

SUMMARY REPORT OF COURT 20th April 2023

The University Court met today, 20th April 2023, with the Court having received a reflective address from the Chair of the Scottish Funding Council on the evening before. Farewells and thanks were said to the retiring student governors, Laiba Tareen and Chukwuma Egbujor. Chidozie Nwaigwe, 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. Principal & Vice Chancellor & Executive Board Report

The report provided a summary of items arising since the previous Court meeting. Among the topics discussed were SFC funding, industrial action, NSS, graduate outcomes and student accommodation. The report also drew attention to recent external recognition and successes achieved by university staff.

2. Chief Operating Officer's Report including Covid management update.

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

3. Student President's Reports

The Student President reported on the current activities of the Students' Association drawing particular attention to the 2023 Full Time Officer Elections results and the NUS UK Conference in Harrogate and NUS Scotland Conference in Edinburgh.

4. University Secretary's Report

The Court noted the report and approved the Court Calendar for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

5. Student Recruitment Report

The Court noted the report which provided an overview of the 2022-23 student recruitment position and the Trimester A 2023-24 early view, as at 31 March 2023.

6. Student Partnership Agreement

Court approved the Student Partnership Agreement, which outlines the University and Students' Association's joint commitment to the continuous enhancement of the student experience.

7. GCNYC

Court received an update relating to the business of GCNYC.

8. Report from Senate meeting held on 22nd February 2023.

The Court noted the business of the Senate meeting on 22nd February 2023 and approved the Research Integrity Annual Report and Statement 2021-22.

9. Standing Committee Business

The Court noted reports presented by the Chairs of the Audit, Finance and General Purposes, Court Governance & Nominations and People Committee, and approved the biennial Public Sector Equality Duty Report.

10. Report from GCNYC Board of Trustees meeting held on 9th March 2023.

The Court noted the report of the GCNYC Board of Trustees.

11. Media Coverage Analysis – January and February 2023

The Court noted the report which highlights the media coverage received by the University in January and February 2023.

12. Date of next Court meeting

The next meeting of Court will take place on Thursday 15th June 2023.