

## **SUMMARY REPORT OF COURT 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

The University Court met today, 22 November 2019, and welcomed Dr Walter Roettger, Interim Provost at Glasgow Caledonian New York College who discussed with the Court the College's current status and the implementation of its plans now that all the key regulatory requirements had been fulfilled and essential permissions were in place.

Yesterday evening the Court, together with students and members of staff, heard from Ben Page, Chief Executive of IPSOS Mori, who gave an engaging and topical talk on "Britain, the election and after...".

What follows is a high-level summary of the main issues addressed by Court today, which will also appear on the University website. Minutes of the meeting will be published on the University website in due course.

Rob Woodward  
Chair of Court

### **1. Principal & Vice Chancellor & Executive Board Report**

The DVC (Strategy) presented the report which provided a summary of items arising since the previous Court meeting. Among topics he highlighted were the shortlisting in the Scottish Public Services Awards of the University's student and staff led campaign against gender-based violence; the national recognition of the University's Promoting Excellence in Employability and Transversal Skills team through a prestigious Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence from AdvanceHE; the University's rise by five places in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020; and recognition of the commitment shown by the University to social mobility in the naming of Professor Pamela Gilles as the Social Mobility Champion for the UK at the UK Social Mobility Awards 2019.

### **2. Student President's Report**

The Student President, Eilidh Fulton, reported on the Students' Association's current key topics in her Court Report which confirmed the election timetable for the Full Time Officer Elections in 2020.

### **3. Chief Operating Officer's Report**

The Court noted the report which referred to topics relating to finance, staffing and the estate and confirmed that the full results of the staff engagement survey will be available in January.

### **4. University Secretary's Report**

The Court noted the report and in particular the date of the University's first stakeholder meeting in Glasgow to which students, staff and external stakeholders are invited on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and the rescheduled date for the London Stakeholder Event of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### **5. 2019-20 Student Recruitment**

The Court noted the report which provided an overview of students who have registered by 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as well as an early view of Trimester B recruitment.

## **6. Annual Financial Statements to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 & Supporting Documentation**

The Court considered the Annual Financial Statements to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and associated documentation for the University and its subsidiary companies. The Court approved the consolidated Annual Financial Statements and supporting documents for signature.

## **7. Annual Procurement Report 2018-19**

The Court noted the report which summarises the procurement activities carried out by the University in the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and which must be published annually.

## **8. GCU Corporate Risk Register**

The Court approved the updated Corporate Risk Register.

## **9. SFC Outcome Agreement**

The Court noted the Outcome Agreement Guidance published by the Scottish Funding Council which sets out the timescales for development and consideration of the University's Outcome Agreement for 2020-2021. Court also noted the final Self-Evaluation Report relating to the 2018-19 Outcome Agreement which was submitted to the Scottish Funding Council by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 deadline.

## **10. GCU Strategy Development - Update**

The Court held a highly productive Strategy Day on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and noted the update report which set out the timetable for the next steps and the current strands of work for the development of Strategy 2030.

## **11. Final ELIR 4 Reflective Analysis**

The Court noted the final version of the Reflective Analysis which will be submitted to the Quality Assurance Agency on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## **12. Summary of Principal's Objectives**

The Court approved the Principal's Objectives for 2019-20 which sets out the high-level objectives for the Principal in the current year.

## **13. Reports on Glasgow Caledonian New York College (GCNYC)**

The Court had a valuable and informed discussion on the current performance of GCNYC and the priorities going forward with Dr Walter Roettger, Interim Provost at GCNYC.

## **14. Date of next Court meeting**

The next meeting of Court will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.