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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

SENATE: 13th March 2019

PRESENT: Professor G J Pillay (in the Chair), Professor I Vandewalle (Vice-Chair), Dr P Bamber, Mrs S Beecroft, Dr J Bennett, Professor D Bolt, Mr A Catterall, Professor D Chester, Dr R Cousins, Ms S Cronin, Dr G Cuthbertson, Professor S Davismoon, Professor N Donnelly, Mr F Doolin, Ms N Fearon, Professor N Ferguson, Professor D Fleming, Mr D Frost, Dr P Haughan, Mr M Hill, Rev Professor D Jeyaraj, Professor O Khaiyat, Dr Z Kinsley, Dr D Kurek-Chomycz, Professor M Lavalette, Ms S Lewis-Beckett, Dr P McGrail, Dr L McLoughlin, Ms S Murray, Professor A Nagar, Revd Canon Professor K Newport, Dr C O'Connell, Dr A Owen, Professor G Paramei, Ms M Pearson, Dr C Penketh, Dr D Reid, Mr L Skilbeck, Dr C Walsh
(39 members)

Mr D. Dykins (Secretary and Minutes)

By Invitation: Ms L Gittins, Ms J Burgess

APOLOGIES: Dr W Bignold, Ms C Harvey, Professor G Mair, Dr S Tiernan
Ms J Singleton

The Chair welcomed Professor Fleming.

1. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 14th November 2018 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 Vandewalle, to report on management decisions taken between meetings of Senate.

Appointments

Professor Vandewalle reported that the following appointments had been made:

Professor Michael Mannin as Visiting Professor of the European Institute

Dr Mark Hutchinson as a Visiting Fellow of the Andrew Walls Centre

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Professor Johannes Nicolaas Jacobus Kritzinger as a Visiting Fellow of the Andrew Walls Centre

Bishop Dennis Ng's as the Senior Fellow of the Andrew Walls Centre (renewal)

Open House Events for 2018/19

- Saturday 27th April 2019
- Friday 28th June 2019
- Saturday 6th July 2019

175th Celebrations

Following the launch of celebrations at Foundation Day in January, Dr Haughan noted that a range of events and special ceremonies were planned throughout the year. The University had already recently hosted the Cathedrals Group of Universities Festival of Choirs. Professor Davismoon said that the Angel Field Festival would run from 22nd to 30th March and comprises 32 events at a variety of venues, including off-campus spaces such as SFX. The Chair asked senators to encourage their students to attend as many events as possible.

Committee Reports

4. Research Committee

(i) 13th February 2019

Members had received the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2019. Professor Nagar noted that there were no recommendations that required Senate approval.

(ii) Code of Practice for REF 2021

Professor Nagar advised that the Final REF 2021 Guidelines had been published and required the University to consult on and develop a Code of Practice. This had already been highlighted at Rectorate Team and Heads of Departments/Schools meetings, and Professor Nagar said he would be consulting more widely in order to produce the University's Code and requested feedback from all relevant staff. He advised that the template consisted of five sections: context; definition of significant responsibility for research (NB not "for significant research"); definition of independent researchers; the process for selecting outputs; and an appendix for additional information.

Action: all relevant members of staff to be encouraged to send their ideas directly to Professor Nagar and copy in the Vice Chancellor.

5. Learning & Teaching Committee

(i) Minutes of 28th November 2018 and 20th February 2019

Members had received the minutes of the meetings held on 28th November 2018 and 20th February 2019. Dr Haughan noted that the Committee would be reviewing the Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy next term. She said that, although the

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PGCert LTHE was going well, there were some workload and timetabling issues which were affecting participation. It was agreed that the relevant Heads of Department/Schools would discuss this further outside of Senate.

(ii) Revised Hope Charter

Members had received the Hope Charter which included amendments as requested by staff and the Students' Union. Dr Haughan drew members attention to the additional paper that had been provided at the start of Senate entitled "Mission and Values Statement" and requested that this be included to replace the first section of the Charter.

Senate **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL** to University Council the amendments to the Charter, including the insertion of the Mission and Values Statement.

(iii) Academic Calendars 2021 to 2026

Members had received the draft calendars. Dr Haughan noted that the 2019-20 calendar was on the University website and should be referred to for key dates.

Senate **APPROVED** the draft calendars.

(iv) Additional Amendments to Assessment Regulations and Conventions

Members had received an additional paper which had been produced following recent discussions on student retention and engagement. Dr Haughan explained that the Retention and Engagement Group had recently been analysing the barriers to progression and concluded that certain regulations were not compatible with the integrated curriculum and required amending. Dr Walsh highlighted the example of degree outcomes where the algorithm currently used involved a range of caveats that were confusing and not properly understood by students. Professor Ferguson queried amendments to progression regulations where students would not have to carry failed work. Dr Walsh said that she had modelled the new algorithm on several years of student data and this method demonstrated a fairer system that recognised student achievement. The Chair noted that the number of students retaking assessments was disproportionately high and Dr Haughan said that the measures detailed in the paper should help to iron out inconsistencies.

Senate **APPROVED** the proposed additional amendments to assessment regulations and conventions to be applied to both current and future cohorts.

Action: Dr Haughan and Dr Walsh to write to students to explain the changes to the assessment structure.

6. Academic Committee

(i) Minutes of 27th February 2019

Members had received the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2019. Professor Newport noted that the PG Cert Advanced Coaching and Mentoring was being expedited in order to provide a response to Ofsted around NQT resilience. He also noted that the PGCert SpLD required Senate approval.

Senate **APPROVED** the proposal for the PGCert SpLD.

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(ii) Externals Examiner Approvals

Professor Newport highlighted the recommendations for external examiners.

Senate **APPROVED** the external examiner appointments, extensions and reallocations of duty, as detailed in the appendix to these minutes.

(iii) Revised Recruitment and Admissions Policy

Members had received the revised Recruitment and Admissions Policy which reflected changes to English language requirements in relation to Tier 4 visas.

Senate **APPROVED** the Recruitment and Admissions Policy.

(iv) Provision of Major/Minor Courses and Placement Opportunities

Members had received the proposed changes to the curriculum structure to allow, on certain courses, students to opt for a major/minor combination. Model C as described in the paper gave students the option of switching to 120 Level H Single Honours Credits providing that the Single Honours option was already available. Additionally, Level C and I blocks omitted should not be prerequisites for undertaking both blocks in one subject at Level H. Certain accredited professional qualifications would also be precluded. Dr Haughan said that she would be approaching each Head of Department to ascertain which courses were viable as major/minor under these constraints.

Senate **APPROVED** the change to the curriculum structure to allow major/minor combinations as detailed in Model C from September 2019.

Dr Haughan also noted that the paper proposed a “with placement year” version of all appropriate current undergraduate courses. Professor Lavalette queried whether the practicalities of a year-long placement in terms of assessment were being thought through; Dr Haughan said that current models operating in the Science Faculty would be used and Professor Lavalette noted that Social Work had a great deal of experience with a variety of models. Dr Cousins asked how student finances would work and was told that this is covered by the current funding regime. The Chair had concerns about students not returning after their placement year, but Dr Haughan reassured him that data on past placements suggested that this was not an issue. Professor Davismoon noted that CAPA subjects traditionally found yearlong placements difficult to source, but said that he supported the move where it was practicable. Dr Cuthbertson felt that there could be issues with appropriacy of placements that students self-source and how these would be supported during the placement. Dr Haughan said that she accepted that placement provision would be difficult in certain subjects. She would discuss this further with colleagues and report back at the next Senate meeting.

Senate **APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** the proposal to create a “with placement year” version for all appropriate current University undergraduate courses.

(v) Registrar’s Summary of Amendments to Academic Regulations

Members had received the Registrar’s Summary.

Senate **APPROVED** the amendments.

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(vi) Schedule of Meetings of PGT Examiners, September to December 2019

Members had received the Schedule of Meetings.

Senate **APPROVED** the Schedule of Meetings for PGT Examiners.

7. Chair's Business

The Chair highlighted the expected delay to the publication of the Augar Review of post-18 education.

The Chair also noted that the Inaugural Lecture for Professor Omid Khaiyat would take place shortly after today's Senate.

Dates of next meeting:

- Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 2.15 pm

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Appendix

Appointment of External Examiners

(i) New Nominations

Subject	Name	Institution	Commence	Comments
MA African Christianity	Dr Catherine Ross	Ripon College	January 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MA Education and Interdisciplinary Studies (and CPD/Education Prof Practice modules)	Dr Alpesh Maisuria	University of East London	April 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
PGCert SpLD	Dr Helen Curran	Bath Spa University	September 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

(ii) Extensions and Reallocations of Duty

Subject	Name	Nature of Request
BA Popular Music	Dr Robert Wilsmore	<i>Reallocation of Duties</i>