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 2 July 2026 at the Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea

UWTSD and UW Council Members:
Emlyn Dole (Chair)
Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)
Timothy Llewelyn
Nigel Roberts

UW Council Members:
Dr Stuart Robb
Deris Williams

UWTSD Council Members:
Richard Bills
Jonathan Chitty
Dr Tracy Cruickshank
Gwyneira Davies
Professor Kyle Erickson
Jacqui Kedward
Rowland Jones
Chris Martin
Richard Norton
Jonathan Pugh
Harriet Ross
Katrin Shaw

In attendance:
Sarah Clark, University Secretary and Clerk to the Councils
Sarah Evans, Chief Financial Officer
Sharron Lusher, PVC (FE)
Peter Mannion, Chief Operating Officer
Dr Chris Marshall, Chief of Staff
Professor Conny Matera-Rogers, PVC (International)
Jane O'Rourke, Chief People Officer
Professor Mirjam Plantinga, PVC(Education)
Lynwen Davies (Translator)
Margaret Williams, Secretary

Minute	Main discussion points
26.45 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from members Dr Elizabeth Siberry, Emlyn Schiavone, Iwan Thomas, and from officer Vanessa Cashmore.
26.46 Declarations of Interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO513).

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26.47 Appointment of Vice-Chair	Council NOTED that, following the call for nominations, Timothy Llewelyn had been elected unopposed to serve as the Vice-Chair of both the UW and UWTSD Councils from 1 August 2026 until 31 July 2030 (JCO514).
26.48 Chair's report	Council RECEIVED the Chair's report (JCO515). The Chair: (a) welcomed Harriett Ross, a new student member of Council and congratulated Gwyneira Davies on her re-election to serve for a second year. He also congratulated Jennifer Taylor who had been elected as NUS Wales President; (b) confirmed the appointment of Laura Toscano as an independent member of the UWTSD Council. She would join the Council as from 1 August 2026; (c) acknowledged the service of Dr Elizabeth Siberry to the UWTSD and UW Councils. He thanked her for her service to the Councils and for her exceptional and unique leadership of the Nominations and Governance Committee and the Remuneration Committee. She would continue maintain a connection with the University as the recently appointed Chair of the UW Press Advisory Committee; (d) thanked Rowland Jones for his service to the UWTSD Council particularly thanking him for his chairship, leadership and expertise in relation to the RPC and Estates Committees; (e) thanked Deris Williams for her contribution to the UW Council and the Senate and the use of the Welsh language across the University; (f) thanked Geraint Roberts, who had resigned at the end of March, for his leadership and work on the Academic Committee and the CSG Board; (g) informed members of Professor Kyle Erickson's resignation as a staff member. A process was in place process in place to elect his replacement; (h) referred to the new CUC Code published in June 2026, which had been circulated to members. The Code would be considered by Council at its September meeting.
26.49	Council RECEIVED the Vice-Chancellor's report (JCO516).

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Vice-Chancellor's report	The Vice-Chancellor drew attention to: (a) the challenges faced by the higher education sector in Wales, and ongoing discussions between institutions and Medr, noting that the University was well placed to contribute to future shape of tertiary education in Wales; (b) a future meeting between University Chairs and Vice-Chancellors to consider strategic opportunities for collaboration across Wales; (c) continuing work on the University of Wales Technical Institutes, noting that all participants had recently reaffirmed their commitment to building relationships around an employer-focussed curriculum, supporting learners to achieve in their desired subject, and adding value through enterprise and innovation; (d) success in securing funding from Innovate UK to establish a regional Robotics Adoption Hub as part of a UK-wide programme designed to accelerate the update of robotics and autonomous systems. The Vice-Chancellor responded to enquiries regarding developments at the Lampeter campus, noting significant progress led by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Further Education) on developing a regional skills curriculum alongside recent successful conferencing events.
26.50 Students' Union report	Council RECEIVED the Students' Union report (JCO517). The Students' Union President summarised the report providing information on: (a) recent priorities to support retention and develop the budget for the forthcoming academic year; (b) outcomes of recent elections for each campus, noting that the Group President had chosen not to accept the position; (c) recent success for Outstanding Student Campaign at the NUS Cymru Awards 2026. The Student President referred to recent elections and reported a strong turnout across all campuses.

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	In responding to members' questions regarding the Group Presidency election, the COO reported that a revision of the SU's Articles was planned to enable, in the future, the person elected second to take the position of Group President in the event of the successful elected candidate stepping down. Council commended the work of the Students' Union and wished the newly elected campus Presidents well during their year in office.
26.51 ARC Committee report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 May 2026(JCO518). Presenting the report, the Chair of ARC drew members' attention in particular to: (a) proposed revisions to the tracker document for audit actions; (b) two increased risks recorded in the Risk Register with close monitoring of two emerging risks; (c) the preparation of a proposal by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) outlining a framework for the tendering exercise covering both Internal and External Audit services. Council RECEIVED: (a) The Corporate Risk Register (JCO537); and (b) The Whistleblowing Annual report (JCO538).
26.52 NGC Committee report	Council RECEIVED the reports of the Nominations and Governance Committee meetings held on 25 March 2026 and 1 June 2026 (JCO519). Presenting the report, the Vice-Chair recognised the service of Dr Elizabeth Siberry and her outstanding leadership and approach while chairing NGC. The Vice-Chair referred to the: (a) progress of the University's application for Medr registration;

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	(b) proposed revisions to the committee structure, revised terms of reference and membership in response to the Governance Effectiveness Review; (c) skills assessment and the Council Development and Retention Plan; (d) ongoing review of the UWTSD Ordinances. Council RECEIVED: (a) the Governance Effectiveness Review Action plan update (JCO539); (b) the updated Council Development and Retention Plan (JCO542). Council APPROVED: (a) the terms of reference for Standing Committees of Council 2026/27 (JCO540); (b) the continuation of the protocol on the use of translation and online/hybrid meetings (JCO541); (c) changes to Ordinances (JCO543). The Vice-Chair commended the work of the Governance team and thanked officers, led by the Clerk, for their work in preparing and early submission of the University's application for Medr registration.
26.53 Remuneration Committee report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 June 2026 (unreserved business; JCO520). Council APPPROVED the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2024-25 (JCO544).
26.54 Remuneration Committee Annual Report	Council RECEIVED the Annual Report of the Remuneration Committee (JCO521).
26.55 RPC Committee report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Resources and Performance Committee meeting held on 27 April 2026 (JCO522a).

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26.56 Senate	Council RECEIVED the report of the UWTSD Senate meeting held on 10 June 2026 (JCO524). Council APPROVED: (a) the Welsh Language Strategy 2026-30 (JCO550); (b) Senate recommendations for conferment of the title of Honorary Professor of Practice (JCO525).
26.57 Minutes	Council APPROVED the Minutes of the: (a) Council meeting held on 19 March 2026 (JCO526b); (b) Restricted Council meeting held on 19 March 2026 (JCO526c); (c) Council meeting held on 12 June 2026 (JCO526d).
25.58 SU: Council Code of Practice 2026/27	Council APPROVED the Students' Union: Council Code of Practice 2026/27 (JCO527).
25.59 SU election results	Council RECEIVED the report on the Students' Union election results with confirmation of proper process (JCO528).
26.60 Chair's Action	Council RECEIVED the report on Chair's Action (JCO530).
26.61 University Seal	Council RECEIVED the report on the use of the Seal (JCO531a).
26.62 Declarations of Interest	No additional declarations of interest were reported during the course of the meeting.
26.63 Date of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 15 September 2026 at Carmarthen.

Meeting terminated 12.55