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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

**MISSION AND VALUES GROUP**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

**PRESENT:** Prof G Pillay (in the Chair), Dr W Bignold, Dr A Cheadle,  
Canon C Dowdle, Miss M Lacey, Associate Professor P McGrail,  
Professor A Nagar, Revd Canon P Winn

**Apologies:** Dr A Ghalib, Dr P Haughan, Ms L Nelson

**Secretariat:** Mr M Jones

**1. Terms of Reference**

Members had received the updated Terms of Reference.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were **APPROVED** as a correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

Chaplaincy and Safeguarding (actum 8)

Professor McGrail informed members that he would discuss this with Ms Gittins.

**4. Worship Spaces Report**

Professor McGrail informed members that Dr Ghalib has been monitoring the Prayer Room for potential extremist literature and has found none. Miss Lacey added that she and Canon Dowdle have been monitoring the chapel for potential extremist literature and have removed a number of items since the last meeting. Miss Lacey informed members that the decision to remove the material was taken ecumenically in concert with Canon Dowdle. Dr Bignold informed members that in light of the increased number of Muslim students on campus for the 2021/22 academic year, she has requested that Estates re-decorate the external aspects of the Prayer Room. Dr Bignold informed members that a Diwali dinner was held in November. Dr Bignold added that the revised Study Abroad programme now contains a week of faith-related elements, including input from the Students' Union's Muslim Society.

**5. Residential Life**

Dr Bignold informed members that engagement and conduct among the University's resident student community in the 2021/22 year has been excellent. Dr Bignold added that the hall of residence gala dinners have re-started, following a series of cancellations due to the pandemic.

Mr Sennett raised a concern regarding Level I students, citing their reduced classroom experience and community-building opportunities during the 2020/21 academic year. Mr Sennett suggested that students at Level I be given additional support in exam preparation as the majority of them will not have sat an exam in a conventional setting since before the pandemic.

**6. Chaplaincy**

Members had received the Chaplaincy report. Dr Cheatle informed members that Mr McGlynn has left the University, adding that Miss Lacey and Ms Nelson are currently working part time as Chaplains, with Canon Dowdle working as the Church of England Voluntary Chaplain. Members discussed the processes by which Roman Catholic and Church of England clergy are appointed as chaplains to the University. The Chair undertook to invite Miss Lacey to his January 2022 meeting with Fr Pritchard to discuss this.

**ACTION: Chair to invite Miss Lacey to meeting, as above.**

Canon Dowdle informed members that the Chaplaincy is planning a series of events for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. This will include a competition funded by the Josephine Butler Memorial Trust for a piece of music, art, or drama on the theme.

**7. Foundation Hour Planning**

The Chair reminded members that the University consists of ten schools and proposed that responsibility for Foundation Hour be distributed among the schools on a pro rata basis, with the larger schools taking responsibility for a greater number of weeks than the smaller schools. The Chair suggested that the smaller schools (eg Mathematics, Computer Science & Engineering, or Geography & Environmental Science) be allocated the earlier parts of the academic year, with the largest school (School of Education) allocated the second half of the year. Professor Nagar informed members that he has drafted a proposal in relation to this and undertook to send it to the Chair.

**ACTION: Professor Nagar to send proposal to Chair, as above.**

**8. AOB**

Canon Dowdle noted that a number of colleagues who work for the University on a voluntary basis do not receive the staff bulletin, or 'all staff' emails from the Vice Chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellor. The Chair asked Mr Jones to contact Mr Beecroft re this.

**ACTION: Mr Jones to contact Mr Beecroft, as above.**

The Chair noted that Canon Dowdle is approaching the end of her term as volunteer chaplain and thanked her for her service to the University community.