In the Chair: Professor Richard A Williams, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Present Also: Professor Julian Jones, Vice-Principal
Professor Ammar Kaka, Vice-Principal (Dubai)*
Professor Robert Craik, Vice-Principal (Malaysia)*
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 (Social Sciences)*
Professor Heather McGregor, Executive Dean (Edinburgh Business School)
Professor Beatrice Pelloni, Head (Mathematical and Computer Science)
Professor Fiona Waldron, Head (Textiles and Design)
Professor Musttak 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 Alison Shields, Head of Communications
Ms Kimberly Gibb, Human Resource Development Partner
Mr Brett Dodgson, Clerk

Apologies: Professor Stephen McLaughlin, Head (Engineering and Physical Sciences)

* Indicates member participating remotely

M17/039 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

M17/040 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The UE received the minutes of the meeting held 14 February 2017 and approved them as a correct record.

M17/041 REPORT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Principal was pleased to report that during the last ten days there had been examples of significant community engagement in Edinburgh and Dubai through a range of events each of which had attracted several hundred attendees from within and outside the university. These included the seventh annual Highland Games at the Dubai campus, the annual Chaplaincy Lecture at the Edinburgh campus, and a concert at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, by the University Choir. The Principal noted that he had also been able to attend a ball hosted by the University Sports Union and took the opportunity to congratulate Catriona McAllister who would be stepping down as Chief Executive Officer of Oriam to take up a new appointment.
The UE considered and endorsed proposed planning envelopes for the approval of the Court in respect of the 2017 Five Year Financial Plan.

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

The UE noted that its next meeting would be a performance meeting and would be held 28 February 2017. It was noted that the meeting would be held in the afternoon to accommodate the rescheduling of the meeting of the Finance Committee.