

**University of Wales Council**

**UNRESTRICTED** Minutes of the Virtual meeting held at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday 8 July 2021 via Zoom

Present:

Venerable Randolph Thomas (Chair)

Tony Ball

Margaret Evans

Andrew Curl

Eifion Griffiths

Professor Medwin Hughes

Arwel Ellis Owen

Dr Stuart Robb

Nigel Roberts

Dr Liz Siberry

Maria Stedman

Deris Williams

In attendance:

Sarah Clark, Clerk to Council

Steve Baldwin Director of Resources and Business Planning

Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff

Jane O'Rourke, Director of Human Resources

Professor Catrin Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

Catrin Beard (Translator)

Margaret Williams (Secretary)

Agenda item	Main discussion points	Action/decision
21.21 Apologies for absence	UW Council RECEIVED apologies for absence from Professor Dylan Jones and Gavin Bessant.	

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21.22 Declarations of interest	UW Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (UWC183).	
21.23 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2021	Council CONFIRMED the Unrestricted and Restricted Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2021 as an accurate record (UWC184).	
21.24 Matters arising and action points	<p>Council RECEIVED the updated table of action points (UWC185).</p> <p>The following matter was raised:</p> <p><u>UW interim report to QAA and HEFCW</u> Members enquired whether the University had received any feedback to their report.</p> <p>The DVC(A) reported that HEFCW had agreed that no further reviews would be undertaken but would continue to monitor numbers within partnerships.</p>	
21.25 Academic Committee report 19 May 2021	<p>UW Council CONSIDERED the report on the Academic Committee meeting held on 19 May 2021 (UWC186)</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor referred to the good work being undertaken by the Director of the UW press and the new Director of CAWCS.</p> <p>Members enquired whether a new advisory committee for CAWCS had been established. The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had received a list of names from the Centre's Director which would be considered in due course by the Senate.</p>	
21.26 Audit and Risk Committee report	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the RESTRICTED MINUTES of the meeting.	
21.27 Group Scrutiny Committee report	<p>UW Council RECEIVED the report of the Group Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 14 June 2021 (UWC188).</p> <p>The Chair reported that the GSC had considered the first annual report on subsidiary companies which provided information about the establishment and dissolution of companies, together with information about the composition and activities of existing companies.</p>	

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	GSC considered a series of recommendations in respect of future arrangements. In relation to AWEN Wales, it had recommended the appointment of the Venerable Randolph Thomas and Nigel Roberts as directors.	
21.28 Resources and Performance Committee report	UW Council RECEIVED the reports of the Resources and Performance Committee meetings held on 29 April, 24 June and 30 June 2021. (UWC189).	
21.29 UW Budget 2021/22 and Forecasts	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the RESTRICTED MINUTES of the meeting.	
21.30 Academic Board report	<p>UW Council CONSIDERED the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 23 June 2021 (UWC191).</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor referred to the exceptional work of officers in regard to the teach-out of partnerships and consequent reduction in risk.</p>	
21.31 Awen Wales Directors	UW Council APPROVED the appointment of the Venerable Randolph Thomas and Nigel Roberts as directors of Awen Wales Ltd (UWC192).	
21. 32 University Seal	<p>UW Council CONSIDERED the report on the University Seal (UWC193).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Under Ordinance 29, the Vice-Chancellor was responsible to the Council for the security of the Seal and for maintaining a list of persons authorised to operate the Seal. The Vice-Chancellor had advised that the list of persons had been amended to read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor</li> <li>• Professor Catrin Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)</li> <li>• Sarah Clark, University Secretary</li> <li>• Stephen Baldwin, Director of Resources and Business Planning</li> </ul> <p>Council ENDORSED the use of the University of Wales Seal as set in UWC193.</p>	

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21.33 Declarations of interest	No additional Conflicts of interest were reported during the course of the meeting.	
21.34 Date of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 30 September 2021/	

Meeting closed at 13.10