

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY

TO: UNIVERSITY COURT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING OF SENATE HELD ON 15th JUNE 2012

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

Staff Opinion Survey

The Principal thanked all staff for their helpful conversation and dialogue in response to the outcomes of the Staff Opinion Survey. The University is currently drafting its People Strategy and staff contributions will be reflected in the architecture. University Court will consider the draft strategy at its meeting in July. Thereafter the People Strategy will be circulated for further consultation prior to being finalised and progressed through the Staff Policy Committee and signed off by Court in October 2012.

UKBA

The Principal advised that the University had been inspected by the UKBA on 15th May 2012. While no formal outcome has been received the indicators are that the inspection was very positive.

University Chancellor

The Principal advised that the University Chancellor, Lord Gus Macdonald (Baron Macdonald of Tradeston) is demitting from his role as Chancellor of the University on 28th June 2012 after five years of service. The University wishes to celebrate his term of office prior to announcing his successor.

FE College and UKBA

The Principal of Stow College (Robert G McGrory) has written to the University to thank and commend us on our support following the suspension of the Stow College UKBA licence. The University has been able to provide an academic home for international students affected by the licence suspension. Our approach has been applauded in the sector.

Key Information Set (KIS)

The University's KIS working group is progressing arrangements to comply with the Scottish Funding Council's (SFC) requirement to publish key information for stakeholders. The KIS will be launched in August 2012. This is a UK wide initiative which will provide a range of information at the programme level including learning and teaching methods.

SFC Outcome Agreement

Senate noted the requirement from the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) for the University to develop an outcome agreement for session 2012 – 13. The outcome agreement will address a range of areas including retention; articulation; accelerated degrees; widening access; international competitiveness in research; efficiency; entrepreneurial and employability skills of graduates. These conditions will be associated with grant funding.

Blended Learning Report

Senate considered an update on blended learning developments across the University. The report outlined future priorities and recommendations for further progress. To take these developments forward a roadmap has been produced which outlines eight recommendations covering staff development; student feedback; use of technology in assessment and feedback and development of a social media policy.

Feedback Enhancement Group Report

Senate considered an update report from the Feedback Enhancement Group. The report considers progress on the feedback enhancement plan and activities to date including a Feedback Fair; Feedback Seminars and working with GCUSA on a joint student feedback awareness campaign.

Some other matters considered and approved

- Honorary Appointments
- The Academic Calendar for session 2013/14
- Revised School Board Governance to include part-time staff in the composition
- The institutional response to the 2011 Enhancement Led Institutional Review
- A strategy to support and increase student international mobility
- Academic staff appointments
- The calendar of meetings for Senate and its standing committees for session 2012/13
- An overview report from the Senate Disciplinary Committee for session 2010/11
- Notification that the next scheduled meeting of University Senate would be held on Friday 12th October 2012 at 09.30 hrs.

<p>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.</p>
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