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- In the Chair: Professor Richard A Williams, Principal and Vice-Chancellor
- Present Also: Professor Julian Jones, Vice-Principal  
Professor Duncan Hand, Interim Deputy Principal (Research and Knowledge Exchange)  
Professor Gill Hogg, Deputy Principal (External Relations)  
Professor John Sawkins, Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching)  
Professor Gavin Gibson, Interim Head (Mathematics and Computer Sciences)  
Mr Alick Kitchin, Acting Head, (Edinburgh Business School)  
Professor Robert MacIntosh, Head (Management and Languages)  
Professor Stephen McLaughlin, Head (Engineering and Physical Sciences)\*  
Dr Peter Morris, Interim Head (Life Sciences)  
Professor Gareth Pender, Head (Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure, and Society)  
Professor Fiona Waldron, Head (Textiles and Design)\*  
Ms Ann Marie Dalton, Secretary of the University  
Mr Andrew Menzies, Director of Finance
- In Attendance: Mr Richard McGookin, Director of Planning  
Ms Ruth Moir, Assistant Principal (International Development)  
Mr Mike Bates, Director of Recruitment and Admissions  
Mr Martyn Spence, Director of Marketing and Communication  
Mr Brett Dodgson, Clerk
- Apologies: Professor Robert Craik, Vice-Principal (Malaysia)  
Professor Ammar Kaka, Vice-Principal (Dubai)

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\* Indicates member participating remotely

**MINUTE REF**

**M16/040**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting the members of the UE and those colleagues who were in attendance.

The UE noted those members who had submitted to the Clerk their apologies for the meeting.

**M16/041**

**EDINBURGH BUSINESS SCHOOL: FUTURE STRATEGY**

The UE considered a presentation on the development and future direction of the Edinburgh Business School. The UE noted the School's academic and corporate governance model, its approach to pedagogy and student learning, its student profile and current student recruitment patterns, and the position of the School within an increasingly competitive global market.

**[Reserved Section – Ref. FOI(S)A, s.30 and s.33]**

**M16/042**

**STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-17 ADMISSION**

The UE considered a presentation on applications for 2016-17 admission to undergraduate taught postgraduate degree programmes at the Scottish campuses. The UE noted the number of applicants by School and by fee status as at 15 January 2016 including applicants from SIMD1-40 domiciles.

**[Reserved Section – Ref. FOI(S)A, s.30 and s.33]**

**M16/043      2016 PLANNING ROUND AND LEADING INDICATORS**

The UE considered a presentation on the current planning round and the effect on this of a number of leading indicators – undergraduate and taught postgraduate student recruitment, research income, and income generated from the Malaysia campus.

**[Reserved Section – Ref. FOI(S)A, s.30 and s.33]**

**M16/044      RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK PLANNING**

The UE considered a verbal report on the management of preparations for the next Research Excellence Framework (REF) exercise. The UE noted that the University’s preparations would be coordinated by a REF Steering Group which would be led by the Deputy Principal (Research and Innovation). The Steering Group’s initial priority would be to prepare a report to be presented to the Court before the end of the 2015-16 academic year.

**[Reserved Section – Ref. FOI(S)A, s.30 and s.33]**

The UE agreed that the Acting Head of the School of Mathematical and Computer Science should prepare and circulate to the UE a more detailed report on research culture and preparations for the REF.

**M16/045      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The UE noted that its next meeting would be held 15 February 2016.

Signed by Chair .....

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