

Item 2



22/33 The Minutes (22/14-22/29) of the meeting held on 14 March 2022 and the Minutes (22/30-22/31) of the meeting held on 1 April 2022 were approved and signed. The Chief Strategy Officer and University Secretary noted that, following the meeting on 14 March, which had been inquorate, the absent lay members had indicated approval of the resolutions provisionally agreed at the meeting. Arising on the Minutes:

Resolved:

“That the Annual Diversity and Inclusion Report, now submitted, be received.”

22/37 Future size and shape of the University: presentation by the Vice-Chancellor (Item 6) q(e)-6 u-c2l4 (7)-7. ((e)10. 6

The Council received a paper and a presentation by the Vice-Chancellor on the future size and shape of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor

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the QS Global rankings, which depended heavily on research performance and international visibility.

The President thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his helpful presentation.

Resolved:

“That the paper on the future size and shape of the University, now submitted, be received.”

22/38 Report on matters most affecting the Professional Services (Item 7)

The Council received a presentation by Mr Magee on the University's professional services.

In his presentation, Mr Magee addressed two questions:

- From a governance perspective, how strategically important are professional services to the University?
- To what extent should Council concern itself, in a governance capacity, with the success or failure of professional services?

In addressing these questions, Mr Magee outlined, through examples drawn from every Function, the wide range of contributions made across the diverse professional services, from supporting students with mental health issues to generating income from commercial lets, from supporting Schools' development of their curricula to remodelling the University's campuses, and from supporting staff in winning research awards to developing healthy, sustainable menus for

- fostering a sense of community and belonging;
- making university life fun and developing opportunities for personal growth;
- promoting diversity and inclusion (an area where they felt the University's progress had outstripped RUSU's);
- supporting mental health;
- developing RUSU's digital capability;
- providing greater support for students in the private rental market, including sharing feedback on landlords;
- improving relations with the local community;
- creating a conference platform for students to showcase their research.

The Council commended their priorities, and particularly welcomed a focus on employability.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation of the constructive relationship between the University and RUSU, and pledged the University's support in delivering RUSU's agenda.

In response to questions, Mr AvU wt1 Tf-1ywtw thsoiUo4Usd a focat308 (o)- (o4U)-36c 0 Tw(o4U-32.3 (7)-2.9

The Vice-Chancellor explained that, if Council made the proposed resolutions, the University would then seek the following further approvals:

- (a) UKRI (which has now succeeded BBSRC) to approve the mechanisms to formalise the payment of the settlement; and
- (b) The Charity Commission to approve the proposals for the resolution of the concerns raised to them in 2018 and, if these were approved, to grant a s.105 order endorsing the loan arrangements.

In response to questions, the Vice-Chancellor confirmed that the proposed settlement regularised the position in relation to accounting and governance requirements. He indicated that the appropriate use of NIRD funds would have substantial benefits for the Univa

accordance with the NIRD Trust and giving its approval to the proposed settlement mechanisms; and (iii) any other legally advised measures to enable implementation.

Matters for report

22/42 Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Item 10)

The Council received the Report of the Vice-Chancellor.

The Council congratulated the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on her appointment to the Order of the British Empire for services to higher education.

In response to a question from Mr Corrigan in connection with the University Mental Health Charter, totob.1 S51 10.8 .39 (-d 1 h(pc)1.1 7.b r0 Tw803ta]TJ-t5 1 it3]TJ- (t)4[(r(n)0.6-1 m4.9 [(toto)814e)r)-

2. "That the Report of the meeting of the Strategy and Finance Committee, held on 6 June 2022, now submitted, be approved."

22/45 Audit Committee (Item 13)

The Council received the Report of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26 May 2022.

Mr Richards, as Chair of the Committee, drew Council's attention to the strategic review of the University's risk management, which had included the development of a Risk Management
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guiding and challenging the executive, and for the openness and transparency with which he conducted the business of Council.

22/50 Dates of meetings of the Council in the Session 2022/23

Meetings of the Council in the Session 2022/23 had been scheduled for:

Thursday 22 September 2022 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 10.00 am (preceded by an informal meeting the previous evening)

Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 2.15 pm

Monday 13 March 2023 at 2.15 pm

Monday 3 July 2023 at 2.15 pm.