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## LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

### SENATE 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**PRESENT:** Professor G Pillay (in the Chair), Professor K Newport (Vice-Chair), Dr M Baxendale, Mr M Beecroft, Ms S Beecroft, Dr J Bennett, Dr W Bignold, Professor D Bolt, 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, 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, Dr L Stevenson, Ms C Vitti, Associate Professor C Wakefield, Dr C Walsh, Ms S Wills (47 members)

By Invitation: Ms L Gittins,

Mr D Dykins (Secretary and Minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Associate Professor P Bamber, Ms E Best, Dr S Corbett, Ms C Harvey, Mr P McGhee Mr I McKenna, Mr O Smith

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

The minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 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. More students will be returning to campus as specialist study spaces can now be accessed, albeit with stringent protocols for health and safety. It is hoped that as regulations are relaxed more face-to-face teaching will be possible in Term 3. Unlike many universities, Hope's academic calendar means that there are still opportunities for this after Easter, including "hothousing" in some specialist areas.

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## Appointments

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

- Professor Tina Cook has joined the School of Education. Senators may be aware that Professor Cook has had strong connections with the University for some time. This appointment formalises her connection.
- Professorship Steve Munby is also to join the School of Education
- Dr John Appleby is to become an Honorary Research Fellow. This will enable further development of certain courses, including the MBA in Education Leadership.
- Lord Mayor Anna Rothery is to become a visiting Scholar for the Business and Social Science Schools, as well as the School of Education with her involvement in teacher education in particular.

## Volunteering Committee

USET approved a £5000 contribution from the Initiative Fund to support the work of the Committee.

## Partnerships

- Spurgeon's College is joining the Network of Hope and is planning on delivering a small number of PG and UG courses in September this year
- Best Practice have confirmed that they will not be pursuing the partnership with Liverpool Hope though the University's CPD Unit will offer the course as an online PG Certificate.

## Accreditations

- BCS accreditation: It was noted that the review panel are meeting on 16th March and a decision is expected late March/early April.
- The ESB review took place on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The review went very well and the findings will be reported to the ESB Panel with a decision expected early April.
- TMI accreditation was submitted on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Revd Rooney said that an early decision had been made and that accreditation had been secured for several degrees.
- Foundation year courses are accredited as follows: ACCA for BA Accounting & Finance; CIEEM for BSc Environmental Science; CIM for Single Hons BA Marketing and BA (Hons) Marketing Combined Honours; RGS for BSc Geography; and SRA for LLB Law. Accreditation for Foundation Year Nutrition was not granted and as such the BSc Nutrition (with Foundation Year) has been removed from the course offer

## **Committee Reports**

### **4. Research Committee**

- (i) Members had received the minutes of the meeting of Research Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Professor Nagar noted that at the next meeting, the Research Centres will be reviewed with a view to renewing them.
- (ii) Members had received the REF Sign off Process which documented progress towards the deadline which Professor Nagar noted was two weeks from today. He said that the Submission is almost ready and has been prepared in line with the University's Code of Practice. The report supplies a snapshot from yesterday though this has changed further today. Currently there are just seven missing elements that need to be completed before

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the system can be locked for submission. Professor Nagar noted that the submission had been assiduously prepared over the last six years using a range of external advisors and was based on the Research and Scholarship Development Plan 2014-2020. The Plan will be reviewed for the next REF period in due course. Professor Pillay noted exponential change in the University's research profile and thanked Professor Nagar on behalf of Senate for all his and his team's work on the submission.

From April 2021 until March 2022, the University's submissions will be assessed and followed up with audits which Professor Nagara will keep members apprised of.

## 5. Academic Committee

- (i) Members had received the minutes of the Academic Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Dr Haughan highlighted course approvals where, during the pandemic, a number of courses had stalled or been diverted into different processes. The Committee is ensuring that all these are being pursued and will be presented via the correct channels in due course. She noted that the MA Contemporary European Affairs had been reworked due to the changing nature of the partnership with Lille. The review period for some courses has also been extended due to the pandemic. Three courses had also been approved: Musical Theatre (Major); MA Creative Music Practice; and MSci/BSc in Data Science.

Dr Haughan highlighted course suspensions and approvals (Appendix 2) and the External Examiner nominations (Appendix 1). She advised that since the meeting, Chair's Action had been taken for Dr Lorna Warren from the University of Sheffield who will be External Examiner for BA Social Policy/Applied Sociology and MA (two Social Policy modules only) starting in January 2022; and also for Dr Alison Wilde for reallocation of duties for BA Special Educational Needs (Network of Hope) until September 2023.

Senate **APPROVED** the minutes, including course approvals, new courses and suspensions, and the appointment and extension of external examiners.

- (ii) Members had received three Quality Handbooks: QH4 Review of Existing Courses; QH5 Approval of Modifications to Existing Provision; and QH6 Withdrawal or Suspension of Courses. Ms Gittins had noted a minor amendment to QH5.

Senate **APPROVED** the QH4 Review of Existing Courses; QH5 Approval of Modifications to Existing Provision (to include the amendment); and QH6 Withdrawal or Suspension of Courses.

- (iii) Hope Charter: Members had received the Charter

Senate **APPROVED** the minor revisions to the Hope Charter.

- (iv) Members had received the policy on Classification of postgraduate taught (PGT) awards. Dr Haughan explained that there had been minor amendments to PGT regulations to align with undergraduate degrees to avoid double-counting of the dissertation. Overall, the document had been simplified to ensure that it was accessible for all parties. Professor Lavalette noted that sections 6i and 6ii would need amending to reflect the changing requirements of the regulatory framework for social work. All professional doctorates are covered by the document

Senate **APPROVED** the policy on Classification of PGT awards; Dr Haughan will discuss minor changes to social work with Professor Lavalette.

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- (v) Members had received the 5-year Library Development Plan. Ms Murray explained that this updated the existing plan to take into account the Corporate Plan, as well as sustainability and wellbeing strategies and had been developed with extensive consultation with colleagues. Other factors had also been considered, including lessons learnt from the pandemic, the new library management system and technology in general. Dr Haughan said that this signposted a new direction and strategy and that it was a significant document mapping out the development of Library in the coming years.

Senate **APPROVED** the policy on Library Development Plan

- (vi) Members had received the Library and Information Skills Programme 2021. This is imbedded in the 5-year Library Development Plan and reflects changes such as the introduction of the Foundation Year.

Senate **APPROVED** the Library and Information Skills Programme 2021.

- (vii) Members had received the Ongoing Registration Assurance Document.

Senate **APPROVED** the Ongoing Registration Assurance Document

- (viii) Members had received the Dignity at Work policy. Ms Gittins said that this had originally been drafted by Personnel in relation to Staffing but then had been extended to apply to the whole of the Hope community as a way of giving directions for anyone where such behaviours are noted.

Senate **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO COUNCIL** the Dignity at Work Policy.

- (ix) Members had received the Anti-Semitism Statement. Dr Haughan noted that there had been a separate Academic Committee meeting to discuss this with Professor Newport as an invitee. She advised that this was a particularly delicate subject and a great deal of thought and discussion had been had in developing the University's statement. Professor Newport said it was a difficult matter as failure to produce a statement could be problematic for the University. After much discussion, he had drafted the University's brief statement which noted that the University adopted the IHRA statement but in a context within wider policies relating to prejudice and racial harassment, and with two vital addenda. These addenda make it clear that the University believes it is not anti-Semitic to criticise the government of Israel and hold them to the same standards as other countries. This was important in upholding the principles of free speech. The addenda also clarify that there is a difference between criticism of the government of Israel and being anti-Semitic, unless there is evidence that there is an underlying criticism of Jews. He added that he had consulted a number of people on this matter, including amongst the Jewish community, and they agree with the University's proposed statement and addenda. He also advised that the University would not be adopting the 11 exemplars in the IHRA document. Professor Newport acknowledged that the University may need to discuss free speech further to formally capture this.

Senate **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO COUNCIL** the Anti-Semitism Statement.

- (x) Members had received the structure of the Academic Calendar.

Senate **APPROVED** the Academic Calendar.

### 6. Chair's Business

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On Covid, Dr Haughan said that the Liverpool rate is currently 51 per 100k and the R number is between 0.6 and 0.8. There is one residential student unwell who had been picked up by University testing centre, and two non-resident students. The Vaccination Centre serving the local community is now open and the Testing Centre remains very busy; both will be open over Easter. Dr Haughan presented the local chart and showed that the overall picture in the region is very positive, though Belle Vale still has a high number of cases. The chart covered the initial period when Schools returned.

Campuses are operating well though currently there are not large numbers of students on premises. Larger numbers of students have returned to Creative Campus to access practice facilities and some sessions; allowable sessions are more limited at Hope Park. Library and other study spaces remain open throughout campuses which students can access. USET will review government guidance which is expected on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Dr Haughan noted that there remain concerns over mental health and the welfare team are supporting students with regular phone calls. The Vice Chancellor noted that whatever directives are issued by the government with regard to Health & Safety as the road map unfolds, the University would be more cautious in its approach. Revd Rooney noted that next Tuesday the Council of Bishops have called for national day of reflection to give the nation an opportunity to pause and reflect on the last year.

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## Appendix 1: External Examiner Appointments

Subject	Name	Institution	Commence	Comments
MRes Sport & Exercise Science	*Dr James Fisher	Solent University	January 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MA Social Work	*Dr Harms Smith	Robert Gordon University	October 2020	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BSc Geography BSc Physical Geography BSc Environmental Geography BSc Biogeography Geography - Major	*Dr Lashford	Coventry University	October 2020	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BSc Tourism Management Tourism (Major)	*Dr Davies	Glasgow Caledonian University	October 2020	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
PGCE Primary School Direct	Mr Stow	Canterbury Christ Church University (previous post)	December 2020	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
PGCE Secondary	Ms Wood	University of Bedfordshire	February 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
Doctorate in Education Doctorate in Social Work Doctorate in Health & Social Care	Dr Jones	University of Reading	April 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
PGCE Secondary	Mr Woodward	University of Worcester	February 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL; with appropriate mentoring arrangements
BA Social Policy/Applied Sociology (full AS programme from 2022), MA (two Social Policy modules only)	*Dr Warren	University of Sheffield	January 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

*\*To note as Chair's Action already taken*

Subject	Name	Nature of Request
BA Media and Communication	*Dr Pullen	Reallocation of duties
BEng/MEng Electronic and Computer Engineering BEng/MEng Robotics, including with year in industry	*Dr Nader Anani	Extension of Tenure to November 2021
MA Performance MCreate	*Dr Robert Dean	Reallocation of duties
MSc Psychology	*Dr Hazel Blythe	Reallocation of duties

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MSocSci	*Mr Bren Cook	Reallocation of duties
UG History programmes (Levels, C, I and H) MA History and MA Museum & Heritage Studies (seeing out students)	Dr Higgins	Reallocation of duties Extension of Tenure to August 2022
The International MBA (IMBA)	Professor Bellamy	Reallocation of duties
PGDE in FE	Ms Croft	Extension of Tenure to August 2022
BA Special Educational Needs (Network of Hope)	Dr Alison Wilde	Reallocation of duties

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## Appendix 2: Curriculum Matters

### Course Approvals (Validations/Revalidations)

Integrated Masters courses:

- MCreate
- MSocSci

### New course proposals

- Musical Theatre (Major)
- MA Creative Music Practice
- MSci/BSc in Data Science

### Suspensions

The following suspensions have been approved by Rectorate Team for 2021/22;

- MRes Food and Nutritional Sciences.
- BA Single Hons Design for 2021/22.
- BSc Nutrition
- FY + BSc Physical Activity, Nutrition and Health

### Withdrawals

The following withdrawals have been approved by Rectorate Team:

- BA Applied Social Sciences
- PGCert Mathematics Education
- MEd Global Educational Leadership & Management
- MEd Professional Practice
- MA/MEd Interdisciplinary Masters, International Education
- MA/MEd Interdisciplinary Masters, Mathematics Education
- MA/MEd Interdisciplinary Masters, Religious Education
- MA International Education
- MA Professional Practice
- MA Education & English Literature
- MA Education & English Language
- MA Education & Music
- MA SEN CO-Ordination
- iPGC (Level 7) International Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership
- iPGC (Level 7) International Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Practice – Early Years
- iPGC (Level 7) Teaching Practice (Early Years)
- IPgC (Level 6) International Professional Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership
- IPgC (Level 6) International Professional Graduate Certificate in Teaching Practice
- IPgC (Level 6) International Professional Graduate Certificate in Teaching Practice – Early Years



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- IPgC (Level 6) International Professional Graduate Certificate in Professional Practice
- IPgC (Level 6) International Professional Graduate Certificate in Teaching Practice – Arabic as a First Language
- IPgC (Level 6) International Professional Graduate Certificate in Teaching Practice – Arabic as a Second Language
- iPgc International Professional Certificate in Educational Leadership
- iPgc International Professional Certificate in Teaching Practice
- iPgc International Professional Certificate in Teaching Practice – Early Years
- iPgc International Professional Certificate in Professional Practice
- iPgc International Professional Certificate in Teaching Practice
- iPgc International Professional Certificate in Teaching Practice – Arabic as a First Language
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