



UNIVERSITY OF WALES COUNCIL

Unrestricted Minutes of the meeting held at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday 28 November 2019 in the Teifi Suite, Halliwell Centre, Carmarthen Campus

Present:

Venerable Randolph Thomas (Chair)
Tony Ball
Pam Berry
Andrew Curl
Eifion Griffiths
Professor Medwin Hughes

Arwel Ellis Owen
Stuart Rob
Nigel Roberts
Maria Stedman
Deris Williams

In attendance:

Professor Robert Brown, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation)
Sarah Clark, Clerk to Council
Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff
Jane O'Rourke, Director of Human Resources, for discussion of reserved matters
Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience and Civic Engagement)
Professor Catrin Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Gwyndaf Tobias, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Finance and Planning)
Catrin Beard, Translator
Margaret Williams, Secretary

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19.37	UWC RECEIVED apologies for absence from Margaret Evans and Dr Liz Siberry.	

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Apologies for absence		
19.38 Declarations of interest	UWC RECEIVED the declarations of interest as noted in the Clerk's report.	
19.39 Minutes of the meeting held on	UWC CONFIRMED the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2019 as an accurate record (UWC113).	
19.40 Matters arising	There were no matters arising.	
19.41 PREVENT Duty Annual Accountability Return	UWC CONSIDERED the Prevent duty Accountability Return (UWC114) and APPROVED it for signature by the Chair prior to submission to HEFCW.	
19.42 Academic Committee overview	<p>UWC CONSIDERED the overview of the Academic Committee meeting held on 7 November 2019 (UWC115).</p> <p>The DVC(A) reported that the University had received a positive QAA report on the exit arrangements from the collaborative partnership with Malvern International College. She also drew attention to the exit arrangements for UW's partnership with Greenwich School of Management and reported that the remaining UW students at Greenwich had been transferred to the London campus.</p>	
19.43 Audit and Risk overview	<p>UWC CONSIDERED the overview of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 30 September 2019 (UWC116) together with an oral report on the meeting held on 21 November 2019.</p> <p>The Chair of the Audit Committee noted the recent press attention given to Chinese students and the allegations of government influence and control. He also noted the recent student accommodation fire at Bolton. The Vice-Chancellor updated the Council on UWTSD's arrangements for Chinese students and its close working with HANBAN. Chinese students would be attending courses on the Carmarthen campus during the Christmas period. The DVC(F&P) referred to the recent fire at Bolton and reported that a full response had been submitted to HEFCW regarding the University's fire assessments and policies.</p> <p>Council NOTED that a further meeting of the Audit Committee was being arranged to consider the annual financial statements prior to them being submitted to HEFCW and AGREED that an additional Council meeting should also be arranged to consider and approve the annual financial statements when the external audit was complete.</p>	Clerk to arrange additional Council meeting
19.44	UWC RECEIVED the Annual Report of the UW Audit Committee ((UWC117).	

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Annual report of the UW Audit Committee		
19.45 Resources and Performance overview	<p>UWC CONSIDERED the overview of the Resources and Performance Committee meeting held on 18 November 2019 (UWC118).</p> <p>Members' attention was drawn to the following matters:</p> <p><u>CBM</u> RPC had supported officers' proposal that consideration be given to integrating the CBM into the wider University.</p> <p><u>UW Pension Scheme</u> UWC APPROVED the recommendation that the governance and administration arrangements between the UWSS and the UW Lampeter pension scheme be merged.</p>	
19.46 Financial position	UWC RECEIVED an update on the UW financial forecast for 2019/20 (UWC119).	
19.47 Nominations and Governance overview	<p>UWC CONSIDERED the overview of the Nominations and Governance Committee meeting held on 15 October 2019 (UWC120).</p> <p>UWC APPROVED the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that CAWCS applies for voluntary strike-off as a company, the detailed arrangements for which (including for the distribution of remaining assets) would be presented for discussion by, and approval of, the CAWCS Board on 25 October 2019; • that CAWCS be established as an academic unit within UWTSD's Institute of Education and Humanities under the leadership of the Dean, noting that discussions to affect the transfer of staff had commenced; • that the UWP Sub-Committee be disbanded as a committee of SPRG, and that henceforth an overview of the work, strategic direction and financial and operational performance of UWP be maintained through reports to Council and relevant committees prepared under the leadership of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor; • that an advisory committee be established to undertake relevant functions of the existing UWP Sub-Committee, with appropriate external representation and terms of reference determined by the Director of UWP and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in 	

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	<p>consultation with the current Chair of the UWP Sub-Committee. In the interests of continuity, the advisory committee should include governor representation at least in the first instance.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the periods of office of Council members and reported that the NGC had agreed that a recruitment exercise for independent members for the UWTSD Council would commence in the summer of 2020 and that the appointment of a new staff member for the UW Council would take place during 2020/21. The Clerk reported that a skills analysis of the UW Council would be undertaken during the year.</p>	
19.48 Proposed amendments to UW ordinances	UWC APPROVED the proposed amendments to the UW Ordinances as recommended by NGC (UWC121).	
19.49 Report on Chairs Action	<p>UWC APPROVED the following action undertaken taken by the Chair on behalf of Council:</p> <p>Approval of the implementation of the national pay award 2019-20 for all UW staff engaged on the 51 point spine.</p>	
19.50 Declarations of interest	No additional conflicts of interest were noted during the course of the meeting.	
RESERVED matters		
19.51 UW Council minutes 11 July 2019	UWC CONFIRMED the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019.	
19.52 UW Council minutes 12 November 2019	UWC CONFIRMED the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2019.	
19.53 Remuneration Committee 9 July 2019	UWC RECEIVED an oral report on the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 11 November 2019.	
19.54 Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting was scheduled for 30 January 2020.	