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- In the Chair: Professor Richard A Williams, Principal and Vice-Chancellor [Chair until 09:30]
- Present Also: Professor Julian Jones, Vice-Principal [Chair from 09:30]
Professor Robert Craik, Vice-Principal (Malaysia)*
Professor Ammar Kaka, Vice-Principal (Dubai)*
Professor Gill Hogg, Deputy Principal (Engagement and Staff Development)
Dr Gillian Murray, Deputy Principal (Enterprise and Business)
Professor Gareth Pender, Deputy Principal (Research and Innovation)
Professor John Sawkins, Deputy Principal (Learning and Teaching)*
Professor Malcolm Chrisp, Head (Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure, and Society)
Professor Robert MacIntosh, Head (Management and Languages)
Professor Stephen McLaughlin, Head (Engineering and Physical Sciences)
Professor Beatrice Pelloni, Head (Mathematics and Computer Science)
Professor Fiona Waldron, Head (Textiles and Design)
Professor Mushtak Al-Atabi, Senior Deputy Vice-Principal (Malaysia)*
Ms Ann Marie Dalton-Pillay, Secretary of the University
Mr Andrew Menzies, Director of Finance
Mr Richard McGookin, Director of Planning
Mr Mark Adderley, Director of Human Resource Development
- In Attendance: Ms Ruth Moir, Assistant Principal (International Development)
Ms Nuala Boyle, Assistant Principal (Development)
Dr Robin Westacott, School of Engineering and Physical Sciences
Mr Brett Dodgson, Clerk
- Apologies: Professor Heather McGregor, Executive Dean (Edinburgh Business School)
Mr Joe Pacitti, Assistant Principal (Strategic Projects and Policy)

* Indicates member participating remotely

MINUTE REF
M16/244

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

M16/245

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

In a verbal report the Chair noted that, at a meeting held 7 October 2016, the Court had discussed the opportunities and challenges arising from the financial constraints and political uncertainty affecting the Scottish higher education sector, the results of the 2016 UK National Student Survey, and the development of the UK Teaching Excellence Framework. The Court had also approved the implementation of a private placement transaction. It was noted that the new Executive Dean of the Edinburgh Business School had given a presentation to the Court in which she had set out a positive vision for the future relationship between the School and the wider University.

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M16/246 SPORTS UNION EQUIPMENT FUND [Paper: UE/16/221]

The UE considered and endorsed a proposal that funding of £15,000 should be drawn from the endowment fund and used to establish a sports equipment fund to be managed by the Sports Union. The initial investment would equate to three years support and the financial model would help to leverage funding from the Sports Union and from student-led fundraising activities. It was noted that the fund would provide a fair and efficient mechanism by which the equipment costs of University sports clubs could be supported.

It was agreed that the Endowments Committee should be invited to approve the proposal. It was agreed that the philanthropic element of the fund should be clearly articulated as part of wider to making the importance of philanthropic support a more visible aspect of the student experience.

M16/247 GRADUATE LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS [Paper: UE/16/220]

The University considered the University’s response to a call from Skills Development Scotland for tenders in respect of an initial “pathfinder” round of Graduate Level Apprenticeships.

It was noted that the “pathfinder” round would be limited to small cohorts of 20-30 students on undergraduate Graduate Level Apprenticeships in software development, IT management for business, and manufacturing and design.

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

M16/248 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2014-15 [Paper: UE/16/219]

The UE considered the findings of a review of the University’s financial performance for the 2014-15 financial year.

It was noted that the purpose of the review had been to consider the financial performance of individual activities (that is, a taught programme or cognate research grouping) rather than of the Schools.

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

M16/249 STUDENT ENROLMENTS 2016-17 AND 2016 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

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

M16/250 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The UE noted that its next meeting would be a business meeting and would be held 18 October 2016.

Signed by Chair

Date