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## LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

### SENATE 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2021

**PRESENT:** Professor G Pillay (in the Chair), Professor K Newport (Vice-Chair), Associate Professor P Bamber, Dr M Baxendale, Mr M Beecroft, Ms S Beecroft, Dr J Bennett, Dr W Bignold, Dr C Boyle, Associate Professor M Brennan, Ms J Burgess, Mr A Catterall, Associate Professor G Cuthbertson, Professor S Davismoon, Professor N Donnelly, Mr J Ellison, Professor N Ferguson, Dr A Foulkes, Dr S Harrop, Dr P Haughan, Mr M Hill, Dr J Hogan, Rev Professor D Jeyaraj, Ms S Kelly, Associate Professor S Kelly, Professor O Khaiyat, Professor M Lavalette, Ms Z Marshall, Mr S Massie, Associate Professor P McGrail, Mr I McKenna, Dr D Merryweather, Dr D Moloney, Ms S Murray, Professor A Nagar, Professor G Paramei, Mr H Pearce, Ms M Pearson, Associate Professor C Penketh, Associate Professor D Reid, Mr B Ricketts, Rev P Rooney, Dr L Siry, Mr O Smith, Dr L Stevenson, Ms C Vitti, Associate Professor C Wakefield, Dr C Walsh (48 members)

By Invitation: Ms L Gittins,

Mr D Dykins (Secretary and Minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Professor D Bolt, Ms E Best, Dr S Corbett, Ms C Harvey, Mr P McGhee

#### **1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were **APPROVED** as a correct record.

#### **2. Matters arising**

All matters arising were covered in the main agenda.

#### **3. Vice-Chair's Report**

The Chair invited the Vice-Chair, Professor Newport, to report on management decisions taken between meetings of Senate.

##### COVID-19

Professor Newport noted that since the last Senate meeting, the University has continued to respond to challenges that have been presented by the pandemic. Professor Newport informed members that the case rate in Liverpool is currently 228 per 100k, adding that the case rate among 18-24 year olds in Liverpool is currently 476 per 100k. Dr Haughan informed members that local Public Health projections suggest that these numbers will continue to rise for the next two weeks, then plateau, followed by a fall. Dr Haughan informed members that there is currently one member of academic staff, one member of support staff, one non-resident student

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and three resident students who have tested positive in the last week. Dr Haughan added that a number of staff and students are currently isolating as a result of having come into contact with an infectious person.

Dr Haughan informed members that if the vaccination programme continues as scheduled most students arriving for study at the start of the 2021/22 academic year should be fully vaccinated.

### Appointments

Professor Newport reported that the following visiting academics had been appointed:

- Dr Obinna Anya has joined the School of Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering as a Research Fellow.
- Dr Chris Stone has joined the School of Social Science as an Honorary Research Fellow
- Mr Colin Cooper has been appointed Emeritus Research Facilitator following his retirement.

Professor Newport informed members that Dr Damian Mather has been appointed as external examiner in Law.

### Turing Scheme

Professor Newport informed members that the University has submitted a bid for funding under the Turing Scheme but has not yet had a response.

### Centre for Continuing Professional Development

Professor Newport informed members that the University's Centre for Continuing Professional Development has been renamed the University Centre for Professional Learning and Development (UCPLD). Professor Newport added that the newly-renamed centre will no longer sit exclusively in the School of Education, but will cover schools across the University.

### Undergraduate Summer Research Scholarships

Professor Newport informed members that the University has received over 40 applications for the Undergraduate Summer Research Scholarships. Professor Nagar added that while the deadline for applications was 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, this would be flexible in the event of more applications being received.

### Partnerships

- Professor Newport informed members that the University Centre for Professional Learning and Development (see above) is part of a successful bid to be involved in training c. 5,500 tutors as part of the National Tutoring Programme.
- Professor Newport informed members that St Mary's University has been awarded Research Degree Awarding Powers. The majority of students have transferred to St Mary's, with a number electing to remain under Liverpool Hope regulations.

### Accreditations

Professor Newport informed members that ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) and Social Work are both up for reaccreditation in December 2021 and January 2022 respectively. Professor Newport added that Ofsted had visited the School of Education

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in the previous week.

## 4. Secretary's Business

### (i) Committees of Senate – Proposed Terms of Reference and Membership 2021-22

Members had received the proposed Terms of Reference and membership for Committees of Senate 2021-22.

Senate **APPROVED** the proposed Terms of Reference and membership for Committees of Senate 2021-22.

### (ii) Calendar of Committees, other meetings and events

Members had received the draft Calendar of Committees, other meetings and events.

Senate **APPROVED** the draft Calendar of Committees, other meetings and events.

## Committee Reports

## 5. Research Committee

- (i) Members had received the minutes of the meeting of Research Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Professor Nagar informed members that the University REF 2021 submission had been successfully completed in advance of the deadline. The University submitted 13 Units of Assessment, comprising 177 staff, 28 impact case studies, 13 Unit-level environment statements and 423 outputs. Professor Nagar added that the audit process in relation to staff contracts is now under way. Professor Nagar informed members that the University is required to submit an Equality Impact Assessment Report by the end of July 2021. Professor Nagar informed members that REF2021 results are due in Spring 2022.

Professor Nagar informed members that at the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 meeting of Research Committee all University research centres had submitted their Annual Monitoring Reports and been recommended for continuation.

Senate **APPROVED** the continuation of the University's research centres for the 2021/22 academic year.

Professor Nagar drew members' attention to the item on common research methods (actum 11b). Professor Nagar informed members that it is suggested that schools and departments consider establishing a PGT/PGR research methods champion. Professor Nagar advised members that this is an important initiative to enhance research skills and practices for students and in particular PG students and also for Researchers in general to enhance our Research Environment overall.

## 6. Academic Committee

- (i) Members had received the minutes of the Academic Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Dr Haughan drew members' attention to the Committee's recommendation for approval of the updated Terms of Reference for Academic Committee, Library Steering Group and Student Services Group.

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Senate **APPROVED** the updated Terms of Reference.

Dr Haughan added that the Terms of Reference for the School Academic Committees are in need of updating and assured members that she and Professor Newport are working on this.

Dr Haughan drew member's attention to the committee's recommendation for approval of five new courses (MA Contemporary European Affairs, MA Politics and International Relations, Assessment Only Route for BA QTS, Doctor of Ministry (DMin) and Master of Ministry (MMin) to be added to the University's portfolio.

Senate **APPROVED** the recommended courses.

Dr Haughan drew members' attention to the Committee's recommendation that all provision in the newly renamed PLD unit remains entirely online.

Senate **APPROVED** this recommendation.

Dr Haughan drew members' attention to current assessment issues in the Law School related to the absence of a significant proportion of academic colleagues from what is a relatively small staff team. To ensure students registered for Law have the best chance of success, the Chair of Senate has taken Chair's Action to invoke the use of the Emergency Regulations for the 2020/1 academic year. This applies to all students registered for the LLB and BAC Law.

Senate **APPROVED** this action.

Dr Haughan drew members' attention to the external examiner nominations. Dr Haughan also informed members of decisions made subsequent to the AC meeting such that Dr Ward (BSc and MSc Mathematics and MMath) and Dr McGuinness (MA Creative Music Practice and BA Musical Theatre) should be added to the list. Dr Damian Mather should replace Professor Rizzuto as the External Examiner for all Law programmes.

Mr McKenna noted that the entry for Dr Patra Ramakanta is incorrect: he will be examining BA Economics major. Professor Lavalette requested that BA Social Science be added to the duties of Dr Warren.

Subject to these additions and corrections Senate **APPROVED** the nominations.

Dr Haughan drew members' attention to a proposed minor adjustment to the Business School's joint provision with Université Catholique de Lille. Dr Haughan informed members that the team have proposed that the provision should include a limited number of professional experience credit bearing modules which are part of the portfolio at Lille. Dr Haughan informed members that Academic Committee recommends that the structure of the joint IMBA be amended to include experiential learning credits delivered at Université Catholique de Lille.

Senate **APPROVED** this recommendation.

Professor Kelly asked whether a date had been set for decisions as to which PGT provision would run during the 2021/22 academic year. Dr Haughan responded that this decision would be taken by USET in September.

- (ii) Dr Haughan requested approval for the implementation of the Transitional Regulations is

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to be continued in 2021/22 for students in Level H.

Senate **APPROVED** this recommendation.

- (iii) Members had received two Quality Handbooks: QH8 Partnerships Guide and QH9 International Exchange, Study Abroad & Maymester Procedures.

Senate **APPROVED** the QH8 Partnerships Guide and QH9 International Exchange, Study Abroad & Maymester Procedures.

- (iv) Members had received the Degree Outcomes Statement.

Senate **APPROVED** the Degree Outcomes Statement.

### 7. Chair's Business

Professor Lavalette raised the issue of the recent attacks on LGBTQ students in Liverpool. Senate joined Professor Lavalette in condemning this. Dr Haughan praised the support given by Dr Bignold and her team to the students involved in the incident and informed members that the University will be writing to the students offering any further support needed.

The Chair welcomed the new Students' Union officers and thanked the outgoing President Mr Pearce for his contribution. The Chair noted the imminent retirement of Dr Bennett and thanked him for his long service and contribution to the University.