

Report from the special meeting of Senate held on 31st March 2021

1. Draft Strategy for Learning 2030

Senate received the draft Strategy for Learning 2030. There had been extensive consultation with positive feedback from staff and students. A number of points had been raised in consultation and these had been taken into consideration in developing the current version of the Strategy. Senate endorsed the draft Strategy for Learning 2030, subject to the consideration of feedback provided at the meeting, which is on the agenda of this meeting of Court for approval.

2. REF Final Submission

The PVC Research informed Senate that University's REF submission had been made the previous week, and submissions had been made to nine Units of Assessment. A total of 230 current staff members had been submitted into REF2021 (in REF2014, 153 staff were submitted) and a further 10 former staff had been submitted. Twenty six impact case studies were submitted. The PVC Research thanked the REF Management Group and all staff who contributed to the REF, and the Chair commended the PVC Research for his role in leading the REF process.

3. Other Matters Approved/Noted/Received for Information.

- The approval of the award of 8 PhDs.
- The approval of the withdrawal of the programme MSc Citizenship and Human Rights.
- The Student Survey and Module Evaluation Policy submitted for information