

University of Wales Council

UNRESTRICTED Minutes of the Virtual meeting held at 11.45 a.m. on Thursday 26 November 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:

Sarah Clark, Clerk to Council

Steve Baldwin Director of Strategic Financial Planning and Business Analysis

Gavin Bessant Director of Financial Services

Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff

Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Catrin Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

Ray Selby (Registrar)

Margaret Williams (Secretary)

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20.32	UWC RECEIVED apologies for absence from Deris Williams.	

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20.34 Declarations of Interest	UWC RECEIVED the Declarations of interest as noted in the Clerk's report (UWC160).	
20.33 Restricted Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020	UWC CONFIRMED the restricted minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020 (UWC161)	
20.34 Matters arising	There were no matters arising.	
20.35 PREVENT Report	UWC APPROVED the PREVENT accountability statement and monitoring report (UWC162). The Clerk referred members to the action taken in regard to collaborative partnerships and noted that all UW staff had been trained in regard to PREVENT.	
20.36 Audit and Risk Matters	UWC CONSIDERED the reports of the Audit and Risk Committee meetings held on 5 October 2020 (UWC163) and 19 November 2020 (UWC164). The Chair of ARC reported that the External Auditors had not finalised their work on the UW Financial Statements 2019/20 but that they had confirmed that no major issues were expected. The Chair of ARC referred to the Internal Audit Annual Report and noted that several reviews had been deferred owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Audits of the UW Press and the integration of the CBM into UWTSD were scheduled for 2020/21. The Clerk reported that ARC's annual report would be presented to Council with the Financial Statements.	
20.37 Resources and Performance	UWC CONSIDERED the report of the Resources and Performance Committee meeting held on 16 November 2020 (UWC165).	
Financial and Cash flow report	UWC RECEIVED an update on the Financial Statements and financial and cash flow position.	

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	<p>The DFS reported that the Financial Statements were expected to be finalised before Christmas and that the initial going concern review did not raise issues. The Statements were showing a small surplus and demonstrating good progress. The finalised Statements would be presented to the next meeting of ARC.</p> <p>In regard to 2020/21, UW was ahead of forecasts. Cash generation was robust and officers were working on ensuring an appropriate baseline which would be monitored carefully.</p>	
20.38 Academic Board matters	UWC CONSIDERED the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 18 November 2020 (UWC166).	
20.39 Report on the use of the UW Seal	UWC RECEIVED the report on the use of the University Seal (UWC167) and APPROVED its use.	
20.40 Report of the Academic Committee meeting held on 5 November 2020	UWC CONSIDERE the report of the Academic Committee meeting held on 5 November 2020 (UWC168).	
20.41 Declarations of interest	No additional declarations of interest were noted during the course of the meeting.	
20.42 Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting was scheduled for 28 January 2021.	

Meeting terminated 11.50