



Minutes

SEN21-M4

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2021.

Attendance

Kerri Akiwowo
Hemaka Bandulasena
Ksenia Chmutina
Alex Christiansen
Steve Christie
Marcus Collins
Paul Conway
Malcolm Cook (ab)
Jennifer Cooke
Abigail Davis
Cees de Bont
Varuna de Silva

Maria Nieswand
David O'Hare
Joao Oliveira (ab)
Elizabeth Peel
Valerie Pinfield
Shahin Rahimifard
Catherine Rees
Chris Rielly
Steve Rothberg
Tzameret Rubin
Alister Smith
Robby Soetanto
Rachel Thomson
Duncan Walker
Emma Walton

Caroline Kennedy-Pipe
Mark Lewis
Chris Linton
Niels Lohse
Mariateresa Lombardo
Surya Mahdi

Not attended:

Chris Dunne, Jennifer Nutkins, Andy Stephens, Richard Taylor.

Caroline Kennedy-Pipe

Apologies received from:

Malcolm Cook, Mey Goh, Joao Oliveira.

Andrew Morris

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed new members.

21/60 Business of the Agenda

Item 21/72.2 was unstarred.

21/61 Minutes

Senate confirmed the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16 June 2021 (**SEN21-M3**) and the Special meeting held on 10 March 2021 (**SEN21-M2**).

21/62 University Governance

SEN20-P75

62.1 Senate noted its Powers and Functions.

SEN20-P76

62.2 Senate received an update on the Effectiveness Review of Council. A report containing 31 recommendations had been considered, together with some proposed initial actions, at Council's meeting on 14 October 2021. Key themes included:

- i) The implementation of a number of straightforward actions for Council and, where applicable, Senate – e.g. the discontinuation of Special Agendas, and the piloting of a new paper template.
- ii) Changes to the University's structure of joint Council/Senate committees to make the best use of the time and expertise of lay members of Council.
- iii) Council's contribution to the EDI agenda in terms of the diversity and skillset of its membership and Council's governance role in this area.
- iv) Enhancements to the current assurance provided to Council by Senate relating to the maintenance of academic quality and standards.

Senate would be kept informed regarding the above developments. Senate members who wished to see the full report were invited to contact Jennifer Nutkins.

21/63 University Strategy

SEN21-P77

63.1 Senate considered an update on the development of the new University Strategy. The following

21/64 Health, Safety and Environment Committee

SEN21-P79

64.1 Senate received minutes of the meeting of Health, Safety and Environment Committee on 6 October 2021.

- iii) Student Surveys: Loughborough had been placed 2nd in England, and 3rd in the UK for overall student satisfaction in the NSS 2021. In the 2021 PTES, Loughborough's overall satisfaction score was 82%. These were very good outcomes overall, but masked concerns around performance in the 'assessment and feedback' question banks for both surveys. Several actions had already been taken in response, including a communications campaign around the support available for online examinations, and a significant review of assessment practices at the University was being embarked upon, as part of a broader review of learning and teaching strategy post-Covid.
- iv) The Personal Best programme was continuing in curriculum for all Part A undergraduates.

SEN21-P83

66.2 On the recommendation of Learning and Teaching Committee, Senate recommended to Council for approval the Annual Assurance of Learning and Teaching for the 2021-22 Academic Year.

21/67 Matters for Report by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise)

SEN21-P84

Senate considered a report on issues discussed at Enterprise Committee; progress of the Zero-Carbon working group of the East Midlands Development Corp; the management of LUSEP; and enterprise applications and awards for Q4 2020/21. The following points were highlighted:

- i) Schools, under the leadership of ADEs and assisted by PDMs, had been compiling a prioritized record of their partners to facilitate the compilation of a University-wide Partnership Framework.
- ii) Since the last report,

21/72 Ethics Committee

SEN21-P88

72.1 Senate received minutes of the meeting of Ethics Committee on 5 October 2021.

SEN21-P89

72.2 Conflict of Interests Policy.

This item was unstarred to propose that the policy be considered by the University's diversity staff groups prior to being finalised. It was agreed that work would be undertaken with relevant colleagues over the following 2 weeks, then considered for approval by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of Senate, before being taken to the Council meeting on 25 November 2021.

21/73 Minor Amendment to Regulation XXVIII (Pre-Sessional Study)

SEN21-P90

Senate approved a minor amendment to Regulation XXVIII (Pre-Sessional Study) to take account of a re-numbering of the paragraphs in the University's Terms and Conditions of Study.

21/74 Honorary Fellowships

SEN21-P91

Senate approved the award of the title of Honorary Fellow.

21/75 Membership of Senate 2021-22

SEN21-P92

75.1 Senate note the membership of Senate for the 2021-22 academic year.

75.2 Senate approved the action of the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of Senate in co-opting Dr Matthew Frost onto Senate as a member of the academic staff concerned with the Residential Halls for an initial term of 3 years until 31 July 2024.

21/76 Extension of Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Sport Appointment

Senate noted an extension to the appointment of Professor Mike Caine as Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Sport until 31 March 2022, in view of the rescheduling of the final approval of the new University Strategy following the arrival of the new Vice-Chancellor.

21/77 Appointment of Associate Deans

Senate noted the following appointments/reappointments:

- 77.1 Graham Hitchen as Associate Dean (Enterprise) for LU London from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2024.
- 77.2 Professor Quihua Liang as Associate Dean (Research) in the School of Architecture, Building and Civil Engineering from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2024.
- 77.3 Professor Russ Marshall as Associate Dean (Teaching) in the School of Design and Creative Arts from 1 September 2021 to 31 July 2024.
- 77.4 Prof Aidan McGarry as Associate Dean (Research) for LU London from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2024.

21/78 Programme Proposals

Senate noted the action of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching), on behalf of Senate, in approving the following:

- (i) New programmes
MSc Civil Engineering (from Oct 2022)

MSc Data Science (part-time version) (from Oct 2021)
BA Fashion Design and Technology (from Oct 2023)
BA Liberal Arts (from Oct 2022)

(ii) Award, title or major programme changes

MArch Architecture (from Sept 2021)
MSc Data Science (full-time version) (from Oct 2022)
UG WMEME Programmes (from Oct 2021 entry) – *Approval in principle only*

(iii) Suspension of programmes

MSc Automotive Retail Management
(Proposed last intake: 2020; Intended next intake: 2022)
MSc Intelligent Transport Systems
(No previous intake; proposed next intake: Oct 2022)
PG Cert Intelligent Vehicle Systems (f/t + p/t)
(No previous intake; proposed next intakes: Oct 2022)
PG Cert Powertrain Simulation and Test (f/t + p/t)
(f/t= no previous intakes; p/t=last intake in 2017; proposed next intakes: Oct 2022)
MSc Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship Building Societies Association)
MSc Strategic Leadership (Non-Apprenticeship Building Societies Association)
(Proposed last intake for these: 2020; Intended next intake: 2022)

(iv) Termination of programmes

PGCert Body and Chassis Simulation and Test (No previous intakes)
BA English with Digital Humanities (Last intake: Oct 2021)
MA Media and Cultural Analysis (Last intake: Oct 2021)
MSc Powertrain Vehicle Engineering (Last intake: 2019)
MSc Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship Automotive) (Last intake: 2018)
MSc Strategic Leadership (Non-Apprenticeship Automotive) (Last intake: 2018)
Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship Aggregates Industry) (No previous intake)
Strategic Leadership (Non-Apprenticeship Aggregates Industry) (No previous intake)
Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship St. James's Place) (No previous intake)
Strategic Leadership (Non-apprenticeship St. James's Place) (No previous intake)
PGCert Vehicle Electrification (Last intake: 2020)

21/79 Student Discipline

Senate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of Senate, in terminating the registration of a student on a suspended basis, following a Student Disciplinary Panel constituted under Ordinance XVII on 23 July 2021.

21/80 Librarian's Annual Report 2020-21

SEN21-P93

Senate received the annual report for 2020-21 from the Librarian.

21/81 Reports from Committees

To receive reports from the following Committees:

81.1 **SEN21-P94** Enterprise Committee on 8 July and 7 September 2021. 81.

- 81.7 **SEN21-P100** Operations Committee on 1 March, 12 April, 4 May, 8 June, 12 July, 6 September and 4 October 2021.
- 81.8 **SEN21-P101** Prizes Committee Annual Report 2020-21.
- 81.9 **SEN21-P102** Research Committee on 25 May and 14 September 2021.
- 81.10 **SEN21-P103** Sport Committee of 15 June 2021.
- 81.11 **SEN21-P104** Student Discipline Committee of 30 September 2021.

21/82 Appointments to the Academic Staff

SEN21-P105

Senate noted appointments to the Academic Staff.

21/83 Waiver of Regulations

Senate noted that the Academic Registrar had approved waivers to Regulations in relation to individual students. (Further details are available from the Secretary).

21/84 Dates of Remaining Meetings in 2021-22

Wednesday 19 January 2022 - Senate Strategic Away Event, including if required Senate meeting, timing tbc

Wednesday 16 March 2022, 10am

Wednesday 15 June 2022, 10am

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