

ASTON UNIVERSITY

THE SENATE

Minutes of the 332nd meeting of the Senate, held on Wednesday, 3rd June 2015

PRESENT:	Professor Helen Higson (Chair)	
	Professor Asif Ahmed	Professor Sahar Al-Malaika
	Dr Jane Andrews	Professor Björn Birgisson
	Dr Julia Brown	Dr Michael Butler
	Alan Charters	Dr Robin Clark
	Professor Urszula Clark	Professor Richard Crisp
	Dr Leon Davies	Dr Andrew Devitt
	Mr Ben Diffey	Dr John Elgy
	Dr Frank Eperjesi	Professor George Feiger
	Professor Martin Griffin	Professor Chris Hewitt
	Andreas Kreser	Jordan Kirkwood
	Dr Emmanuelle Labeau	Professor Chris Langley
	Dr Ryan Murphy	Professor Helen Pattison
	Professor Jill Poole	Dr Corinne Spickett
	Dr Kate Sugden	Professor Edward Sweeney
	Dr Uwe Wunderlich	
APOLOGIES:	Dr Ataur Belal	Professor Paul Bartholomew
	Professor Simon Green	Professor Helen Griffiths
	Professor Anthony Hilton	Professor Dame Julia King
	Professor John Rudd	Neil Scott
	Professor Jim Shields	Professor Ian Stanford
	Dr Andrew Sutherland	Professor Sergei Turitsyn
	Professor Joel Talcott	Dr Paul Topham
	Jema Wyatt	
IN ATTENDANCE:	David Farrow	Alison Levey
	Nicola Turner	John Walter
	Chris Wanley	

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Senate Membership 2015/16

15/57 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/365(1), being the Senate membership list for 2015/16.

15/58 NOTED:

- That some vacancies for representatives for the Aston Medical School would be filled as the School was established.
- That subsequent to the recent Students' Union elections the following officers would be serving on the Senate next year:
 - President of the Students' Union Marcus Standish.
 - Vice-President (Education and Welfare) Jordan Kirkwood

The Students' Union were to organise elections for the undergraduate and postgraduate student representatives for next year.

Membership of the Disciplinary Board 2015/16

15/59 RESOLVED:

- i) To approve the appointment of the Chair, alternative Chair and academic staff nominees for the Disciplinary Board for the two year period ending 31st July 2017, as shown in Paper REG/15/366.
- ii) That a review be undertaken of the operation of the role of University Presenter and the associated sections of the Regulations of Student Discipline, with a view to providing more flexibility in the officers who may present cases on behalf of the University to the Disciplinary Board.

ACTION: Director of Registry and Student Services and Director of Governance

MINUTES

15/60 RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the 331st meeting of the Senate held on 18th February 2015.

MATTERS ARISING

15/61 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/129, being a summary of matters arising from the previous meeting

Designation of Executive Deans as Pro-Vice-Chancellors (15/4)

15/62 NOTED:

That Council (26.2.15) had approved the proposal to designate Executive Deans as Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

Cotutelle Agreements (M15/15)

15/63 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/401 containing a report of a review of the process for the consideration and approval of cotutelle agreements which aimed to introducing measures to reduce the time taken for their approval.

15/64 NOTED:

- That cotutelle agreements should only be established with partners that would supply cohorts of students rather than for individual students; this would help to ensure their viability.
- That the preferred financial model for cotutelle agreements would be reciprocal where the student would pay fees at their home institution and have their fees waived when visiting the partner institution.

15/65 RESOLVED:

To approve the following recommendations set out in Section 5 of paper REG/15/401:

- i) That a document be drafted setting out the process for approval of a cotutelle arrangement, including the information that is required from the outset and with whom responsibility lies at each stage of the process. An indication of timescales should be provided.
- ii) That consideration be given to specifying criteria that need to be met for a cotutelle arrangement.
- iii) That, for arrangements where the partner institution is contributing at least 50% to a stipend for the student or a stipend is being provided through a consortium agreement, consideration be given to waiving the tuition fee for the periods of time the student would be based at the collaborating partner. The fee waiver would cover up to a maximum of 50% of the total fee payable for the duration of the programme, excluding any writing up or resubmission fee, noting that in arrangements where the student was a member of staff (which might be a requirement of, for example, EU funding grants) the fees policy for staff members would apply.
- iv) That the revised checklist and due diligence checklist for staff preparing and considering collaborative proposals for cotutelle arrangements as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

ACTION: Graduate School, Quality Team and Legal Services

Policy of New Government towards Tuition Fee Levels and Financial Support for Students

15/66 RECEIVED:

A report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor that although the recent Queen's Speech had made no direct reference to higher education, many of the proposals in the speech would have substantial indirect impact on the sector, whether in relation to the Europe referendum, devolution, taxes and budgetary controls, immigration or extremism. In a recent meeting of the HE Minister, Jo Johnson, with UUK officers, he had emphasised that his role as Minister was primarily to implement the Conservative's higher education manifesto commitments. He referred to the development of a teaching quality framework as being significant, and also reiterated his support for the internationalisation agenda. He had emphasised the Government's commitment to maintaining the UK universities' reputation for world-class research and that through the Nurse Review of research councils, it would be seeking to ensure that the UK continues to support world-leading science. It was anticipated that the July 2015 Budget could be challenging for the sector given the Government's commitment to addressing the budget deficit *inter alia* through spending reductions.

Review of University Charter, Statutes and Ordinances (M15/23)

15/67 NOTED:

That Council (25.3.15) had passed a special resolution approving the proposed changes to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances. The Council needed to pass the special resolution for a second time, as required by the Charter, at its 16th June meeting, prior to submission of the proposed changes to the Privy Council for formal approval.

Open Access to Research (M15/24)

15/68 RESOLVED:

- i) To establish a Sub-Group comprising the Dean of the Graduate School (Chair), the Executive Deans and two representatives from the Senate, to review and revise the draft University Code of Practice on the selection of research papers

for the "Gold Open Access" route (whereby a paper becomes open access immediately from the publisher website subject to payment of an Article Processing Charge).

- ii) To nominate Dr Andrew Devitt to the Sub-Group and to invite the Executive Deans of ABS and LSS to nominate another research-active member of Senate from one of their Schools to join the Sub-Group.

ACTION: Executive Deans of ABS and LSS

School of Engineering & Applied Science Strategy (M15/26)

15/69 NOTED:

That Professor Björn Birgisson, Executive Dean for EAS, had presented a revised version of the Strategic Plan for the School to the Council/Senate Away Day (29.4.15).

IT Provision for Disabled Staff and Students (M15/28)

15/70 NOTED:

That the Director of Library and Information Services had met with Dr Jane Andrews, and would continue to meet regularly to ensure that the needs of disabled staff and students were being met.

Integrated Library and IT Strategy (M15/29)

15/71 NOTED:

That a revised version of the Integrated Library and IT Strategy had been presented to the Audit Committee (22.1.15) and Council (26.2.15). Council had resolved that Mr Lance Doughty, an independent member, be invited to advise the Executive on the expertise required for the development of the vision and strategy for Information and Library Services. The vision and strategy was to be developed in consultation with users and a progress report to be made to the October 2015 meeting of Council. Regular meetings were planned for the IT Strategy Board.

English Language Requirement for Entry to PGR programmes (M15/34)

15/72 NOTED:

That the Dean of the Graduate School would provide a report on the effectiveness of the change in the English Language requirement for entry to PGR programmes at the June 2016 meeting of Senate after one year's operation.

Residential Accommodation for International Exchange Students (M15/36)

15/73 RECEIVED:

A report from the Chief of Operations and Estates that it had not been possible to reach an agreement with external providers for the accommodation of international exchange students for periods shorter than a full year. This position could change during the next academic year if they were not able to fill their residences. Exchange students would, however, continue to be provided support by the Advice and Representation Centre (ARC) in seeking alternative off-campus accommodation in Birmingham and there was a good range of high standard student accommodation near the University. Conference Aston would also assist where possible by providing short term accommodation at a discounted rate to

exchange students. The University was providing assistance to ARC in developing its website, marketing and support for students.

Saturday Examinations (M15/45)

15/74 RECEIVED:

A report from the Director of Registry and Student Services that the Examinations Team tried to avoid Saturday examinations if at all possible. In view of the high proportion of common modules taught across programmes and the criteria of no more than three examinations in two days per student, however, it had been necessary to use at least one Saturday in recent examination periods. Registry published the January timetable at least four weeks in advance and the summer timetable at least seven weeks in advance, to ensure students had sufficient time to make any necessary arrangements.

Conduct of Invigilators (M15/45)

15/75 RECEIVED:

A report from the Director of Registry and Student Services that that the Guidelines for the Conduct of Invigilators were reviewed after each examination period and changes and clarifications made where appropriate. Training was also reviewed and where necessary revised for each session to cover any issues that might arise.

Equipment for Electrical Engineering Students (M15/45)

15/76 RECEIVED:

A report from the Executive Dean for EAS that electrical engineering teaching laboratories had been subject to a major renovation last year and new teaching equipment had been purchased. Further improvements were planned for the teaching laboratory environment and equipment in 2015/16.

Campaign to Promote Student Awareness of Need for Vigilance (M15/45)

15/77 RECEIVED:

A report from the President of the Students' Union that sabbatical officers were continuing to remind students to be vigilant and to keep their belongings safe in University and Library buildings.

Wireless access points in the North and South Wings (M15/46)

15/78 RECEIVED:

A report from the Director of Information and Library Services that the extension of wireless access points to the North and South Wings was now complete.

Review of PGR Student (PGRS) Experience (M15/49)

15/79 RECEIVED:

A report from the Dean of Graduate School that the review of the PGRS experience had been discussed at the Graduate School Management Committee (GSMC) in a timed item attended by Professor Robin Clark. GSMC had decided to undertake the review starting with one school as a pilot (probably SEAS given its relatively low completion rate). This review would start when the PRES results were released later

this academic year as these would provide some further evidence as to levels of student satisfaction and whether the action plans put in place after the last PRES had been effective. Further progress reports would be made to the Senate in due course.

STRATEGY AWAY-DAYS

15/80 RECEIVED

- i) Paper REG/15/368 being a summary of action points arising from the Council/Senate Strategy Away-Day (7.5.14) and the Senate Half-Away Day (14.5.14)
- ii) A report that the Executive would oversee the implementation of the action points.

ACTION: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

15/81 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/369, being the Vice-Chancellor's reports to Council (25th March and 16th June 2015).

STRATEGIC ISSUES

QAA Higher Education Review (HER)

15/82 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/370, containing a summary of the confidential provisional findings of the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Higher Education Review (HER) (April 2015).

15/83 NOTED:

- The University was confirmed as meeting UK expectations in all four judgement areas.
- Good Practice was highlighted in the following areas:
 - the comprehensive use of external stakeholders, i.e. employers
 - the proactive approach to raising aspirations of under-represented groups
 - the University's integrated approach to work placements
 - our developing new processes for curriculum design.
- Provisional recommendations covered the training of student representatives, a request to monitor student-facing professional services annually and to introduce more systematic methods of communicating and enhancing good practice.
- A detailed QAA HER report would be received later this month.

ACTION: Deputy Vice-Chancellor to coordinate a response to the HER recommendations.

15/84 RESOLVED:

- i) To thank all Aston colleagues involved in preparing the self-evaluation document, and the 575 documents and case studies submitted to the QAA and who prepared for and attended HER meetings.
- ii) To thank Jema Wyatt and her colleagues in the Students' Union who had prepared an excellent HER student evaluation document.

Academic and Financial Planning

15/85 RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

15/86 NOTED:

- Undergraduate applications were 18% higher than for the same period last year which compared favourably to the 2% national increase. Undergraduate offers were 12% higher and acceptances 23% higher for 2015/16 entry compared to 2014/15. Whilst postgraduate taught applications for 2015/16 entry were 12% lower than for 2014/15 (reflecting the national position), acceptances had increased by 7%. Only approximately 70% of anticipated postgraduate applications had been received to-date. Schools and central teams were focused on offer making and conversion activities. 20 of the 60 available HEFCE postgraduate scholarships had been awarded.
- The draft 2015/16 Budget had been considered by the Executive and would be submitted to the next meetings of the Finance and Major Projects Committee and Council for approval.
- Following the submission of the latest student HESA return, Aston had been informed that most of the data quality legacy issues had now been resolved and the quality of the returns was now commendable.

Review of Aston's Academic KPIs

15/87 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/371 being a half-yearly progress report in respect of Aston's KPIs and outlining key messages, movements and changes, including actions being taken to address KPIs where targets were not being achieved, and a presentation from the Executive Director of Marketing Strategy and Communications.

15/88 NOTED:

- That members welcomed the new and more graphical presentation of the KPIs.
- That members felt the current reliance on REF performance as an indicator of research excellence did not provide a sufficient picture of progress in the periods between REF exercises. They suggested that a range of other research KPIs be adopted such as citations per paper, citations per FTE staff members, ratio of postgraduate students to undergraduate students and/or research grant expenditure.

ACTION: New PVC for Research and Enterprise to consider adoption of alternative research KPIs.

Aston Medical School Governance

15/89 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/372 setting out proposed governance arrangements for the Aston Medical School (AMS).

15/90 RESOLVED:

To approve the AMS governance arrangements set out in paper REG/15/372, subject to the following revision to paragraph 7.0, Line 2: insert "recommend to the Senate the" between "...the power to" and "award of the following degrees...".

Employability Strategy - Presentation

15/91 RECEIVED:

- i) REG/15/78(1) being the proposed Employability Strategy, as recommended by the Learning and Teaching Committee.
- ii) A presentation on the Employment Strategy from the Director of Employability (presentation slides in paper REG/15/373).

15/92 RESOLVED:

- i) To approve the Employability Strategy.
- ii) That information on “placement plus” arrangements be circulated to members of Senate.

ACTION: Director of Employability to circulate placement plus information

Results of the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2014 and International Student Barometer

15/93 RECEIVED:

- i) Paper REG/15/374, comprising the results of the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2014 and of the International Student Barometer (ISB) (April 2015).
- ii) A report that it had been decided that the ISB would not be used in the next academic year as similar information could be obtained from other sources more cost-effectively.

15/94 RESOLVED:

- i) To welcome the progress made in improving the overall levels of student satisfaction in both the PRES and the ISB.
- ii) That the Schools continue with the implementation of their action plans to address the areas of low student satisfaction in PTES and the ISB.

ACTION: Schools to implement action plans to improve student satisfaction levels

- iii) That, if possible, it would be useful to compare satisfaction levels of Aston undergraduates to their satisfaction levels when they proceeded to postgraduate studies within the University.

ACTION: Director of Marketing and Communication Strategy

COMMITTEES AND MATTERS ARISING

Council

15/95 RECEIVED:

The minutes of the Council meetings of 26th February and 25th March 2015.

Business and Community Engagement Committee

15/96 RECEIVED:

The minutes of the Business and Community Engagement Committee meeting of 14th May 2015.

International Strategy Committee

Terms of Reference of the International Strategy Committee

15/97 RESOLVED:

To approve revised terms of reference for the International Strategy Committee set out in paper REG/15/402.

Learning and Teaching Committee

15/98 RECEIVED:

The minutes of the Learning and Teaching Committee (LTC) meeting of 12th May 2015, together with a summary of items referred by LTC and its sub-committees to the Senate in paper REG/15/375(1).

University Strategies (M15/82)

15/99 RESOLVED.

i) To approve the following University strategies on recommendation from LTC:

- Marketing and Communication Strategy, REG/15/81(1).
- Collaborative Provision Strategy, REG/15/84 (1).
- Enhancement Framework: a strategic approach to the dissemination of effective practice at Aston University, REG/15/85 (1).

ii) That a template should be developed for University strategies to provide a more consistent style and format.

ACTION: Director of Marketing and Communication Strategy

iii) That the LTC's Enhancement Sub-Group be reconvened to oversee the effective implementation and development of the Enhancement Framework.

ACTION: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Complaints and Appeals Policies (M15/83)

15/100 RESOLVED:

To approve on recommendation from LTC minor revisions to the Academic Appeals Procedure (in paper REG/15/317), and to the Student Complaints Procedure (in paper REG/15/318), to align these with the Good Practice Framework of the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education (OIA) which was published in December 2014.

New Programmes

15/101 RESOLVED:

To approve the following new programmes as recommended by the Programme Approval Sub-Committee or following Senate Chair's action:

- MSc Human Resource Management and Business (part time, distance learning)
- MSc in Engineering Leadership and Management
- MSc Business Analytics
- MSc Services Innovation
- BSc Business Management and English.

Withdrawal of Programme

15/102 RESOLVED:

To approve the withdrawal of the Aston Certificate in Advanced Studies in ELT programme as recommended by the Programme Approval Sub-Committee.

Programme Title Change

15/103 RESOLVED:

To approve the change of programme title from MSc Finance and Investments to MSc Finance (with effect from October 2016).

Programme Modifications

15/104 RESOLVED:

To approve the following programme modifications on recommendation from the Programme Approval Sub-Committee:

- BSc Healthcare Science (Audiology)/Audiological Sciences.
- A new BSc route to be introduced for students that do not follow the NHS placement requirements and competencies of the UK professional body.

New and Modified General Regulations and Procedures

15/105 RESOLVED:

To approve, on recommendation from the Regulation Sub-Committee new and modified University Regulations and Policies as set out in Paper REG/15/375(1), subject to the new Regulation RC1.4 being modified to include a statement that the offence of "allowing someone to impersonate a student for the purposes of assessment attendance" should also usually be handled by a University Disciplinary Board and the recommended penalty should normally be that of expulsion from the University.

Research Committee

15/106 RECEIVED:

The minutes of the Research Committee (RC) of 12th May 2015.

Proposed Revisions to General Regulations

15/107 RESOLVED:

- To approve, on recommendation from the Graduate School Management Committee, the amendments to the General Regulations for 2015/16 set out in Paper REG/15/389.
- That the Dean of the Graduate School provide clarification of the policy on waiver of tuition fees for students taking leave of absence, including maternity leave (Regulation R9.3).

ACTION: Dean of Graduate School to clarify fees position of EU funded students

Students' Union Senate

15/108 RECEIVED:

A report of the proceedings of the Students' Union Senate (May 2015).

15/109 NOTED:

That international students had expressed concern at the timing of graduation ceremonies which were causing visa problems for students and parents. The Executive Operations Group were scheduled to discuss this matter at its next meeting (4.6.15).

ACTION: Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Report from the Director of IT and Library Services

15/110 The Senate received a report from the Director of IT and Library Services (paper REG/15/135).

WHAT'S NOT WORKING

Access Vision Science Car Park

15/111 NOTED:

That an issue regarding patients' access to the Vision Science Car Park had been resolved to the satisfaction of the member of Senate who had raised the issue.

Disciplinary Procedures and Treatment of Accusations of Plagiarism

15/112 NOTED:

That a member of Senate had identified a range of issues which had arisen in the treatment of two EAS postgraduate taught students who had been accused of plagiarism on modules delivered and assessed by staff from ABS. These were indicative of a lack of clarity and consistency in the application of the disciplinary procedures relating to cases of suspected plagiarism and a cause of stress and anxiety to students.

15/113 RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Group established by the Regulation Sub-Committee, chaired by the Director of Registry and Student Services, to review current policy and practice for plagiarism should consider the above-mentioned issues raised by a member of Senate. Dr Jane Andrews and Dr Ryan Murphy from Senate were invited to join the Sub-Group.

ACTION: Director of Registry and Student Services to convene meeting of the Sub-Group on Plagiarism

English Language Requirements for Entry to Postgraduate Programmes

15/114 NOTED:

That a member of Senate had reported that at a recent LSS research meeting concern had been expressed in relation to the Senate's decision to lower the IELTS entry score to six in writing, as the disciplines within the School relied on English language skills and this could have a serious impact on the quality of research. Similar concerns had been raised in relation to some ABS accredited programmes.

ACTION: Dean of the Graduate School to convene a meeting with representatives from ABS and LSS to agree a recommendation to GSMC and Senate

Academic English Writing Support

15/115 NOTED:

- That a member of Senate had reported that CELCA did not appear to have been informed about further funding to provide any additional support for academic writing in the light of the decision to reduce the IELTS entry score to six.
- That £50,000 had been provided to CELCA for English Language support for students and this had not been taken up by all Schools. It would be appropriate to review whether this funding was sufficient to meet the ongoing English Language support requirements across the University.

ACTION: Deputy Vice-Chancellor to convene a meeting with Director of Graduate School and representatives from Schools.

Operation of SITS

15/116 NOTED:

That a member of Senate had reported that a problem had occurred with the way that SITS processed assessment marks for students which was causing serious concern within the Schools.

ACTION: Director of Registry and Student Services to ensure SITS problem is rectified and to inform the Schools when resolved.

Ongoing Consultation and Potential Restructuring

15/117 RECEIVED:

A report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in response to some questions raised by a member of Senate on behalf of colleagues who were members of trades unions concerning the proposed restructuring of support staff roles in ABS and consultations taking place elsewhere around the University. The Chief of Operations and Estates and the Director of Human Resources would be meeting on the following day with members of the trades unions to discuss these concerns.

REPORTS AND SCHEDULES FOR APPROVAL

Schedule of Research Grants and Contracts

15/118 RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That paper REG/15/379, being the Schedule of Research Grants and Contracts, be approved and that the following members of staff be congratulated on attracting substantial awards:

Prof A Pitt	EPSRC	729,459.00
Prof J Wolffsohn, Dr L Davies	European Commission	455,480.00
Dr C Witton, Prof J Talcott	European Commission	422,480.00
Dr P Petridis	EPSRC	409,418.00
Dr Y Makkawi, Prof A Bridgwater	EPSRC	280,672.57
Prof D Lowe	Birmingham Childrens Hospital NHS Trust	263,462.00
Dr S Naroo, Dr A Sood, Dr F Eperjesi	KTP / BBR Optometry Ltd	213,557.21
Dr K Zhou, Prof D Webb	Innovate UK - Technology Strategy Board	200,994.04
Prof M Hart	British Business Bank PLC	167,627.00
Dr O Rozhin	European Commission	155,274.00
Prof S Turitsyn	European Commission	155,274.00
Prof A Ellis	European Commission	155,274.00
Prof S Turitsyn	European Commission	155,274.00
Dr H Ye	European Commission	155,274.00
Dr O Rozhin	European Commission	155,274.00
Prof K Wilson, Prof P Day, Prof A Lee, Prof A Bridgwater, Prof R Bill	British Council	150,000.00
Dr A Sutherland	European Commission	145,674.00
Prof A Bridgwater	European Commission	145,674.00
Prof I Nabney	European Commission	145,674.00
Prof A Ellis	European Commission	145,674.00
Prof L Zhang	European Commission	145,674.00
Prof H Griffiths	European Commission	145,674.00
Prof S Seri	European Commission	145,674.00
Dr R Parri, Dr D Nagel, Dr E Hill	BBSRC	134,130.00
Dr C Holland	European Commission	133,342.52

Schedule of Appointment of Academic and Academic-Related Staff

15/119 RECEIVED

Paper REG/15/396, being a Schedule of Appointment of Academic and Academic-Related Staff.

Action Taken on Behalf of Senate by the Vice-Chair

15/120 RESOLVED:

To ratify the action taken on behalf of Senate by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor as specified in paper REG/15/396.

OTHER STRATEGIC BUSINESS

Nominations for Honorary Degrees 2015/16

15/121 RECEIVED:

Paper REG/15/420, being a list of nominations for Honorary Degrees for 2015/16, noting that they were all Aston alumni in recognition of this being the occasion of the University's 50th Anniversary.

15/122 RESOLVED:

That members should inform the Chair or Secretary of Senate by 12:00 noon on Friday, 8th June 2015 should they wish to raise any objections or concerns in relation to any of the nominees.

DATES OF SENATE MEETINGS IN 2015/16

15/123 NOTED:

That normal Senate meetings would be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays: 4th November 2015, 24th February and 1st June 2015; the Joint Council-Senate Strategy Away Day on Wednesday, 27th April 2016 (from 12:30 to 6:00 pm, followed by dinner); and the Senate Strategy Away Half-Day on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 (from 12:30 to 5:00 pm)

STUDENT MEMBERS

15/124 RESOLVED:

To join the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in thanking the following retiring student representatives for their contribution to the work of the Senate and the University: Ben Diffey (President), Jema Wyatt (Vice-President (Education and Welfare)), Andreas Kreser (postgraduate student representative) and Jordan Kirkwood (undergraduate student representative).

STAFF MEMBERS

14/125 RESOLVED:

To join the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in thanking the following staff members who had recently stood down for their contribution to the Senate: Dr Phil Extance, Professor Alison Halstead and Professor Gina Rippon.

JGW/8.6.15