

University of Wales Trinity Saint David Council

UNRESTRICTED Minutes of the Virtual meeting held at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 26 November 2020

Present:

Venerable Randolph Thomas (Chair)
Tony Ball
Pam Berry
Andrew Curl
Tania Davies
Margaret Evans
Andrew Gibson
Eifion Griffiths
Emma Hughes
Dr Gareth Hughes
Professor Medwin Hughes

Rowland Jones
Arwel Ellis Owen
Victoria Provis
Geraint Roberts
Dr Liz Siberry
Maria Stedman
Georgia Thomas

In attendance:

Sarah Clark, Clerk to Council
Steve Baldwin Director of Strategic Financial Planning and Business Analysis
Gavin Bessant Director of Financial Services
Dr Andrew Cornish, Principal, Coleg Sir Gar
Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff
Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Professor Catrin Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Ray Selby (Registrar)
Margaret Williams (Secretary)

University of Wales Council Members attending as observers:
Dr Stuart Robb

Minute	Main discussion points	Action/decision
20.59 Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Sian Eirian and James Mills.	
20.60 Declarations of interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report.	
20.61 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020	Council CONFIRMED the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020 (CO304).	
20.62 Matters arising and action points	There were no matters arising from the Minutes.	
20.63 Coleg Sir Gar Board report	Council RECEIVED the Coleg Sir Gar Board report of the meeting held on 24 September 2020 (CO305). Council NOTED that the report included formal notification to the University of the Board's approval of the proposal for the company to enter a Strategic Partnering Agreement with WEPCO within the MIM 21 st Century Schools Welsh Education Partnership.	
20.64 Coleg Sir Gar Articles	Council CONSIDERED proposed changes to the Coleg Sir Gar Articles of Association (CO306), noting that the changes mainly related to the structure of committees. Council RESOLVED that the Articles of Association set out in the document be hereby approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company.	
20.65 Key Performance Indicators monitoring report	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	
20.66 PREVENT accountability statement and monitoring report	Council APPROVED the PREVENT accountability statement and monitoring report (CO308).	
20.67 Academic Committee Report	Council CONSIDERED the report of the Academic Committee meeting on 5 November 2020 (CO309).	

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	<p>The Chair of the AC commended the quality of reports presented for consideration at the meeting and noted the significant amount of work involved.</p> <p>The DVC(A) reported that the University had subsequently received confirmation that there would be a QAA review of Degree Apprenticeships provision in spring 2021.</p>	
20.68 Senate Annual Report to Council	Council CONSIDERED the report of the Senate meeting held on 18 November 2020 (CO310).	
20.69 Senate Annual Report to Council	<p>Council CONSIDERED the Senate Annual Report, a draft of which had been considered by the Academic Committee on 5 November 2020 (CO311).</p> <p>The report confirmed that Senate it had discharged its responsibilities in 2019/20 and in particular that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the standards of the University's awards had been appropriately set and maintained; • there had been continuing and focused attention on improving the student experience, the learning environment and student outcomes, using methodologies that were robust and appropriate; • there had been appropriate continuing dialogue between the University and the SU, including formal annual dialogue in respect of the Annual Student Statement; • the Student Charter and the relationship agreement between the University and the SU had been reviewed and presented to Council within the past year; • student survey outcomes had been scrutinised and action plans were in place to address the issues raised. 	
20.70 SU Annual Quality Report and response	Council RECEIVED the SU Annual Quality Report 2019/20 and the University's response, which had been considered by the Academic Committee on 5 November 2020 (CO312).	
20.71 Audit and Risk Committee report 5 October 2020	Council CONSIDERED the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 5 October 2020 (CO313).	
20.72 Audit and Risk Committee report 19 November 2020	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	

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20.73 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report	Council RECEIVED the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report (CO315).	
20.74 Annual Report and Financial Statements	This is a restricted item and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.	
20.75 External Auditors' Year-end Report 2019/2	Council CONSIDERED the External Auditors' year-end report 2019/20, which had been considered by ARC on 19 November 2020 (CO317).	
20.76 Whistleblowing Annual Report	Council RECEIVED the initial Whistleblowing Annual Report, which had been considered by ARC on 19 November 2020 (CO319). Members noted that the Camm Review action plan included the presentation of an annual Whistleblowing Report to Council. The report was an initial report largely for information and a further report was planned for the July 2021 meeting.	
20.77 Resources and Performance Committee 16 November 2020	Council CONSIDERED the report of the Resources and Performance Committee meeting held on 16 November 2020 (CO320). The Chair of RPC reported that a thorough test and challenge had been undertaken of the budget. He noted the appreciation of the Committee to officers for the quality of data provided throughout the year.	
Matters for approval		
20.78 SU Relationship Agreement	Council APPROVED the Student Union Relationship Agreement 2019/20, (CO322).	
20.79 SU Memorandum and Articles	Council APPROVED proposed changes to the Students' Union Memorandum and Articles of Association, which had been considered by the Academic Committee on 5 November 2020 (CO323).	
20.80 Professors of Practice : nominations for approval	Council APPROVED Senate nominations for Professors of Practice (CO324).	
20.81 Use of the University Seal	Council RECEIVED the report on the use of the University Seal (CO325).	
20.82	Council RECEIVED the Fee and Access Planning update (CO326).	

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Fee and Access Planning update		
20.83 Staff Governor election	Council RECEIVED the update on the Staff Governor elections (CO327).	
20.84 Declarations of Interest	No additional declarations of interest were received during the course of the meeting.	
20.85 Date of the next meeting	Clerk to arrange an additional meeting in December. Next scheduled meeting would be held on 28 January 2020.	

Meeting terminated 11.45