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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

SENATE: 26th June 2019

PRESENT: Professor G J Pillay (in the Chair), Professor I Vandewalle (Vice-Chair), Mrs S Beecroft, Dr J Bennett, Dr W Bignold, Professor D Bolt, Mr A Catterall, Professor D Chester, Dr R Cousins, Dr G Cuthbertson, Professor S Davismoon, Professor N Donnelly, Mr F Doolin, Professor D Fleming, Mr D Frost, Ms C Harvey, Dr P Haughan, Mr M Hill, Rev Professor D Jeyaraj, Professor O Khaiyat, Dr Z Kinsley, Dr D Kurek-Chomycz, Professor M Lavalette, Dr P McGrail, Professor G Mair, Dr L McLoughlin, Ms S Murray, Professor A Nagar, Dr C O'Connell, Professor G Paramei, Dr C Penketh, Dr D Reid, Mr L Skilbeck, Dr C Walsh (34 members)

Mr D Dykins (Secretary and Minutes)

By Invitation: Ms C Cairns, Ms L Gittins, Ms E Moriarty Mr H Rashid

APOLOGIES: Dr P Bamber, Ms S Cronin, Ms N Fearon, Professor N Ferguson, Ms S Lewis-Beckett, Revd Canon Professor K Newport, Ms M Pearson, Ms J Singleton

The Chair welcomed Mr H Rashid (SU Present Designate), Ms C Cairns (SU Vice-President Education Designate) and Ms E Moriarty (SU Vice Present Welfare and Community Designate) and said he looked forward to working with them once they took up their posts. He also noted that it was Professor Vandewalle and Professor Chester's last Senate meeting and on behalf of Senate thank them for their many years' work at the University.

1. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 13th March 2019 were **APPROVED** as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

The Chair noted that the Augar Report had been released but suggested that, despite recommendations that could have a negative impact on HE, it was not clear what recommendations might be adopted, particularly given the current political turmoil.

All other 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.

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Appointments

Professor Vandewalle reported that there had been no new honorary appointments since the last meeting of Senate.

Open House Events for 2018/19

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

Accreditations

Professor Vandewalle reported that, although formal notification had not yet been received, the University's application to get the AACSB kite mark had been successful. He wished to thank all staff who had contributed to the success of the submission and panel, including support staff.

4. **Secretary's Business**

(i) Committees of Senate: Membership

Members had received the proposed amendments to membership. The Chair explained that membership of Senate and its committees had drifted over recent years and required a review in order to ensure appropriate coverage and realign committees.

Senate **APPROVED** the amended membership.

(ii) Senate Nominations for University Council

Members had received the proposal document, which explained the requirement to recruit a member of academic staff to Council, nominated by Senate. Senators had been notified in May that, as Dr Tiernan was leaving the University a replacement would have to be found for her. There was only one nomination put forward, Dr Wakefield.

Senate **APPROVED** the appointment to Council of Dr Wakefield for an initial term of three years.

(iii) Calendar of Committees

Mr Dykins presented a calendar of committees, other meetings and major events for 2019/20. The Chair asked that members make every effort to prioritise dates as per the calendar.

Senate **APPROVED** the Calendar of Committees, Meetings and Events for 2019/20.

(iv) Code of Student Conduct

Ms Gittins presented the Code, which she explained had been drafted based on OIA good practice in this area. Mr Doolin queried points 3.5 and 3.6 as there could be inconsistencies in the application of the Code; there could also be conflicts with freedom of speech. Ms Gittins noted that the University's Freedom of Speech policy would always take precedent, and Students' Union representation on Disciplinary Panels should ensure that students' rights are not compromised and that consistency

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is maintained. Professor Lavalette suggested that regrouping the behaviours might provide consistency.

Senate **APPROVED** the Code of Student Conduct with the proviso that the behaviours are regrouped.

Committee Reports

5. Research Committee

(i) Minutes of 15th May 2019

Members had received the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019. Professor Nagar noted that there were no recommendations that required Senate approval.

(ii) Code of Practice (CoP) for REF 2021

Members had received the final version of the CoP which had been signed off by the Chair of Senate and submitted. Although the University was awaiting approval of the CoP, Professor Nagar noted that aspects of it were already being implemented.

6. Learning & Teaching Committee

(i) Minutes of 22nd May 2019 and 19th June 2019

Members had received the minutes of the meetings held on 22nd May 2019 and 19th June 2019.

(ii) Proposed changes to the Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LTA) Strategy

Members had received the revised LTA Strategy, which Dr Haughan advised had been updated to reflect developments in the three areas. Professor Piasecki asked whether the process of enhancement could be captured; Dr Haughan said that this was currently a separate strategy, but that she would consider how it might be incorporated into the LTA strategy over the coming year. Mr Hill noted that provision of Foundation Years should also be captured.

Senate **APPROVED** the amendments to the LTA Strategy.

(iii) Access and Participation Plan

Members had received the Plan. Dr Haughan commended the work of Dr Walsh and Ms McGarry in drafting the document, which would be submitted to the OfS on Monday. Dr Walsh said that process had involved a series of templates prepopulated with data from the OfS concerning recruitment, retention and attainment gaps for specific underrepresented student groups. Universities were being tasked with devising strategies to close the gap between these groups and mainstream students. Dr Walsh stressed the importance of University-wide ownership of the strategy, and would be using forums such as the Learning & Teaching Days to ensure that this happened. Professor Lavalette queried the language used in section 1.2 paragraph 2.

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Dr Walsh agreed to review this. She noted that this was a five-year plan and that it would need to be monitored carefully over the coming years.

Senate **APPROVED** the Access and Participation Plan.

7. Academic Committee

(i) Minutes of 29th May 2019

Members had received the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2019 which were presented by Dr Haughan. Dr Haughan noted that in addition to new courses approved in the minutes, the following had been approved by Chair's Action: PGCert Research Informed Leadership; PGCert Early Years Research Informed Leadership; 60C Block Research Informed Leadership; PGCert Leadership and Management of Special Educational Needs.

(ii) Externals Examiner Approvals

Dr Haughan highlighted the recommendations for external examiners, and advised additional examiners that had been approved by Chair's Action since the meeting.

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

(iii) Annual Partnerships Report

Members had received the Annual Partnerships Report which Ms Gittins explained she had produced following a survey of the moderators for the various partnerships. Mr Frost requested an amendment to the Network of Hope section, to clarify that Holy Cross was not the only partner able to register students and to include Carmel and St John Rigby Colleges in that narrative.

Senate **APPROVED** the Annual Partnerships Report subject to the above amendments.

(iv) Summary of Registrar's Business

Members had received the Registrar's Summary. Dr Walsh explained that much of the amendments to Universal Regulations were minor adjustments to capture the introduction of the Foundation Year and Major/Minor combinations. The Academic Misconduct policy had been revised to include best practice as advised by the OIA. Dr Walsh advised that the timetable for PGT examiners would be available at the next Senate meeting.

Changes to the progression rules had already been implemented and had worked well and provided greater clarity and transparency for students. Dr Walsh advised that all results had been carefully checked and no students were disadvantaged. Final results for undergraduate students this year showed that 74% had achieved a "good" degree, compared to 71% last year. For Level I to H, 86% had progressed, compared to 79% last year with 9% requiring reassessment compared to 16% last year. For Level C to I, 83% had progressed compared to 74% last year, with 9% requiring reassessment compared to 20% last year.

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Senate **APPROVED** the amendments.

8. **Chair's Business**

The Chair congratulated Mr Hill on the outstanding Ofsted report that Carmel College had recently achieved. Professor Nagar noted that a conference on Artificial Intelligence would take place at Hope Park during the first week of September. Professor Jeyaraj advised that there would be a conference in Manilla on 27th and 28th of July, and the University will be hosting the British New Testament Society Conference in early September. Professor Piasecki said that the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards were now up and running.

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Appendix

Appointment of External Examiners

Subject	Name	Institution	Commence	Comments
BA Politics and International Relations (Single Hons) BA Politics (Major) BA International Relations (Major)	Dr Lisa Harrison	University of the West of England	September 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BA Film and Visual Culture Combined Honours BA Media and Communication Single Honours (Film & Visual Culture Element) MA Film, Media & Society	Dr Kirsty Fairclough	University of Salford	September 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MA English Literature	Professor Kate McLoughlin	Oxford University	October 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BA Graphic Design	Dr David Wood	Northumbria University	September 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BA Media & Communication Single Hons and Major	Dr Christopher Charles Pullen	Bournemouth University	September 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BA Creative Writing (Major)	Dr Jacqueline Yallop	Aberystwyth University	September 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BSc Computer Science (including with Year in Industry) BA/BSc Information Technology BSc Artificial Intelligence (including with Year in Industry) MSci Artificial Intelligence (including with Year in Industry) MSc Advanced Computer Science MSc Data Science MSc Robotics Engineering	Dr Christopher Tubb	University of South Wales	September 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BAC Dance	Dr Stefanie Sachsenmaier	Middlesex University	April 2019	*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
PGCE SCITT	Ms Rebecca Tickell	Leeds Beckett University	April 2019	*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MA Marketing Management	*Dr Carl John Clare	Leeds Beckett University	August 2019	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Subject	Name	Nature of Request
BA International Relations; BA Politics; MA International Relations; MA Peace Studies	Dr Paul Flenley	<i>Extension of Tenure</i>

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BA Music (Single Hons & Major) and BA Popular Music	Dr Robert Wilsmore	<i>Reallocation of Duties</i>
MA Biblical and Pastoral Theology	*Revd Dr Andrew Gregory	<i>Reallocation of Duties</i>
BA Theology and Religious Studies BAC Religious Studies	*Prof Melissa Raphael	<i>Reallocation of Duties</i>

**Approved via Chair's Action between meetings*