



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

Electronic Senate

Report of Electronic Business of Senate conducted between Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 23 September 2020

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2020 (e-S 20/21 1 A)

The minutes were approved.

SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

2. Enhancement-led Institutional Review (ELIR) Reflective Analysis (e-S 20/21 1 B)

Comments were received. The comments noted the strengths of the report but made extensive suggestions for revisions to both the structure and content of the report.

The authors of the report thanked Senate for their engagement and attention, but noted that some suggestions for revision would be counter to format and style of the report required by the Quality Assurance Agency Scotland (QAAS). Some of the comments on style and editorial detail can be addressed within the scope of the report and these will be fed into the final stages of preparing the Reflective Analysis for submission to the QAAS.

The Convener reviewed the comments and response, and on the basis that objections were raised by one Senate member, and no other comments or objections were received, deemed the paper approved. The paper has since been approved by Court at their meeting on 28 September 2020.

3. Annual Report to the Scottish Funding Council on Institution-led Review and Enhancement Activity 2019/20 (e-S 20/21 1 C)

Senate formally noted the report.

Comments were received and these have been passed to the authors of the report. The report has since been approved by Court at their meeting on 28 September 2020.

4. Senate Exception Committee call for volunteers (e-S 20/21 1 D)

Nine notes of interest were received and two members of the Senate Exception Committee were randomly selected. All nominees have been notified of the outcome and the membership will be presented to Senate for approval on 7 October 2020.

5. Draft Resolutions: Chairs (e-S 20/21 1 E)

Senate considered the Draft Resolutions below and offered no observations.

- Draft Resolution No. 75/2020: Foundation of a Personal Chair Industrial Chair of Organic Synthesis
- Draft Resolution No. 76/2020: Foundation of a Personal Chair Industrial Chair of Data-Driven Manufacturing
- Draft Resolution No. 77/2020: Alteration of the title of the Chair of Chemical Reaction/Catalysis Engineering

6. Draft Resolution: Removal of Members of the University Court (e-S 20/21 1 F)

Senate considered the draft resolution. Comments were received on clause 4 on non-voting members, and these have been passed to the author of the paper. The draft

resolution is open for consultation until the end of October and Senate's comments will be considered as part of that consultation.

7. Rector Election Date (e-S 20/21 1 G)

Comments were received on whether the proposals included sufficient fallback options in the light of a public health emergency, and these have been passed to the author of the paper.

FORMAL APPROVAL OR NOTING

8. Conferment of the title of Professor Emeritus / Emerita (e-S 20/21 1 H, e-S 20/21 1 I)

Senate agreed to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on those professors listed in the paper. Senate adopted the Special Minutes, and extended its congratulations to the appointees.

9. Proposed revisions to the Senate Standing Orders (e-S 20/21 1 J)

Senate noted the paper.

10. Communications from the University Court (e-S 20/21 1 K)

Senate noted the paper.

11. Report from Knowledge Strategy Committee (e-S 20/21 1 L)

Senate noted the report and approved two minor amendments to the Committees' terms of reference.