

## **SUMMARY REPORT OF COURT 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

The University Court met virtually today, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Farewells and thanks were said to the retiring student governors, Adil Rahoo and Tabitha Nyariki. Laiba Tareen, the newly elected Student President, was welcomed as an observer and will join Court as a student governor in June along with the second, as yet unidentified, student governor.

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. Recruitment of the Principal's successor**

The Chair gave an update to Court on the actions taken regarding the recruitment of the new Principal and VC since the last Court meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022, and Court approved the appointment of Professor Dame Janet Beer, retiring VC of Liverpool University and former VC of Oxford Brookes, as an external member of the Search Committee.

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

The report provided a summary of items arising since the previous Court meeting and drew attention to the publication of the REF outcomes in May.

### **3. Chief Operating Officer's Report including Covid management update.**

The COO gave an overview of key developments in finance, staffing, IT and the estate as well as the University's management of Covid.

### **4. Student President's Reports**

The Student President reported on the current activities of the Students' Association.

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

The Court noted the report and approved the calendar of dates for Court and its Committees for sessions 2022/23 and 2023/24.

### **6. Student Recruitment Report 2021-22 Trimester B**

The Court received an overview of student recruitment for academic year 2021-22 as at 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and an early view of Trimester A 2022-23 where international recruitment remained strong. The Court also received a presentation on the recruitment campaign scheduled for later in the year.

### **7. 2022 HESA Performance Indicators**

The Court considered the report on the 2022 HESA Performance Indicators (PIs) relating to widening participation and projected learning outcomes. The University's outcomes in the 2022 PIs

demonstrate an exceptional performance by the University, particularly in the context of the sector in Scotland and against the Strategy 2030 KPI to achieve high degree completion rates.

#### **8. ELIR 4 Follow-up Report**

The Court endorsed the year-on follow-up report which provided detail on the actions that the University has taken in response to each of the ELIR recommendations and listed the progress in the areas of commendation as identified in November 2021.

#### **9. Report from Senate meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

The Court noted the business of the Senate meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 and approved the amendments to the Senate Standing Order relating to Senators' eligibility to stand as Senate appointed Governor on Court.

#### **10. Standing Committee Business**

The Court noted reports presented by the Chairs of the Audit, Finance and General Purposes, Remuneration and People Committees and approved in principle amendments to the Financial Regulations and the Treasury and Ethical Investment Policy to enable the University to access loans funded or part funded by government.

#### **11. Report from GCNYC Board of Trustees meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The Court noted the report of the discussions and decisions of the GCNYC Board of Trustees at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

#### **12. Media Coverage Analysis – February and March 2022**

The Court noted the report which highlights the media coverage received by the University in February and March 2022.

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

The next meeting of Court will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022.