

SUMMARY REPORT OF COURT 22nd NOVEMBER 2018

The University Court met on 22nd November 2018. The meeting was followed by a discussion with staff from the Schools and professional services on the University's performance in the NSS and enhancing the Student Experience.

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

Rob Woodward
Chair of Court

1. Items Brought by the Chair of Court

The Chair thanked Austin Lafferty, who has stepped down as a governor, for his contribution to the work of Court. Danny Gallacher has assumed Mr Lafferty's role as the Link Governor for the Students' Association.

Feedback on the Court Strategy Day held on 10th October 2018 showed that Court members considered it to be a positive and constructive day.

Court noted that the GCU London Stakeholder event had been held on 15th November 2018. Comparable events will be held in Glasgow and NY later in the session.

2. Principal & Vice Chancellor & Executive Board Report

The report provided a summary of substantive items considered by the Executive Board since the previous Court meeting including priorities for 2018-19.

3. Student President's Report

The Student President reported on the Students' Association's current issues and recent activities.

4. University Secretary's Report

The Court noted the report and in particular the following committee appointments:

Lesley Thomson to the Audit Committee; Laura Gordon to the Remuneration Committee.

Court approved the appointment of Ms Sharon Lowrie as a new lay governor.

5. Annual Financial Statements to 31st July 2018

Court approved the annual consolidated financial statements for the University for the year ended 31 July 2018.

6. 2018-19 Student Recruitment

Court received a report on student recruitment in Tri A, prospective numbers for Tri B and trend data for International Students.

7. Outcome Agreement 2019-20: Guidance and Approach

Court received the SFC Guidance in preparation for the 2019-20 Outcome Agreement.

8. GCU Strategy Development

Following the Court Strategy Day on 10th October, the Court considered and endorsed a paper setting out core considerations for the development of the Strategy 2030.

9. GCU Corporate Risk Register

Court considered and approved the Corporate Risk Register commended to it by the Audit Committee.

10. GCNYC

The Court approved an amendment to the loan agreement between GCU and GCNYC.

11. Reports from Senate & Court Standing Committees

Senate

Court noted Senate's Annual Report, the business discussed by Senate on 12th October 2018 and approved the interim membership structure of Senate pending changes to the University's statutory instrument.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Court received a report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

People Committee

Court received a report from the People Committee.

Audit Committee

Court received a report from the Audit Committee and approved the Committee's Annual Report for submission to the SFC.

Remuneration Committee

The Court received a full report on the work of the Remuneration Committee which conducts its work in compliance with the Scottish Code of Good HE Governance. The Court approved the Committee's revised Terms of Reference and noted that the membership includes a student and a staff governor.

12. Report from GCNYC Board of Trustees Meeting on 13th November 2018

The Court received a report from the most recent GCNYC Board meeting.