

## **SUMMARY REPORT OF COURT 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The University Court met virtually today, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021, and the Chair welcomed everyone to the first Court meeting of the 21/22 academic year and in particular Amit Bhargava who was attending his first meeting as a Court Member. Court also congratulated Dr Morag Ferguson on her re-election as Senate appointed staff governor and Professor Alastair Robertson to his first meeting as PVC Learning and Teaching.

What follows is a high-level summary of the main issues addressed by Court today, which will also appear on the University website. The Court considered in particular the University's continuing work to manage the impact of the Covid pandemic and the safe return to campus for staff and students as well as the strong student recruitment profile for the coming session. The meeting reflected on the positive outcome of the annual effectiveness review of the Court's performance, considered potential recommendations arising from it and undertook the annual appraisal of the Chair of Court, the Chair having left the meeting at that point.

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 Court addressed the report including the summary of sector wide issues and recent University developments and achievements.

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

The COO gave an overview of key developments in finance, staffing, IT and the estate.

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

The Student President reported on the activities of the Students' Association and drew Court's attention to the key themes of the SA's developing strategic plan 2025 which had been approved by the Association's Board of Trustees.

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

The Court noted a report from the University Secretary which addressed the Court's fulfilment of the Statement of its Primary Responsibilities in 20/21 and approved the Statement of Primary Responsibilities for 2021/22. The Court also approved the Modern Slavery Statement for inclusion in the financial report and annual accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

### **5. 2021/2022 Student Recruitment - Interim Report**

The Court noted the healthy position for the forthcoming session recognising that, although the Trimester A recruitment cycle is at an advanced stage, there continues to be flux and the final intake will not be confirmed until student registration is complete in October.

## **6. Annual Renewal of Facility Letter and Resolution – Bank of Scotland plc**

The Court approved the Facility Letter for the University, Glasgow Caledonian University Company Limited and Glasgow Caledonian University Academy Limited with Bank of Scotland plc.

## **7. Annual report on institution-led review of quality and governing body statement of assurance for AY 2020/21**

The Court approved the Annual Report on Institution-led Review (ILR) of Quality and the Governing Body Statement of Assurance for the academic year 2020/21 which is part of the University's external reporting commitment to the Scottish Funding Council.

## **8. National Student Survey 2021**

The Court noted a report which provided an overview of the National Student Survey 2021 results and recognised that, while there were areas of excellent performance, the pandemic had inevitably had an impact on results across the sector.

## **9. Graduate Outcomes 2018/19**

The Court noted a report which provided a high-level summary of the 2018/19 graduate cohort outcomes for the Scottish sector and demonstrated the University's continuing strong performance.

## **10. Annual Update: African Leadership Project**

The Court noted a report on the progress of the African Leadership College partnership to the end of Session 2020/21.

## **11. GCNYC Board of Trustees Report from Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The Court noted the report of the GCNYC Board of Trustees meeting which took place on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## **12. Research Update Trimester C 2020-21**

The Court noted a report which highlighted the University's continuing performance in attracting high-value awards.

## **13. Media Coverage Analysis – July 2021 Update**

The Court noted the report which highlights the media coverage received by the University in July 2021.

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

The next meeting of Court will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Court will, however, meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> September for a strategy session focusing on student recruitment. This will be a virtual meeting.

## 15. Chair of Court Appraisal

The Chair of Court left the meeting for this item whilst the Vice-Chair of Court led the discussion of the annual appraisal of the Chair of Court.