
24.78 Annual ASSUR Statement	Council APPROVED the University's annual ASSUR Statement, which was part of the suite of documents due for submission to HEFCW as part of the Annual Assurance Return (JCO291). The DFS explained the calculations within the statement, as summarised in JCO291.
24.79 RPC annual report	Council RECEIVED the annual report 2023/24 of the Resources and Performance Committee (JCO292).
24.80 ARC Committee report: 9 October 2024	Council RECEIVED the report of the ARC meeting held on 9 October 2024 (JCO293a).
24.81 ARC Committee report: 18 November 2024	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.
24.82 ARC annual report: UWTSD	Council CONSIDERED the annual report 2023/24 of the Audit and Risk Committee), which was part of the suite of documents due for submission to Medr as part of the Annual Assurance Return (JCO294b). Council APPROVED the ARC Annual Report for submission to Medr.
24.83 NGC Committee report: 17 October 2024	Council RECEIVED the report of the NGC meeting held on 17 October 2024 (JCO295). Council RECEIVED an update on arrangements for the Governance Effectiveness Review, which would commence in Spring 2025 (JCO297). Council APPROVED the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Plan for the two Councils (JCO314). Council RECEIVED the annual report on complaints 2023/24 (JCO315). Council APPROVED proposed amendments to the UW Ordinances (JCO316). Council APPROVED the final version of Camm action plan and signed off the plan as completed (JCO317).
24.84	Council RECEIVED the NGC annual report 2023/24 (JCO296).

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NGC annual report	
24.85 Senate reports: 18 September 2024 and 20 Nov 2024	Council RECEIVED the report of the Senate meeting held on 18 September 2024 (JCO298) and an oral report of the Senate meeting held on 20 November 2024.
24.86 Senate Annual report	Council RECEIVED the Senate Annual Report to the Council 2023/24 (JCO299).
24.87 Minutes	Council APPROVED the unrestricted and restricted minutes of the UWTSD Council meeting held on 26 September 2024 (JCO300c and d).
24.88 Annual confirmation of signatories	Council (JCO301): (a) ENDORSED the list of authorised signatories 2024/25; (b) APPROVED the creation of a power of attorney to enable the Chief Operating Officer to sign company legal documents on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor; (c) NOTED the authorised operators of the UW Seal 2024/25.
24.89 Annual Modern Slavery Statement	Council APPROVED the Annual Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2023/2024 (JCO302).
24.90 Prevent Duty Annual report	Council APPROVED (JC0303): (a) the Prevent Duty Annual Report 2023/24 for submission to Medr; (b) (b)the Prevent Duty Accountability Returns for the two institutions.
24.91 Chair's action report	Council RECEIVED the Chair's action report (JCO304).
24.92 Declarations of Interest	Dr Liz Siberry noted her declaration as Trustee of Gregynog. There were no additional declarations of interest.
24.93 Date of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 23 January 2025.

Meeting closed 12.55