



COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday 24 March 2014
from 2.00-3.15 pm in the Boardroom, Level 12, Rutherford House**

PRESENT: Mr Ian McKinnon (Chancellor)
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
Mr Graeme Mitchell (Pro-Chancellor)
Mr David Alsop
Ms Sonya Clark
Professor Charles Daugherty
Ms Victoria Heine
Professor Paul Morris
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith
Ms Brenda Pilott
Dr Theresa Sawicka
Mr John Selby
Ms Helen Sutch
Mr Roger Taylor
Emeritus Professor Peter Walls

APOLOGIES: Mr Charles Finny
Mr Neville Jordan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Leon Bakker (Director Planning & Management Information)
Ms Jenny Bentley (Director Campus Services)
Ms Maria Cobden (Associate Director Communications & Marketing)
Mr Jim Mercer (Group Financial Controller)
Mr Wayne Morgan (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr Andrew Simpson (Chief Operating Officer)
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

PARTS A and B:

14.36 WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor warmly welcomed new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Grant Guilford, to his first meeting of Council. He acknowledged the preparation undertaken by Professor Guilford prior to starting on 3 March, the thoughtfulness he has given to issues since taking up office and was also pleased to see the level of media coverage in some interesting and thought provoking articles.
 - 2 that apologies were received from Mr Charles Finny and Mr Neville Jordan.
 - 3 that the Chancellor asked the Chief Operating Officer to provide an update on progress towards moving to Diligent Board Services electronic papers for Council.
 - 4 by the Chief Operating Officer that work was progressing well to move to digital production of papers for Council and its Committees. Diligent Board Services had been selected after a thorough review of all other service providers showed them to be the most secure, cost effective option. The Council Secretary will soon be trained as an administrator and there will be subsequent training for Council members. It is hoped to rollout the new system in approximately one month. If Council members require a tablet device, this can be supplied by the University.

Resolved: that the apologies be sustained.

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14.37 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- Noted:**
- 1 that there were no declarations of interest from members by way of a general notice under the Education Act 1989 Section 175 and the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968.
 - 2 that the Chancellor provided for each member of Council a copy of the Auditor General’s Good practice guide “Managing conflicts of interest: Guidance for public entities”.

14.38 PARTS B AND D OF THE AGENDA

Noted: that there were no items moved from Part B to Part A or Part D to Part C of the agenda.

14.39 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded.

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for discussion of items 6-9 inclusive for the reasons of commercial sensitivity and personal privacy, with the exception of those whom the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor requested to remain as they have knowledge relevant to the items under discussion. The resolution is made in reliance of section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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14.40 LETTER OF THANKS FROM EMERITUS PROFESSOR PAT WALSH

Received: a letter of thanks from Emeritus Professor Pat Walsh (document VUWC14/25)

Resolved: that the contents of the letter from Emeritus Professor Pat Walsh be noted.

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