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Senate – Minutes

2 November 2022

PRESENT: Professor Andy J. Schofield, Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair); Professor Paul Ashwin; Professor Peter Atkinson; Ewan Bell; Professor Gordon Blower; Professor Steve Bradley; Professor Kate Cain; Professor Jonathan Culpeper; Professor Lola Dada; Professor Nigel Davies; Professor Catherine Easton; India Ellis; Dr Nicholas Evans; Rachel Fligelstone; Sarah Fox; Dr Bingbing Ge; Professor Robert Geyer; Professor Alisdair Gillespie; Professor Sarah Green; Dr Chris Grover; Professor Linda Hendry; Rebecca Heron; Dr Derek Hird; Dr Willem Hollmann; Dr Allison Hui; Professor Lucas Introna; Noah Katz; Sarah Kemp; Dr Mark Limmer; Sam Maesschalck; Dr James Mawdesley; Dr Paul McKean; Dr Sandra Nolte; Professor Efthymios Pavlidis; Professor Wendy Robinson; Professor Emma Rose (*for* Professor Alan Marsden); Professor Sharon Ruston; Professor Jo Rycroft-Malone; Professor Kirk Semple; Leanne Taher-Bates; Dr Sayjda Talib (*for* Dr James McDowell); Dr Nadia Von Benzon; Professor Jim Wild; Professor Stephen Wilkinson; Professor Karen Wright; Professor Steve Young.

IN ATTENDANCE: Misbah Ashraf; John S. W. Dickinson; Phill Dixon; Simon J. Jennings; Alison M. Mullan; Nicola C. Owen; Sarah J. Randall-Paley.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Kh

Does the University have any imminent plans to expand student hardship provision as a response to the current cost of living crisis, either in terms of financial support or practical support (e.g. a food bank, provision of free sanitary products, etc.)?

The Vice-Chancellor provided an answer which set out the actions being taken by the University to support students struggling financially including expansion to the hardship fund. He also paid tribute to the work of the Students' Union in this area. He reported that a University group, chaired by Bowland College Principal, Casey Cross, has been established to monitor the situation and report to senior management.

In discussion it was noted that the colleges were also considering what actions they could take and would co-ordinate these via the central group.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 15 JUNE 2022 PAPER A
- 4.1 Senate approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022.
5. REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR ORAL UPDATE
- 5.1 The Vice-Chancellor provided an oral report, including the following.
 - (i) An update of the changes on ministerial positions within the government.
 - (ii) An announcement that there would be a joint meeting of Senate and Council focusing on

In discussion it was noted, in relation to Campus in the Cloud, that Educational Research had been providing online-only provision and was happy to share experiences with those developing a University-wide model.

5.2 Senate noted the report.

6. SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE BOARD (UEB) BUSINESS PAPER B
RELEVANT TO SENATE (7 JUNE to 4 OCTOBER 2022)
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| 9. | PROVISIONAL DEGREE OUTCOMES DATA 2021/22
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| 10. | NSS 2022 RESULTS
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| 11. | ADMISSIONS REPORT | PRESENTATION |
| 11.1 | Senate received an oral report on admissions. It was noted that undergraduate recruitment had been successful, albeit with a more home and fewer overseas students than targeted. Postgraduate recruitment was down, in part due to a buoyant graduate labour market. The University was reviewing its approach to overseas recruitment as well as its scholarship portfolio. | |
| 11.2 | It was noted in discussion that the last three years had seen significant changes in applicant behaviour. | |
| 11.3 | Senate <u>noted</u> the report. | |
| 12. | ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT 2021/2022
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| 13. | LANCASTER UNIVERSITY WIDENING PARTICIPATION 2021-22:
ANNUAL REPORT | PAPER H |
| 13.1 | Senate received the widening participation annual report, noting the impact of the | |

16. WRITTEN REPORTS OF MEETINGS

PAPER K

16.1 Senate noted the following written reports of meetings: