

COUNCIL

UNRESTRICTED Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 23 January 2025 in the Teifi Suite, Carmarthen Campus

UWTSD and UW Council Members:

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

UW Council Members:

Dr Stuart Robb
Geraint Evans
Iwan Thomas

UWTSD Council Members:

Natalie Beard
Dr Tracy Cruickshank
Maria Dinu
Professor Kyle Erickson
Rowland Jones
Geraint Roberts
Emlyn Schiavone
Katrin Shaw

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
Professor Mirjam Plantinga, PVC (Student Experience)
Debra Williams PVC (Commercial and Business Relations)
Catrin Beard (Translator)
Margaret Williams (Secretary)

Hugh Jones, Consultant

Minute	Main discussion points
25.01 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Justin Albert, Dr Deborah Hughes and Deris Williams. Council welcomed Katrin Shaw to her first meeting as a member of the UWTSD Council. It also welcomed Hugh Jones who was observing the meeting as part of the Governance Effectiveness Review.

Minute	Main discussion points
25.02 Declarations of interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO318).
25.03 Chair's report	Council RECEIVED an oral update from the Chair. Council recorded its condolences to Maria Stedman, former UWTSD Vice-Chair and member of both Councils, on her recent bereavement.
25.04 Vice-Chancellor's report	Council RECEIVED an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor. The report focused on discussions about UWTSD's Lampeter campus.
25.08 Financial and cash management report	Council CONSIDERED the financial and cash management report (JCO321a). The DFS reported that core operations were ahead of budget owing to payroll savings through vacancies and timing variances on collaborative income and associated costs. The UW Press was continuing its trend in decreasing the deficit. Sales were ahead of budget, with vacancy savings in support areas increasing the positive variance. The Vice-Chancellor responded to an enquiry regarding the UW Technical Institutes. She noted that the universities and the FE Colleges remained committed to the framework. Some additional work was required to consolidate and fully deliver the benefits.
25.12 Academic Committee report: 10 December 2024	Council RECEIVED the report of the Academic Committee meeting held on 10 December 2024 (JCO323).
25.13 Academic Committee Annual Report	Council RECEIVED the annual report 2023/24 of the Academic Committee (JCO324). Presenting the report, the Chair of the Committee emphasised the importance of good attendance if the Committee's function was to be fully realised in the future.
25.14 Minutes	Council APPROVED the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2024 (JCO325a).
25.17 Chair's action	Council RECEIVED the report on Chair's action taken since the last meeting (JCO327).
25.20 Date of next meeting	27 March 2025 at IICL at Westferry, London. Further information about travel and timing would be circulated shortly.

