

Council Minutes: 27 January 2023  
(hybrid meeting)

PRESENT: Rt. Hon. Alistair Burt (Pro-Chancellor) (in the Chair); Professor Andy Schofield (Vice-Chancellor); David Barron (lay member); Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears (lay member); Professor Steve Bradley (Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Alun Branigan (lay member); Hanah Burgess (lay member); Anthony Carey (lay member); Professor Sir Ian Diamond (lay member); India Ellis (Students' Union President); Adrian Jonas (lay member); Claire Leitch (Senate representative); Alison Mullan (Senate representative); Baroness Neville-Jones (Deputy Pro-Chancellor); Victoria Phillips (student member); Professor Ella Ritchie (Deputy Pro-Chancellor); Professor Jo Rycroft-Malone (Senate representative); Maureen Whilby (lay member).

IN ATTENDANCE: Claire Geddes (Committee Clerk); Professor Simon Guy (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global)) ( ); Professor Rachel Isba (observer) (online); Simon Jennings (Director of Strategic Planning and Deputy Secretary); Nicola Owen (Deputy Chief Executive (Operations) and Secretary); Sarah Randall-Paley (Director of Finance); Lucy Sanderson (observer).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S UPDATE AND QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE  
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6. PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENTS' UNION: REPORT PAPER B
- 6.1 The President reported on the Students' Union's Officers' priorities for the Lent Term namely:
- (i) ensuring the long-term sustainability of cost of living support for students;
  - (ii) the safety and welfare of students engaging with the local night time economy including lobbying the local council to improve its related licensing policy;
  - (iii) supporting current student cohorts to graduate, with its Union Assembly to navigate how best to achieve this within the context of UCU industrial action;
  - (iv) embedding the new Students' Union Articles of Association: conducting elections to secure student representatives for a number of bodies;
  - (v) her recent participation in the WonkHE European Study Tour 2023.
- 6.2 Council noted the Vice-President Welfare's intention to initiate a review by the Students' Union of the University's deanery system.
- 6.3 The Chair of the Audit Committee confirmed that the Audit Committee had held productive discussions with members of the Students' Union's Trustee Board regarding the progress that it was making with governance and financial challenges. The Committee was assured there was a clear programme of work in place and progress was being made.
- 6.4 Council noted the report from the President of the Students' Union.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. ANNUAL COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22 PAPER C  
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8. GOVERNANCE EFFECTIVENESS AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY PAPER D  
*Restricted and Confidential*
9. RESPONSE TO COUNCIL SUB-GROUP ON CULTURE: PROGRESS UPDATE PAPER E  
*Restricted and Confidential*
10. ORAL UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (FGPC) MEETING ORAL UPDATE
- 10.1 The Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, David Barron, provided an oral report from the FGPC meeting of 26 January 2023. The Chair drew attention to discussion regarding the development of a new IT strategy which was in its early stages, its discussion of issues pertaining to the Ruskin, and the Committee's



19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19.1 There was no other business.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20.1 The next meeting will be held at 09:00 on Friday 24 March 2023, followed by lunch.