



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

COUNCIL

UNRESTRICTED Minutes of the meeting held at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 12 June 2026 on ZOOM

UWTSD Council Members:

Emlyn Dole (Chair)
Timothy Llewelyn
Nigel Roberts
Dr Liz Siberry
Jonathan Chitty
Dr Tracy Cruickshank
Professor Kyle Erickson
Rowland Jones
Jacqui Kedward
Chris Martin
Jonathan Pugh
Katrin Shaw
Jennifer Taylor

In attendance:

Sarah Clark, University Secretary and Clerk to the Councils
Sharon Lusher, PVC (FE)
Dr Chris Marshall, Chief of Staff
Professor Conny Matera-Rogers, PVC (International)
Jane O'Rourke, Chief People Officer
Professor Mirjam Plantinga, PVC (Education)
Catrin Beard (Translator)
Margaret Williams, Secretary
Dr Stuart Robb, Governance Office

Minute	Main discussion points
26.42 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chancellor, Richard Bills, Richard Norton, Peter Mannion and Sarah Evans.
26.43 Declarations of interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO511).
26.44	Council CONSIDERED the Medr Registration Application (JCO512).

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Medr Registration Application	The Chair introduced the item, noting that: - Council had agreed at its meeting in March 2026 to apply for registration under the 'Core' category. - the application was on behalf of the UWTSD Group and therefore included Coleg Sir Gâr and Coleg Ceredigion; - the papers included a draft Governance self-evaluation and action plan in accordance with the relevant Conditions of Registration together with summaries of the relevant application documents, including the full proposed application document. The Chair extended the thanks of Council to University Officers for the considerable amount of work undertaken in preparing the University's application. The University Secretary noted that: - the Regulatory Framework placed an emphasis on the primacy of the governing body in overseeing entries on to the HE Register and therefore complying with the Conditions of Registration and Funding; - the Initial Conditions of Registration mainly related to Financial Sustainability, Governance and Management, Quality, and Staff and Learner Welfare. The Ongoing Conditions were wider; - the draft Governance self-evaluation had been considered by the NGC at its meeting on 1 June 2026 and would form the baseline for the annual evaluation of governance effectiveness required as an Ongoing Condition of Registration. This would be led by the future Governance and Culture Committee on behalf of the Council; - the University was required to make the application for registration via the Medr online portal, which had been pre-populated with a range of information which Medr already held; - the application demonstrated that the University met the Initial Conditions of Registration. To support Council in fulfilling its responsibilities in respect of the Ongoing Conditions, revisions to the Standing Committee terms of reference were in preparation for consideration by Council at its July meeting. The University Secretary formally acknowledged the work of the Executive Assurance and Planning Officer who had coordinated the University's application and was largely responsible for ensuring that the University was in a position to submit well in advance of the Medr deadline of 21 June 2026. Council proceeded to consider the proposed application (Document 5) together with submissions for the following four Conditions:

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	Governance and Management (including Financial Management) (Document 1) A draft self-evaluation and action plan had been prepared by the Clerk on a Group basis in accordance with the relevant Condition. The document had been informed by two recent governor training events arranged to reflect areas of enhancement. Appendix 1 to the document outlined the mapping of current practices. In responding to member enquiries, the Clerk confirmed that the University had prepared the submission in a manner that was consistent with all engagements with Medr and its predecessor and the expectation that institutions would proactively and positively engage with the regulator's 'no surprise' approach. Staff and Learner Welfare (Document 2) A self-evaluation had been prepared by the CPO, the Director of Student Services and the Executive Head of Culture and Organisational Development in accordance with the relevant Condition of the University's arrangements for staff and learner welfare. The CPO noted that: - this was a new document for Council and that an action plan would be prepared and presented to Council for consideration at its November meeting and annually thereafter as part of the Ongoing Condition of Registration; - the definition of welfare arrangements outlined in section 5 of the document, which reflected both emotional wellbeing and mental health for staff and students, and that safety was defined as freedom from harm. - the self-evaluation had been informed by discussion with the recognised trade unions and the Students' Union. Members raised queries regarding use and engagement with background survey data, and whether Medr's definitions also considered the role of physical wellbeing of individuals, to which the CPO and the Clerk provided responses. Members noted that the CPO was preparing a new Dignity at Work Policy which would be presented in due course. Fee Limit Statement (Document 3) Council noted that the document had been prepared by the Planning Team for the period 1 August 2027 to 31 July 2028. The statement reflected the principles agreed previously and had been developed in consultation with the Students' Union.

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	Quality Framework (Document 4) The PVCE noted that: - the structure of the response was in two distinct parts concerning the University's approach to continuous improvement and alignment to the Quality Framework. - the work of Senate would be dovetailed with Council in order to enable it to discharge its responsibilities under the Conditions for Registration effectively. - definitions around provision were continually evolving and that officers were seeking clarity from Medr on key matters. - there was insufficient room to provide detail of the range of good practices and approaches the University would wish to highlight as part of the submission, and that such approaches would need to be included as part of the response to the Continuing Conditions of Registration. UWTSD Application (Document 5) The Chair of CSG Board referred to the mapping being undertaken by the College to ensure alignment and compliance with the Conditions of Funding, noting that work to date demonstrated that the College aligned with the Medr Conditions. Council unanimously: (a) APPROVED the self-evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of the University's governance and management arrangements and the associated action plan – Document 1; (b) APPROVED the self-evaluation of the University's arrangements for staff and learner welfare – Document 2; (c) APPROVED the Fee Limit Statement for the period 1 August 2027 to 31 July 2028 – Document 3; (d) CONFIRMED that it was content with the University's proposed response to the Quality Framework – Document 4; (e) APPROVED the submission of the application to Medr – Document 5.

Meeting terminated 2.45 p.m.