

UNIVERSITY OF WALES COUNCIL

**UNRESTRICTED** Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 1.45 p.m. on Thursday 9 July 2020

Present:

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

Arwel Ellis Owen  
Dr Stuart Robb  
Nigel Roberts  
Dr Liz Siberry  
Maria Stedman

In attendance:

Professor Robert Brown, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation)  
Sarah Clark, Clerk to Council  
Gavin Bessant, Executive Head of Finance  
Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff  
Jane O'Rourke, Director of Human Resources  
Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience and Civic Engagement)  
Professor Catrin Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)  
Margaret Williams, Secretary

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20.01	Apologies for absence were received from Deris Williams.	

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Apologies for absence and declarations of interest	Members RECEIVED the Declarations of interest as noted in the Clerk's report (UW134).	
20.02 University Council meeting held on 28 November 2019	UWC CONFIRMED the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2019 (UWC135) and APPROVED their publication on the University website.	
20.03 Matters arising and action points	UWC RECEIVED the updated table of action points (UWC136).	
20.04 Appointment of Trustees	<p>UWC CONSIDERED proposals relating to the appointment of trustees to UW as a charity (UWC137).</p> <p>The existing trustees of the UW charity APPROVED the following resolution:</p> <p>(a) That a formal process be instigated for considering the recruitment of all members of Council in 2020/21 as trustees of the UW charity.</p> <p>(b) That the process include invitations to act as trustees, subject to eligibility and declarations of interest checks in accordance with Charity Commission rules.</p> <p>(c) That henceforth the recruitment, resignation and retirement of Council members be synonymous with the same arrangements for trustees of the UW charity, so that there is no difference in membership or period of office.</p> <p>(d) That henceforth eligibility and declarations of interest checks in accordance with Charity Commission rules be undertaken:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. as part of the recruitment process for new independent Council members;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. as part of the nominations process for new staff Council members.</p> <p>Measures to take forward the resolution were also AGREED.</p>	Clerk to take forward
20.05 Resources and Performance Committee held on 7 May 2020	UWC RECEIVED the overview report of the Resources and Performance Committee held on 7 May 2020 (UWC138).	
20.06 Resources and Performance Committee held on 29 June 2020	<p>UWC RECEIVED the overview report of the Resources and Performance Committee held on 29 June 2020 (UWC139).</p> <p>Council ENDORSED the RPC recommendation to approve the changes to the Statement of Investment Principles for the UWSS which had been approved by the UWSS trustees.</p>	

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20.07 Bad debts report	<p>UWC CONSIDERED the Bad Debts report (UWC140).</p> <p>UWC APPROVED the recommendation of the RPC to write of the bad debts in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Regulations. Council noted that the debts had been provided for in the accounts.</p>	
20.08 UW TUPE update	<p>UWC CONSIDERED the update report on the TUPE transfer of staff from CBM and CAWCS to the UWTSD (UWC141)</p> <p>The DHR confirmed that the transfer of staff from CBM and CAWCS was completed on 1 July 2020 as planned.</p>	
20.09 Financial forecast and budget	<p>UWC CONSIDERED a verbal update on the Financial Forecast and Budget proposed for University of Wales, a draft of which had been presented in May 2020. The budget would be presented for approval by Council at its September 2020 meeting.</p>	Director of Financial Services to take forward
20.09 Group Scrutiny Committee	<p>UWC RECEIVED the overview report of the Group Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 June 2020 (UWC142).</p> <p>UWC APPROVED the recommendation of officers that the following companies were dissolved, having been dormant for a number of years and/or no longer required. It was noted that the formal process of dissolution would be a matter for the Directors of the companies concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Welsh Heritage Academy (UW Press)</li> <li>• The Welsh Heritage Academy (CAWCS)</li> </ul>	Clerk to take forward
20.10 Nominations and Governance Committee	<p>UWC RECEIVED the overview report of the Nominations and Governance Committee meeting held on 13 May 2020 (UWC143).</p> <p>UWC APPROVED the following recommendations:</p> <p>(a) an extension to the appointment of the current staff governor on the Council, with future arrangements to be determined when appropriate by NGC;</p> <p>(b) the nomination of the Chair of Council and Nigel Roberts as Directors on the IUMW Board.</p>	

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20.11 Use of the University of Wales Seal	UWC NOTED the amended list of persons to operate the Seal under Ordinance 29 (UWC144).	
20.12 Academic Committee	UWC RECEIVED the report of the Academic Committee held on 21 May 2020 (UWC145).	
20.13 Audit and Risk Committee	UWC RECEIVED the report of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 18 May 2020 (UWC146).	
20.14 Remuneration Committee	UWC RECEIVED the report of the Remuneration Committee held on 17 June 2020 (UWC147).	
20.15 Academic Board	UWC RECEIVED the report of the Academic Board held on 23 June 2020 (UWC148).	
20.16 Report on Chair's action	UWC RECEIVED the report on Chair's action undertaken since the last meeting (UWC149).	
20.17 List of items circulated for information following cancellation of March 2020 meeting	UWC RECEIVED the list of items circulated for information following the cancellation of the March 2020 meeting (UWC150).	
20.18 Papers circulated for approval by correspondence - Financial Statements	UWC RECEIVED the papers circulated for approval by correspondence relating to the Financial Statements (UWC151).	
20.19 Declarations of interest	No additional declarations of interest were identified during the course of the meeting.	
20.20 Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 30 September 2020.	

Meeting terminated 2.30 p.m.