

**COUNCIL****CONFIRMED MINUTES**

Minutes of the 234<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council held on **Wednesday, 22 November 2023** at 2.00pm in ESGW402, Eastern Gateway Building

**Present:** Professor Stuart Palmer (Chair); Professor Andrew Jones (Vice-Chancellor & President); Ms Amanda Rowlatt (Deputy Chair); Ms Sharon Blackman; Ms Janet Dean; Professor Dave Delpy; Ms Rita Gardner (Teams); Mr Mark Garrett; Professor Paul Hellewell; Ms Lucinda Hunt; Mr David Kennedy; Ms Josie Mangan; Mr Suraj Shaw; Professor Claire Turner (Pro Vice-Chancellor Education); Ms Tone Rosingholm; Ms Anne Waltham (Teams); Professor Jonathan Wastling (Deputy Vice-Chancellor);

**In attendance:** Mr Peter Cross, Interim Chief Finance Officer  
Ms Beatrice Otudeko, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Partner (Teams)  
Professor Geoff Rodgers (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Enterprise & Employment);  
Dr Nicola Rogers (Chief of Staff);  
Dr Rosa Scoble (Director of Strategic Planning);  
Professor Hua Zhao (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research)

**Officers:** Mr Tristan Foot (University Secretary and General Counsel);  
Mrs Joanna Barry, Governance Officer (Notes)

**Apologies:** Mr Mukhtar Ahmed; Professor Manuel Alonso; Mr Shashank Manjunatha;  
Mr Chris Maw; Dr Peter Thomas

**REGULAR BUSINESS****23/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST(S)****24/01**

**27/03 AGREED:**

report would be amended for future meetings to include tabulated student recruitment data. It was noted that student numbers alone did not provide a full view of financial performance, which necessitated additional data relating to fees payable and attrition, for example.

**8 APPOINTMENT OF CHANCELLOR**

**28/01 NOTED:** that following a previously unsuccessful recruitment campaign, the Governance & Nominations Committee had agreed to resume its search to appoint a Chancellor.

**9 APPOINTMENT OF PRO CHANCELLOR (CO/3976)**

**29/01** The Chair reported that the Governance & Nominations Committee had discussed the proposal at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October to recommend Dr Shini Somara for the appointment of Pro-Chancellor.

**29/02** Members noted that the Chair and Vice Chancellor had met with Dr Somara and considered her to be an excellent candidate.

**23/33 ANTI-SLAVERY STATEMENT (CO/3980)**

**33/01 APPROVED:** annual Anti-Slavery Statement for publication.

**33/02 AGREED:** that future changes be highlighted in track changes for ease of reference.

**23/34 COUNCIL ORDINANCE 5**

**ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT****23/39 KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE POLICY ENVIRONMENT (CO/3985)**

- 39/01** **NOTED:** the current HE policy and funding environment for knowledge exchange and the recently released results for the Knowledge Exchange Framework.

**INTERNATIONAL AND SUSTAINABILITY****23/40 FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

- 40/01** **NOTED:** Forthcoming meeting dates:  
30-31 January 2024 (Council Dinner and Away Day) Plan and Strategy Monitoring Framework  
13 March 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

**23/41 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SENATE (CO/3968)**

- 41/01** **NOTED:** Audit & Risk Committee Minutes (12 October 2023) (CO/3986)
- 41/02** **NOTED:** Annual Report of the Audit & Risk Committee (CO/3987)
- 41/03** **NOTED:** Remuneration Committee Minutes (28 September 2023) (CO/3988)
- 41/04** **NOTED:** Annual Report of the Remuneration Committee (CO/3989)
- 41/05** **NOTED:** Governance & Nominations Committee Minutes (31 October 2023) (CO/3990)

**23/42 GOVERNANCE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW FINAL ACTIONS (PAPER FROM GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE) (CO/3991)**

- 42/01** **NOTED:** the update on progress against the final actions from the most recent review, with particular reference to:
- (i) the need to ensure that Council concentrates on adding value and influencing the strategy a review will be undertaken on an annual basis to ensur

