

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2018

Present: Lord Keith Bradley, (Chair), Geoff Bean, Dr Mike Burrows, Dr Anthony Coombs, Phil Cusack, Garry Dowdle, Andrea Dunstan, Ben Gallop, Amina Helal, Professor Helen Marshall, Dr Priscilla Nkwenti, Ian Moston, Sean O'Hara, Professor Sheila Pankhurst, Sam Plant, Professor Susan Price, Margaret Rowe, Tom Russell, Helen Taylor and Emily Voss-Bevan.

Apologies: Zamzam Ibrahim, John Merry and Joyce Redfearn.

In attendance: Alison Blackburn (University Registrar), Julie Charge (Executive Director of Finance), Louise Edwards-Holland (Director of Human Resources), Dr Sam Grogan (PVC Student Experience), John McCarthy (Executive Director of Marketing and External Relations), Jackie Njoroge (Director of Strategy), Jo Purves (PVC International and Regional Partnerships), Professor Richard Stephenson (Deputy Vice Chancellor) and Jo Makin (Secretary).

COU.18.001 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Confirmed the minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 15 December 2017.
(COU/18/01)

COU.18.002 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Noted: the update on the previous meetings actions appended to the minutes. There were no other matters arising which were not included elsewhere on the agenda.

COU.18.003 **STARRED ITEMS**

Confirmed: that agenda item 10 (Use of the University Seal) would be noted without discussion.

COU 18.004 **VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Considered: a report from the Vice-Chancellor on key issues affecting the University.
(COU/18/02)

Reported:

- i) that Damian Hinds had been appointed Secretary of State for Education in the Cabinet reshuffle and that Sam Gyimah had been appointed as the new Universities Minister;
- ii) that the terms of reference for the Higher Education Fees Review had been published and whilst there is no definitive timescale, it is expected to take up to twelve months until recommendations are made;
- iii) that the Office for Students replaces HEFCE with effect from the 1 April 2018;
- iv) that the UCU trade union is in dispute with the proposed changes to the USS Pension scheme and that a mutually agreeable, affordable and sustainable solution remains elusive;
- v) that the ICZ Director posts had now been appointed to and four new colleagues had also taken up their posts as Associate Directors in Digital IT.

Noted: that articulation of the institution's social purpose would be welcomed by Council members.

COU 18.005 **INDEPENDENT REVIEW**

Considered: a report outlining the outcome of the Independent Review into the Manchester Arena bombing. **(COU/18/03)**

Reported:

- i) that the University moved swiftly to review its preparedness and responsiveness to the event at Manchester Arena;
- ii) that the terms of reference of the review remained focused to allow for meaningful recommendations;
- iii) that the Panel met five times between the 12 October 2017 and the 24 January 2018;
- iv) that the Panel was satisfied that the University of Salford took its duties under Prevent seriously and discharged them well;
- v) that having regard to the totality of the material the Panel was satisfied that the University did not fail to neglect to identify or prevent any radicalisation of Mr Abedi.

Noted:

- 1. that wider communication of the report will be via request;
- 2. that any media enquiries be directed to the Executive Director of Marketing and External Relations;
- 3. that thanks were due to all those who took part in the review process.

RESOLVED: that an action plan in respect of the recommendations made in the report be prepared by the Executive and presented to the 7 June 2018 Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

ACTION 1: VICE CHANCELLOR

COU 18.006 **CAMPUS MASTERPLAN**

Considered: a presentation outlining the Campus Masterplan.

Reported:

- i) that the Campus Masterplan was undoubtedly the most ambitious Masterplan within the region;
- ii) that there was a significant appetite for investment and growth within the region;
- iii) that the Campus Masterplan had the potential to provide commercial opportunities and improved integrated transport;
- iv) that the Campus Masterplan would be delivered over three phases:-
Phase 1, 2018 -2020;
Phase 2, 2021 – 2024;
Phase 3, 2025 – 2028;
- v) that the content of these phases may change as external funding opportunities presented themselves over the 10 year period;
- vi) that the Campus Masterplan was the culmination of a collective body of work, involving the Deans of School, the Campus Masterplan Council sub-group and Salford City Council.

Noted:

- 1. that the Campus Masterplan Council sub group would continue to assure the delivery process;
- 2. that Cllr Paul Longshaw was hugely supportive of the Campus Masterplan during his time on the University Council and actively supported its ambitions;
- 3. that the ICZ philosophy permeated the Campus Masterplan;
- 4. that the Campus Masterplan would be launched at the International Property Event MIPIM in March 2018.

RESOLVED: that the Campus Masterplan be approved.

COU 18.007 GREATER MANCHESTER MEDICAL SCHOOL

Received: a report outlining the position regarding the Greater Manchester Medical School. **(COU/18/04)**

Reported:

- i) that further development of the business case had resulted in changes to the budget, increasing both financial and reputational risk significantly;
- ii) that the recruitment of 132 students for the initial intake would be a significant challenge;
- iii) that the external environment had shifted significantly since the inception of the project, with the freeze on student tuition fees, the Fees Review, a lack of clarity on Brexit related issues and the Pension dispute;
- iv) that the University of Salford and Manchester Metropolitan University had discussed and agreed an alternative method of delivering the Greater Manchester Medical School.
- v) that a Service Level Agreement could replace the Joint Venture proposal and streamlined delivery would see equal teaching from both universities take place on the Manchester Metropolitan University campus;
- vi) that the Course approval event took place on the 16 February 2018 and was a success.

Noted:

1. that allocation of the numbers by HEFCE would take place on the 9 March 2018;
2. that the revised model for delivery reduced the University of Salford's financial risk, whilst maintaining the benefits of the joint award.

RESOLVED: that the revised model for delivery be approved and that scrutiny continue through Finance and Resources Committee.

ACTION 2: DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR

COU 18.008 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted:

1. that an Equality and Diversity questionnaire would be circulated for members to complete at the Council meeting on the 23 March 2018;
2. that all Council members were invited to attend the University of Salford Students' Union performance of 9 to 5: The Musical at the New Adelphi on the 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd March 2018 and Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency on the 8th, 9th and/or 10th March 2018 in the Digital Performance Lab starring Council member Emily Voss Bevan.

COU 18.009 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place on Friday 23 March 2018.