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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

MISSION AND VALUES GROUP

5th October 2023

PRESENT: Professor C Ozanne (in the Chair), Dr M Barber-Rowell, Ms S Haines, Dr P Haughan, Miss M Lacey, Fr C McCoy, Associate Professor P McGrail, Professor A Nagar, Rev J Pratt

Apologies: Dr W Bignold, Dr A Ghalib, Revd Canon P Winn

Secretariat: Mr M Jones

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2023 were **APPROVED** as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Start date for Anglican Chaplain (actum 2)

Dr Haughan informed members that Rev Pratt is now in post. The Chair welcomed Rev Pratt to the group.

World Friendship Group (actum 4)

Ms Lacey informed members that there are dedicated funding options open to EU students.

Community Engagement Team (actum 4)

Mr Jones confirmed that he had contacted Ms Ramsey re a Community Engagement Team presence on Mission & Values Group. Dr Haughan requested that community engagement be a standing item on agendas for the group.

ACTION: Mr Jones to add standing item to agenda, as above.

3. Terms of Reference

Members had received the updated Terms of Reference. The Chair raised the issue of a standing agenda item on Prevent. Professor McGrail informed members that this is covered by the Worship Spaces Report. The Chair requested that the Terms of Reference be updated to reflect this.

ACTION: Mr Jones to update Terms of Reference, as above.

4. Worship Spaces Report

Professor McGrail informed members that Dr Ghalib had informed him that he had regularly checked literature deposited in the Prayer Room and not found any causes for concern. Miss Lacey confirmed that she had regularly checked literature deposited in the Chapel and not found any causes for concern.

5. Residential Life

Ms Haines informed members that the current focus of the Residential Life Team is on building community in halls of residence, adding that Hall Committees are being established in order to allow students to give feedback on residential life to the University. Ms Haines informed members that the role of Senior Resident Tutor has been renamed Wellbeing Assistant. Ms Haines informed members that her team is working to increase the inclusion of non-resident students in campus life. Fr McCoy suggested the University could adopt a semi-collegiate model where both resident and non-resident students belong to a 'college' within the University. Dr Haughan welcomed this proposal.

Ms Haines suggested that the University's night-time security measures be reviewed following a recent incident where unauthorised guests accessed the campus at night, culminating in the police being called.

ACTION: Ms Haines to liaise with Mr Ellison re campus security measures.

6. Chaplaincy Report

Members had received the Chaplaincy Report. Rev Pratt informed members that the Chaplains are currently working to ensure that the ecumenical foundation of the University is reflected in the work of the Chaplaincy (including an increased number of ecumenical services in the chapel), and that the Chaplaincy has a presence at both of the University's two main campuses.

7. AOB

(i) Hope Ecumenical Network

Members had received Dr Bignold's report on the Hope Ecumenical Network. Dr Haughan reminded members that the network was founded at the University in May 2022 by Dr Anthony Ridge-Newman and Dr Wendy Bignold under the direction of the then ~~Vice~~-Chancellor. The focus of the network is to promote collaboration of Christian higher education internally and in regional, national and international contexts; and enhance what unites us (rather than what divides us). Dr Haughan added that the Network has over 500 individual members worldwide and an internal committee which includes key ecumenical personnel, e.g. the University chaplains and colleagues representing various faith backgrounds. Externally, there are several liaison reps assigned by other institutions who are especially encouraged to participate in network activities and disseminate updates, events, opportunities and outcomes to their home institution. Dr Haughan outlined the Network's plans for the future, including a termly Community of Practice and a biennial conference.

(ii) Space of Hope Project

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Members had received Dr Barber-Rowell's report 'Curating Spaces of Hope'. Dr Barber-Rowell presented the report to members. Members noted the report's recommendations, including the commission of an annual Curating Spaces of Hope dialogue series across the University, to run for an initial period of three years, to encourage and champion a relational and hopeful culture, and the development of the Hope Ecumenical Network community of practice (see above) as a means of sharing hope and experiences of collegiality across the network, and find ways to develop interdisciplinary and intergenerational partnerships. The Chair drew members' attention to recommendation five ('Deepen and contextualise the understanding of hope at Hope, by using the data from the Spaces of Hope dialogues and feedback from colleague away days, and the Hope Ecumenical Network, to coproduce a contextual theology of hope at Hope. Fr Chris McCoy suggested that this could be used, for example by the Mission and Values Committee, to guide its work.') and undertook, along with Dr Haughan, to look at ways in which conversations in relation to this might be facilitated. The Chair asked Professor McGrail to give further thought to the concept of a contextual theology of hope and report on this at the next meeting.

ACTION: Chair and Dr Haughan to liaise re facilitating conversation, as above.

ACTION: Professor McGrail to prepare report, as above.