

The University of Edinburgh

Electronic Senate

**Report of Electronic Business of Senate conducted between
Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 20 September 2017**

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. Minutes from the Senate meeting held on 31 May 2017 (e-S 17/18 1 A)

Senate approved the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 31 May 2017.

- a. Special Meeting and Graduation Ceremonials on 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 July 2017

The minutes of the Special Meetings and Graduation Ceremonials in July 2017 were taken as read and approved. It was noted that copies were available from Student Administration, Old College.

2. Membership of Senate (e-S 17/18 1 B)

Senate noted the changes to the membership of Senate.

3. Students' Association Representation on Senate (e-S 17/18 1 C)

Senate approved the updated policy for student representation on Senate.

4. Conferment of the title of Professor Emeritus (e-S17/18 1 D)

Senate agreed to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on those professors listed in the paper who had recently retired, or whose retirement was imminent.

MATTERS ARISING

5. Special Minute (e-S 17/18 1 E)

Senate adopted the Special Minute for Professor Alan Boyle, Emeritus Professor of Public International Law.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

6. Annual Report to the Scottish Funding Council on Institution-led Review and Enhancement Activity 2016/17 (e-S 17/18 1 F)

Senate noted the report.

7. Communications from the University Court (e-S 17/18 1 G)

Senate noted the content of the report from the University Court on its meeting of 19 June 2017.

8. Resolutions – Chairs (e-S 17/18 1 H)

Court presented to Senatus draft Resolutions in accordance with the procedures for the creation of new chairs, renaming of existing chairs and the process for personal chairs. Senatus, having considered the draft Resolutions below, offered no observations.

Draft Resolution No. 69/2017: Foundation of a Personal Chair of International Law and Global Governance

Draft Resolution No. 70/2017: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Sociology and Social Policy

Draft Resolution No. 75/2017: Foundation of a Personal Chair of Digital Cultural Heritage

Draft Resolution No. 73/2017: Foundation of a Chair of Tropical Agriculture and Sustainable Development

Draft Resolution No. 74/2017: Foundation of a Chair of Africa and International Development

Draft Resolution No. 71/2017: Alteration of the title of the Chair of Social Work

Draft Resolution No. 72/2017: Alteration of the title of the Chair of Innovation in the Life Sciences

9. Rectorial Election 2018 Date (e-S 17/18 1 I)

Senate offered no observations on the proposed date of 27-28 February 2018 for on-line voting in the Rectorial election.

10. Report of the Senate Exception Committee (e-S 17/18 1 J)

Senate noted the business approved by the Senate Exception Committee.

11. Knowledge Strategy Committee Report (e-S 17/18 1 K)

Senate noted the report of the Knowledge Strategy Committee.

12. Library Committee Membership 2017/18 (e-S 17/18 1 L)

Senate approved the University of Edinburgh Library Committee membership for 2017/18.