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| **SENATE** |
| **09.00am 11 March 2020** |

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| **MINUTES** |
| **Venue:** | McClelland Suite, Schwann Building |
| **Author:** | Ms Katie Engel, Registry Officer |
| **Present:**  | Professor R Cryan (Chair), Professor H Bryan, Mrs S Furmedge, Professor M Ginger, Professor P Goswami, Mr E Haruna, Professor J Johnes, Professor N King, Mr M Mills, Mr A Opakunle, Professor J Owen-Lynch, Professor A Pettican, Mr Krish Pilicudale, Professor T Schmidt, Mr J Stephen, Professor D Taylor, Professor T Thornton, Professor L Towns-Andrews, Professor R Ward, Dr L Waters, Ms K White. |
| **In attendance:** | Dr R Birds, Ms K Engel, Dr J Grainger, Mr T Hosker, Ms A Jones, Mr A Mandebura. |
| **Apologies:** | Ms A Adebisi, Professor A Ball (replaced by Professor L Towns-Andrews), Dr S Bastow, Professor P Bissell, Mr C Blair (replaced by Mr T Hosker), Dr S Burns, Dr B Canavan, Professor A Crampton, Professor S Donnelly, Mrs N Firth, Professor C Jarvis, Dr S Lui, Professor J Malay, Professor J Nicholson, Professor B Tolchard |

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|  | **PAPER REFERENCE** |
|  | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**There were no declarations of interest. |  |
|  | **ESTATES BRIEFING**Members were advised that:* The Barbara Hepworth Building has been shortlisted for two further awards.
* The Sovereign Design House and Toast House café opened in January 2020.
* A landscaped area has been created on the Western Campus between the Toast House café and Barbara Hepworth Building.
* A triangular-shaped ‘student realm’ is being developed in the area between the Technology Building and the Researcher Hub. The plans included all-weather table-tennis facilities in response to student requests
* The Science Building will welcome Optometry students from September 2020.
* The Technology Building will be refurbished.
* The plans to relocate the Faith Centre and Global Professional Award Building to the Wakefield Road site are progressing, with completion expected in September 2021.
* Façade and structural works will be taking place on Joseph Priestley West and the Ramsden Building from April to October 2020.
* The cooling plant at Canalside will be upgraded from May to September 2020.
* Two options to accommodate expansion in the School of Human and Health Sciences are being considered: reconfiguration of three existing buildings or a purpose built facility
* An upgrade to the flood protection is being installed at 3M BIC.
* Lift replacements will be going ahead in Haslett and Harold Wilson.
* Joseph Priestley West will be remodelled.
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|  | **MINUTES****Resolved**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2019 be accepted as a correct record. | SEN\_2019\_11\_05\_M |
|  | **MATTERS ARISING**There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda. |  |
|  | **CHAIR’S BUSINESS**The Chair had no specific items to raise. |  |
|  | **UNIVERSITY NEWS**Members were briefed on a range of news from around the University including the following items:* The University’s 3M Professor of Innovation Liz Towns-Andrews was recognised for her many achievements in the New Year Honours List and will receive an OBE.
* The University’s Institute of Railway Research received the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for research and development.
* Dr Georgina Blakeley won the 2019 *European Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences and Humanities*, conferred by the Central European University (CEU).
* Professor Laurie Stras was selected for the Otto Kinkeldey Award, bestowed by the American Musicological Society, for her acclaimed book, Women and Music in 16th Century Ferrara.
* The independent body that monitors and advises on standards and quality in UK higher education has appointed the President of the University of Huddersfield Students’ Union, Mr Emmanuel Haruna, to one of its key committees.
* Barbara Hepworth Building wins the Constructing Excellence Award and the Northern Design Award.
* Music students won two awards at the 2020 Unibrass Championship.
* The world’s first carbon fibre rail bogie was unveiled on campus.
* Professor Richard Haigh and Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga, co-directors of the University’s Global Disaster Resilience Centre, are among the winners of the prestigious 2019 Newton Prize.
* One of the USA’s leading music critics has included compositions and performances linked to the University’s Centre for Research in New Music (CeReNeM), in his selection of 2019’s musical highlights.
* Scientists from the University led by Professor of Biopolymer Science Alan Smith, have spearheaded the development of a new technique for using 3D printing.
* A partnership of 11 universities and five telecoms companies across Europe, the USA and Brazil has been awarded almost half a million euros to research post-5G wireless communication networks. At the heart of the project is the sole UK participant, the University of Huddersfield, Dr Pavlos Lazaridis.
* John Warhurst, an Oscar and BAFTA award-winner and a graduate of the University, delivered a guest lecture.
* Lord John Mann, the Government's Antisemitism advisor, visited the Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre.
* The Kirklees Holocaust Memorial Day event took place at the Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre on 27 January.
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| **TO CONSIDER:** |
|  | **MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE****Resolved:** to approve the updated membership of Senate. | SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P7.1 |
|  | **ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE** * 1. **Resolved**: to approve the updated terms of reference for the University Teaching and Learning Committee.
	2. **Resolved**: to approve the updated terms of reference for the University Research Committee.
	3. **Resolved**: to approve the updated terms of reference for Graduate Board.
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|  | **HONORARY AWARDS**Members were updated on the Honorary Award proposals for 2020 and were reminded that the names of those nominated were to be kept strictly confidential until formally announced by the University.  |  |
| **TO NOTE:** |
|  | **APPLICATIONS FOR 2020**Members were briefed on applications for 2020 by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Members were informed of a slight increase in applications, although the number varied between Schools. The lower number of firm acceptances at this point in the cycle reflected a wider pattern across the sector where applicants appeared to be delaying making decisions. Recruitment for 2020 was forecast to be broadly in line with the previous year.  |  |
|  | **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (TEACHING AND LEARNING)*** 1. **National Student Survey (NSS)**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor presented an update on NSS activity, confirming that this was progressing well, although more activity was encouraged in the Schools where response rates were lower than expected. Schools were encouraged to promote the Huddersfield Student Survey as the feedback obtained last year had been useful in improving the student experience.* 1. **Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor confirmed that the landscape for the TEF was still unclear but that draft submissions for subject TEF had been prepared and would be submitted when required. * 1. **Attainment**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor updated members on the initiative to close the attainment gap. Analysis of attainment data had been undertaken and shared with Schools. School teams were making plans to address specific local challenges. Members were reminded to reflect on progress when reviewing their courses over the summer* 1. **Teaching and Learning Strategy and Enabling Projects**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor informed members of a wide range of projects which would support the University to deliver on its Key Performance Indicators. In particular, the wide uptake of the new academic integrity module on Brightspace was noted.* 1. **Degree Outcomes Statement**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the members that this would be published on the website once it had been approved by Council. **Resolved**: to recommend the Statement to Council11.6 **University Teaching and Learning Committee**The summaries of the meetings held on 27 November 2019 and 29 January 2020 were noted. | SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P11.5SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P11.6.1SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P11.6.2 |
|  | **REPORTS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (INTERNATIONAL)*** 1. **Update on International Enrolments & Recruitment**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor advised that the January 2020 enrolment had been very successful and that applications for September 2020 had increased significantly in comparison with the previous year. * 1. **Update on World University Rankings (KPI)**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor advised that in recently published rankings Performing Arts was ranked at number 27 in the world. Mechanical Engineering had also moved up a band in the rankings. * 1. **Update on International Research Partnerships**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor advised members that good progress was being made towards meeting the KPI. Funding had been made available to support Schools in building these partnerships and some excellent proposals had been received.* 1. **Update on International Student Experience**

Members noted that very positive actions had been undertaken to support careers development. Plans for new mobility initiatives had been affected by the recent Covid-19 outbreak.12.5 **University International Committee** The summaries of the meetings held on 4 December 2019 and 19 February 2020 were noted.   | SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P12.5.1SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P12.5.2 |
|  | **REPORTS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE)** * 1. **University Research Committee**

The summaries of the meetings held on 3 December 2019 and 25 February 2020 were noted. * 1. **Update on R&E KPI performance**

The Director of Research & Enterprise updated members on the very encouraging progress being made against the relevant KPIs. It was noted that a new committee had been formed to drive the strategic direction of knowledge exchange at the University and respond to the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) | SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P13.1.1SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P13.1.2 |
|  | **QAA GAP ANALYSIS AND RISK MAPPING REPORT**14.1 The report was noted. Members were informed that the relevant sub-committees of Senate were taking forward action plans to ensure compliance and develop enhancements in their respective areas.  | SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P14.1 |
|  | **SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARIES** The summaries of the School Boards were noted.  |  SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.1SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.2SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.3SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.4SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.5SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.6SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.7SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.8SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P15.9 |
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|  | **SCHOOL ACADEMIC PLAN SUMMARIES**The School Academic Plan summaries were noted.  | SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P16.1SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P16.2SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P16.3SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P16.4SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P16.5SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P16.6SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P16.7 |
|  | **UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES**The University Council minutes of 27 November 2019 were noted.  | SEN\_2020\_03\_11\_P17.1 |
| **OTHER BUSINESS** |
|  | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**Members congratulated Mr Adetayo Opakunle on his appointment as Students’ Union President for the 2020/21 academic year. |  |
|  | **AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA, PAPERS AND MINUTES****Resolved:** to exclude the following papers or minutes from the public version under Standing order 11.8.Item 9 Honorary AwardsItem 10 ApplicationsItem 13.2 Update on R&E KPI Performance  |  |
|  | **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**24 June 2020 at 9.30 am in the McClelland Suite4 November 2020 9.30am in the McClelland Suite10 March 2021 9.30am in the McClelland Suite23 June 2021 9.30am in the McClelland Suite |  |