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| **SENATE** |
| **09.30am 23 June 2021** |

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| **MINUTES** | |
| **Venue:** | MS Teams Meeting |
| **Author:** | Mrs D Evans, Registry Officer |
| **Present:** | Professor R Cryan (Chair), Professor M Adkins, Professor A Ball, Dr S Bastow, Professor H Bryan, Dr S Burns, Professor A Crampton, Professor S Donnelly, Professor M Ginger, Professor P Goswami, Mr M Mills, Dr C Reynolds, Ms N Mushahar, Mr A Opakunle, Professor J Owen-Lynch, Dr A Pettican, Mr K Pilicudale, Dr C Reynolds, Professor A Sambell, Mr K Singh, Ms N Stuart, Professor L Waters, Ms K White, Dr T Turner |
| **In attendance:** | Dr R Birds, Ms D Evans, Mr T Hosker, Ms A Jones |
| **Apologies:** | Professor P Bissell, Dr B Canavan, Professor N Clear, Mrs N Firth, Dr J Grainger, Professor J Johnes, Professor J Malay, Professor J Nicolson, Mr T Rolls, Professor P Thomas, Professor T Thornton, Professor B Tolchard, Professor R Ward |

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|  | | **PAPER REFERENCE** |
|  | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  There were no declarations of interest. |  |
|  | **ESTATES BRIEFING**  Members were advised that work on the projects below had been delivered in a Covid-19 secure manner. It was noted that:   * The Institute of Railway Research was currently carrying out T5 maintenance. * The Technology Building refurbishment was progressing well with handover to the School planned for September 2021. Photovoltaic cells would be installed on the roof. * Work on the new Faith Centre would begin in September 2021, subject to planning permission. * Work on the façade of Joseph Priestly and Ramsden Buildings was continuing with windows being replaced. * A grant awarded by the OfS had enabled further work to the Harold Wilson and Richard Steinitz buildings. The psychology department would be relocated from Ramsden Building and the administration area of Harold Wilson Building would be improved. * The Firth Street Depot site was being redeveloped to house the Yorkshire Film and Television School. * The plant area in the Lockside Building would be refurbished without any downtime for building users. * A company had now been appointed to carry out the next stage of design for the Health and Wellbeing Academy which will be the second largest building on campus. * Other ongoing projects included: * Increased accommodation for Occupational Health * Replacement of lifts to Harold Wilson and Spark Jones * Redecoration of the library * Roof replacement for Schwann Building * Boiler flue replacement for Schwann Building * Boiler replacement for Bronte * Upgrades to fire alarms. |  |
|  | **MINUTES**  **Resolved**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021 be accepted as a correct record. | SEN\_2021\_03\_10\_M |
|  | **MATTERS ARISING**  There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda. |  |
|  | **CHAIR’S BUSINESS**  None. |  |
|  | **UNIVERSITY NEWS**  Members were briefed on a range of news from around the University including the following items:   * Professor Tim Thornton had published a book, establishing Richard III’s links to the murders of Princes in the Tower and would contribute to a BBC/PBS programme *Unsolved Histories with Lucy Worsley* due to air later in 2021. * PAXMAN Scalp Cooling Research undertaken at the University had provided the world’s first biological evidence to explain how scalp cooling physically protects hair follicles from chemotherapy drugs. * Digital avatars had been used to model clothes to reduce waste by the Department of Fashion and Textiles and luxury designer fashion retailer Nomad Atelier. The project was funded by Future Fashion Factory (FFF) to improve its online shopping experience. * Professor Paul Bywaters from the School of Human and Health Sciences had been invited to lead proceedings and give evidence in a public investigation into children in poverty held by the Work and Pensions Committee and televised in April 2021. * Dr Mamoom Al Deyab from the School of Applied Sciences had supported the World Health Organisation in the global delivery of their ‘Antimicrobial Resistance Global Action Plan’ by leading virtual workshops for hospital pharmacists and key local representatives involved in antimicrobial surveillance and stewardship in Iraq. * NHS England had chosen the University to launch its NHS COVID-19 nursing research portfolio. The event was hosted by the School of Human and Health Sciences and chaired by Professor Nick Hardiker. It helped to share knowledge and understanding of research undertaken by the nursing community. * The None in Three (Ni3) global research centre against gender-based violence was to host Play. Talk. Change. (PTC), a free two-day online conference focusing on developing prosocial games as a means for violence prevention in India, Jamaica, Uganda, and the UK. * The Sir George Buckley Leadership Centre had launched a 2021 Summer Leadership Masterclass Series to support the development of leaders across the region. * Researcher Dr Katie Addina had been awarded a research fellowship to continue her work around making the identification of illegal firearms and ballistics more precise, and had been named as the Beloe Fellow 2021 by the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers (SIM). * Huddersfield Business School’s Employability and Placement Team had been named as the Best University Placement Service at the National Undergraduate Employability Awards for 2021 for their support of over 750 students. * Eloise Wright had presented her undergraduate dissertation at the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) event in February, winning *CILT’s Logistics Undergraduate Dissertation of the Year Award*, and taking the top award above other national submissions from different universities. * Graduate Jane Anderson had been named as Mental Health Nurse of the Year at the British Journal of Nursing Awards after graduating with a First-Class Honours Degree in Nursing (Mental health) in 2015. She is currently an Advanced Clinical Practitioner at Leeds General Infirmary. * The University had retained its HR Excellence in Research award for its long-term commitment to the career development of its researchers following an eight-year review by the UK Excellence in Research Panel. * Dr Sarah Jarvis had been appointed the University’s Visiting Professor of General Practice. * Dr Michael Stewart and students in the School of Music, Humanities and Media had worked with First Story, commissioning rapper, playwright and poet, Testament, to write a new piece about the Brontës, *Brontë Thoughts*. * Sarah Ahmed had been appointed as Head of Division for Secondary Education and Lifelong Learning in the School of Education and Professional Development. |  |
|  | **MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE**  **Resolved:** to approve the membership of Senate and to welcome Dr Cheryl Reynolds who had been recently elected. | SEN\_2020\_06\_24\_P7 |
| **TO CONSIDER:** | | |
|  | **STUDENT PROTECTION PLAN**  **Resolved:** to approve the Student Protection Plan. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P8 |
|  | **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NAMES**  **9.1 Resolved:** to approve the proposed new Departmental names for the Huddersfield Business School.  **9.2 Resolved:** to approve the new name of the merged schools of Art Design and Architecture and Music Humanities and Media as: the School of Arts and Humanities. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P9.1 |
|  | **APPROVAL OF KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE STRATEGY**  **Resolved:** to approve the Knowledge Exchange Strategy. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P10 |
| **TO NOTE:** | | |
|  | **APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**  Members were briefed on enrolments for September 2021 by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning):   * Applications had increased by 1.6% across the University compared to this time last year, although not all schools had seen an increase in applications. * Firm acceptances were up 2% overall, although some subject groups had proved challenging. |  |
|  | **POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH PROCESS REVIEW BOARD**  Members noted the considerable progress made on the PGR Process Review following mapping to the revised UK Quality Code undertaken in 2019-20. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P12 |
|  | **ACADEMIC QUALITY AND STANDARDS**  Members received an update to the report on safeguarding academic standards during the Covid-19 situation. It was noted that a grade safety policy had been developed in consultation with the Students Union and that pre-CABs had been introduced to enable full scrutiny of module performance and to enable decisions to be taken around scaling where necessary. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P13 |
|  | **REPORTS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (TEACHING AND LEARNING)**  Members were informed that:   * 1. **NSS and HSS**   Managing NSS responses had been difficult this academic year but there had been a 69% response rate with results due in July 2021. HSS results had indicated a small increase in overall satisfaction. Assessment and feedback had increased 6% but satisfaction with the learning community had decreased. This was understandable in the context of the restricted access to facilities on campus and face-to-face contact with staff.   * 1. **Developments towards the Inspiring KPIs**   Over 2000 comments were positive, with covid-19 third on the positive list linked with timetable and staff support. There was general recognition among students that staff had gone out of their way to support them. Results from the new TEF are expected in 2023 with changes in the metrics surrounding retention and graduate job data.   * 1. **Teaching and Learning Strategy and Enabling Projects**   Differential attainment gaps between white ethnicity and black and Asian students have reduced meaning that the black attainment gap in the University is no longer statistically significant. Assessment data for students with different ethnicity where assessment practice changes had taken place showed a positive impact on black and Asian students and a higher impact on BTEC students compared to those who studied A levels.   * 1. **Teaching and Learning – What will it look like for September**   As students in September would not have received a normal teaching experience for two years, they might need additional help with digital strategies. Information would be available before enrolment to signpost students around the institution. The induction module had been updated and PAT meetings would be held digitally and recorded next year as this had worked well for students. Students and staff would work in partnership to determine the best blend for the delivery of teaching and learning moving forward.  **14.5 University Teaching and Learning Committee**  Members noted the summaries of the meetings held on:  14.5.117 March 2021  14.5.219 May 2021 | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P14.5.1-2 |
|  | **REPORTS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (INTERNATIONAL)**  The Committee was briefed as follows:   * 1. **Update on International enrolments and recruitment**   Overall new international student numbers had remained similar to last year, although with shifts between schools. India, China, and Nigeria had the greatest numbers of international students, although China numbers had decreased. Applications for undergraduate and top-up courses were not as strong as last year but PGT and PGR had increased. The significantly greater interest in PGT courses was attributed to the changes to visa regulations which now enabled post-study work. The increasing popularity of January starts was also noted.  However, the number of applicants from ‘red list’ countries was a cause for concern, given current difficulties for students travelling to the UK due to Covid regulations.  **15.2 Update on World University Rankings (KPI)**  The latest Times Higher ranking placed the University at 632 with four subject areas in the top 300 and the QS world ranking is 701-750. Good progress was being made around academic reputation and this would be prioritised in the coming year.  **15.3 Update on international research partnerships**  Publications with International collaborators is currently at 48%, but ahead of last year.  **15.4 Update on international student experience**  The International Student Barometer (ISB) areas of focus (mobility, employability, classroom, and campus events) had been on hold, although the School of Human and Health Sciences had used four ISB questions to give an insight into international engagement at school level.   * 1. **University International Committee**   Members received a summary of the meeting held on:  15.5.121 April 2021 | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P15.5.1 |
|  | **REPORTS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE)**   * 1. **University Research Committee**   Members received a verbal report summarising the URC meeting held on 8 June 2021 and noted that the minutes would be presented at the next Senate.  **16.2 Update on R&E KPI performance**  The Pro Vice-Chancellor updated members as follows:   * There had been an increase in the proportion of academic staff publishing at two-star level and this was expected to reach 78% in the end of the year data, with the number of staff publishing at three-star level expected to be on target. * It was expected that the University would have a higher rate than 10 citations per publication. Research income was expected to be below target this year due to difficulties in spending because of Covid-19. * The target of forging 5000 formal links with businesses was likely to be met as there were already 4000 unique links. |  |
|  | **SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATION**  Members noted the updated 10-year cycle of inter-school representatives on school boards. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P17 |
|  | **SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARIES**  The committee noted decisions made at the meetings held on:   * 1. AS – 2 June 2021   2. ADA – 10 June 2021   3. CE – 26 June 2021   4. EPD – 12 May 2021   5. HBS – 27 May 2021   6. HHS – 2 June 2021   7. MHM – 26 May 2021 | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P18.1  See above paper  To follow  See above paper  See above paper  To follow  See above paper |
|  | **GRADUATE BOARD SUMMARY**  Members noted the summary of the meetings held on 31 March and 18 May 2021. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P19.1  SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P19.2 |
|  | **UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  Members noted minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2021. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P20 |
|  | **STUDENT REGULATIONS**  Senate noted summaries of   * 1. The PGR Students Regulations for 2021-22 approved by URC   2. The Regulations for Awards (Research Degrees) approved by URC   3. The Taught Students Regulations for 2021-22 approved by UTLC   4. The Regulations for Awards (Taught Degrees) approved by UTLC | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P21.1  SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P21.2  SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P21.3  SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P21.4 |
|  | **QUALITY ASSURANCE REGULATIONS**  The committee noted a summary of the Quality Assurance Procedures for Taught Courses and Research Awards for 2021-22 approved by UTLC. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P22 |
|  | **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE OIA**  Senate received a copy of the OIA’s annual report. | SEN\_2021\_06\_23\_P23 |
|  | **TEACHING AND LEARNING INNOVATION UPDATE**  Dr Shamus Burns updated members on areas of good practice in the School of Applied Science, in particular the use of R-scripting to generate individual data sets for students. This had provided an authentic and secure assessment opportunity for students who had not been able to access the laboratory due to Covid restrictions. |  |
|  | **STUDENT MATTERS/STUDENT CHARTER SIGNING**   * 1. The outgoing Students’ Union President thanked the Students Union officers for their hard work over the last year.   25.2 Members received the Student Charter signed by the Vice-Chancellor and the incoming SU President for 2021/22. |  |
| **OTHER BUSINESS** | | |
|  | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  Members thanked Mr Adetayo Opakunle, outgoing Students’ Union President, Ms N Mushahar, outgoing Equalities Officer and Mr T Rolls, outgoing Education Officer for their contributions to Senate in 2020-21.  Members welcomed Ms Natalie Stuart, incoming Students’ Union President for 2021-22. |  |
|  | **AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA, PAPERS AND MINUTES**  Members noted that commercially sensitive information around application numbers should be treated as confidential. |  |
|  | **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**  3 November 2021 9.30am in the McClelland Suite  9 March 2022 9.30am in the McClelland Suite  22 June 2022 9.30am in the McClelland Suite |  |