

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY

TO: UNIVERSITY COURT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING OF SENATE HELD ON 16th MARCH 2012

The main highlights from the meeting of Senate were as follows:

Staff Opinion Survey

An outcome from the Staff Opinion Survey is the establishment of a new forum called Staff Voice. This forum is in addition to the already established channels such as Principal's Listening Events to further improve communication.

Professor Yunus and the Grameen Scotland Foundation

Professor Yunus delivered a Masterclass on Social Business to students and staff of the University during a recent visit. In addition his visit also promoted the work of the Grameen Scotland Foundation. The Cabinet Secretary John Swinney is supportive of the establishment of the Grameen micro credit initiative in Scotland. This high profile and successful visit raised around £1m in pledges in support of the work of the Grameen Scotland Foundation.

Composition of School Boards

Senate agreed to revise the composition of School Board membership to include part-time staff. This change will take effect from session 2012/13.

Review of Higher Education Governance

The University's submission to Universities Scotland consultation on the Review of Higher Education Governance is now available on the website. The Universities Scotland full submission is available on their website at www.universities-scotland.ac.uk

IT and Campus Improvements

The University's campus master plan is a 15-20 year vision with a capital investment of £25m. The Heart of the Campus project will create innovative learning and teaching facilities, additional social space building on the concept of the Saltire Centre and improved Refectory facilities. The designated architectural team will be consulting with all interested parties to inform the design strategy in due course. The University is also investing in a combined Heat and Power installation system. Work will commence on this in April.

Some Other Matters Considered and Approved

- Honorary Appointments
- Academic Staff Appointments
- Confirmation that Professor E MacFarland and Mr J Houston are appointed to the Senate Disciplinary Committee as academic staff members.
- Notification that the next scheduled meeting of University Senate would be held on 15th June 2012 at 09:30 hrs.

Professor Pamela Gillies
Principal and Vice Chancellor

NOTE: This "highlight" is not confidential and may be shared with all staff, especially those with an interest in academic policies. It is extracted from draft unconfirmed minutes of the Senate meeting for communication purposes only. The eventual confirmed minutes represent the official record of the Senate's decisions.
