

## **Joint Meeting of the Councils**

**UNRESTRICTED** Minutes of the meeting held at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 8 July 2021 via Zoom

### Present:

Venerable Randolph Thomas (Chair)  
Tony Ball  
Pam Berry  
Andrew Curl  
Tania Davies  
Margaret Evans  
Eifion Griffiths  
Professor Medwin Hughes  
Rowland Jones  
Victoria Liverpool  
Arwel Ellis Owen

Liam Powell  
Matthew Peake  
Victoria Provis  
Dr Stuart Robb  
Geraint Roberts  
Nigel Roberts  
Dr Liz Siberry  
Maria Stedman  
Dr Kerry Tudor  
Deris Williams

### In attendance:

Sarah Clark, Clerk to Council  
Professor Catrin Thomas, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)  
Dr Andrew Cornish, Principal, Coleg Sir Gar  
Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff

Steve Baldwin Director of Resources and Business Planning  
Jane O'Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources  
James Barrow  
Catrin Beard (Translator)  
Margaret Williams (Secretary)

The Councils noted with sorrow the sudden passing of Mark Thomas the University's Careers Officer, Gareth Pierce past member of Senior Management at the University, and Lord Elystan Morgan, Chair of the UW Trust.

Agenda item	Main discussion points	Action/decision
21.29 Apologies for absence and welcome new members	<p>The Councils RECEIVED apologies for absence from Dr Conny Matera Rogers, Professor Dylan Jones and Gavin Bessant.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the new Group Student President, Vanessa Liverpool of the London Campus, and the Student President of the Swansea Campus, Liam Powell, to their first meeting as Council members. He also welcomed Student President of the Lampeter Campus, James Barrow, as an observer.</p>	
21.30 Declarations of Interest	The Councils RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO092).	
21.31 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2021	The Councils APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2021 as an accurate record (JCO093).	
21.32 Matters arising and action points	The Councils RECEIVED the updated table of action points (JCO094).	
21.33 Report of the Chair	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the report of the Chair (JCO095).</p> <p>The Chair referred in particular to the following:</p> <p><u>University of South Wales</u> The first meeting of the Development Group had taken place on 6 May 2021. Discussions were focussed on progress with the joint HEFCW funded projects. The Chair thanked Dr Louise Bright, Professor Mike Fernando and Barry Liles for their hard work on the development of these projects.</p> <p><u>CUC</u> The Chair gave an update on the recent meeting of the CUC.</p>	
21.34 Vice-Chancellor's report	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the RESTRICTED MINUTES of the meeting.	

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21.35 Bicentenary celebrations	<p>Council CONSIDERED proposals for the bicentenary celebrations in 2022. (JCO097).</p> <p>Members noted that the celebrations would be focussed on the role of the University in shaping the nation and would commemorate the establishment of St David's College, Lampeter on 12 August 1822 through the laying of the foundation stone which marked the birthplace of higher education in Wales. The bicentenary would provide an opportunity to celebrate the history, successes and achievements of the University and its founding institutions over the past two centuries whilst also marking its current achievements and future aspirations. The Vice-Chancellor reported that the process for developing the programme of events had involved governors, staff, the Students' Union and alumni. He confirmed that staff were considering the development of publications on history, architecture and the special collections, and would also be maximising the opportunities for digital conferences.</p> <p>Members commended and ENDORSED the proposals, which celebrated not only the University's past but also its future. They noted the importance of linking with national events and also of celebrating in Wales the historic link with Oxford.</p>	
21.37 Risk management	This is a RESTRICTED item and reported within the RESTRICTED MINUTES of the meeting.	
21.38 Nominations and Governance matters	<p>The Councils CONSIDERED the report of the Nominations and Governance Committee meeting held on 12 May 2021 (JCO099).</p> <p>Members noted progress in the recruitment of new independent members, noting that developments had been informed by a succession plan and skills analysis. The Clerk noted that a good and diverse range of applications had been received. Recommendations for appointment would be made direct to the Councils in September 2021.</p> <p>The Councils APPROVED the Committee's recommendations resulting from the standing committee review in spring 2021, as set out in JCO099.</p>	
21.39 Camm action plan update	The Councils CONSIDERED the Camm action plan update report which had been endorsed by the NGC on 12 May 2021 (JCO100).	

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	<p>The Clerk reported that good progress had been made and that continuing work was dependent on some of the sector-wide development work which had been delayed. She noted that, in regard to the Councils' consideration of data relating to culture, this was now scheduled for consideration in September 2021.</p> <p>The Councils ENDORSED the updated action plan.</p>	
<p>21.40 Governance Effectiveness Reviews</p>	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Governance Effectiveness Review action plan. (JCO101).</p> <p>The Councils noted that all actions from the GER had now been completed and therefore formally signed off the plan as completed.</p>	
<p>21.41 Code of Practice for Council members</p>	<p>The Councils APPROVED the Code of Practice for Council Members 2021/22 for a further period of two years (JC0102).</p>	
<p>21.42 Serious incident reporting procedure</p>	<p>The Councils APPROVED proposed amendments to the serious incident reporting procedure (JCO103) to reflect arrangements for health and safety reporting.</p>	
<p>21.43 Annual Pay Policy Statement</p>	<p>The Councils APPROVED the Annual Pay Policy Statement (JCO104).</p> <p>The EDHR reported that the statement would be published on the web site once pay ratio detail had been received from UCEA.</p>	
<p>21.44 Report on Chairs action</p>	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Report on Chairs action (JCO105)</p>	
<p>21.45 Health and Safety update report</p>	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Health and Safety update report (JCO106)</p>	
<p>21.46 Declarations of Interest</p>	<p>No additional conflicts of interest were reported during the course of the meeting.</p>	
<p>21.47 Date and time of next meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting would be held on 30 September 2021.</p>	