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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

SENATE 10th November 2021

PRESENT: Professor G Pillay (in the Chair), Professor K Newport (Vice-Chair), Dr M Baxendale, Mr M Beecroft, Ms S Beecroft, Dr W Bignold, Professor W Blazek, Professor D Bolt, Dr C Boyle, Professor M Brennan, Ms J Burgess, Mr A Catterall, Dr J Clear, Dr S Corbett, Professor Rosanna Cousins, Professor N Donnelly, Mr J Ellison, Professor B Evans, Dr A Foulkes, Dr P Haughan, Ms S Kelly, Professor S Kelly, Professor O Khaiyat, Professor M Lavalette, Ms Z Marshall, Professor S Marwood, Mr S Massie, Professor P McGrail, Mr I McKenna, Dr D Merryweather, Ms S Murray, Professor A Nagar, Dr D Ogle, Ms C Priestley, Professor D Reid, Professor F Rizzuto, Dr L Stevenson, Dr F Su, Ms S Trujillo, Professor C Wakefield, Dr C Walsh (41 Members)

Mr D Dykins (Secretary and Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Associate Professor G Anderson, Professor S Davismoon, Professor N Ferguson, Ms L Gittins, Ms C Harvey, Mr M Hill, Dr J Hogan, Rev Professor D Jeyaraj, Associate Professor M Littler, Professor G Paramei, Ms M Pearson, Associate Professor C Penketh, Mr B Ricketts, Rev P Rooney, Professor S Shakespeare, Ms C Vitti

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 23rd June 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 invited Dr Haughan to report on the current situation. She said that the rate in the city of Liverpool is 257 per 100k, though the 0-17 age group is significantly higher. Vaccination rates are good particularly amongst the university-age group, with 56% having had at least one vaccination. There are low cases on campus, with one support and four academic staff, and one residential and six non-residential students. She urged all students and staff to consider the vaccination programme, and continue with LFTs and mask wearing. There are no statistics for vaccination rates on campus but ad hoc intelligence suggests that the rate is high and many are doing regular LFTs. Mask wearing is not consistent and she asked colleagues to be vigilant about confronting students who were not wearing masks. It is hoped that the current Reflective Week will act as firebreak.

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Appointments

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

- Dr David Torevell to be Honorary Senior Research Fellow notionally in Theology and Education.
- Professor Ben Colburn to be visiting professor CEPA.
- Professor John Diamond to be visiting professor engaging in a REF-style mock of the Business School.

New Professors

The University has appointed 12 new professors: Professor Stephen Kelly; Professor Caroline Wakefield; Professor Peter McGrail; Professor David Reid; Professor Michael Brennan; Professor Rosanna Cousins; Professor Guy Cuthbertson; Professor Bryce Evans; Professor Simon Marwood; Professor Steven Shakespeare; Professor Bill Blazek; and Professor Phil Bamber.

The School of Law

The School of Law has now been established with Professor Franco Rizzuto as its Head.

Building Update and Infrastructure

Dr Haughan noted plans for the proposed IQ Building, which would not only give the University additional space, but would also have state-of-the-art technology to assist in immersive teaching. Currently, the University is waiting for planning permission to be finalised but the City Council is experiencing a backlog of requests. As with many building projects, the pandemic has further delayed plans but building is expected to start soon with a finish date of November 2022. She noted that there is likely to be some disruption so asked for patience from staff and students. Green Lane Annex is also nearing completion and the Geography & Environmental Sciences Department are in the process of moving staff in. The acting head of GES Dr Clear informed that the move into the new facilities is going well. No.2 Islington at Creative Campus is also being refurbished to create a film production facility. The University is also installing a new telephony system, and a new firewall has been installed to further reduce the risk of cyberattacks.

Plas Caerdeon and the Care Leavers Initiative

USET approved a proposal that two weeks should be made available at Plas Caerdeon for care leavers to attend. These would take place during the typically fallow weeks after the undergraduate visits and prior to the school visits. This will feed into the widening participation agenda and help to increase recruitment amongst care leavers.

Partnerships

- Spurgeon's College have not recruited enough students to make a viable cohort so will not be running any courses this year but should commence in 2022.
- A new articulation agreement has been signed with Lille for the International Masters in Business Administration for three years from September 2021
- Network of Hope: contracts are due to expire in August 2022 and renewal discussions will commence in January 2022

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- St Mary's Blackburn in the Network of Hope is closing and students currently on courses are being 'taught out.'
- Newman University: the PGR agreement will expire in Summer 2022 though renewal discussions are underway.
- St Mary's Twickenham: after being awarded RDAP, a number of students have transferred to St Marys and a new run off contract is pending
- School Direct: All new contracts have been signed for the current academic year.

Accreditations

- Social Work England (SWE) Re-accreditation: the paperwork was submitted on 28th October and the SWE visit will take place 25-28th January 2022.
- ACCA Re-Accreditation is due on 31 December. A Type R codesign event took place on 23rd Sept and ACCA mapping paperwork is being finalised with the aim to submit this month.
- CIEEM Re-Accreditation for the suite of BSc Environmental courses is due with paperwork to be submitted by 30th November.
- CASE (Consortium for the Accreditation of Sonographic Education) accreditation is being sought for newly approved PGCert Musculoskeletal Ultrasound. The initial application has been submitted to CASE which will be followed by a full application after the co-design event on 26th November.
- BASES (British Association for Sport and Exercise Science) will be submitted in December 2021 under the terms of the BUES recognition Scheme. The course seeking endorsement is the BSc Sport & Exercise Science.
- ESB Accreditation is being sought from ESB_NYA for the new BA Youth and Community Development course which is being marketing for October 2022. A Co-design event is planned for December with paperwork submission at the end of December and a visit due either in January or February 2022.
- The AACSB Interim Review is due to be submitted on 1st July 2022. Work is underway between Business School Colleagues and the University Accreditations officer.
- NASENCo: there was successful Re-approval for the PGCert SEND for 3 years.

UCU

Professor Newport advised that UCU had voted successfully for Strike action/Action Short of a Strike (ASOS) with the result announced last Friday. There was a 52% turnout, with 68.4% of those voting for action. He said that the University regrets the situation and accepts that there is a possibility of industrial action between now and April 2022. He warned that there is the potential for disruption which should not be underestimated. Details on what sort of action should be available later this week.

Professor Newport said he was disappointed at the result as the University has always been ready to discuss the so-called 'four fights', which is the area that was voted on at the University, rather than the USS pensions issue. He noted that the workload agreement had been agreed with UCU through the JCNC in June 2020. A number of additions had been incorporated, including creating a list of tariffs to populate the workload model. This has now been finalised and resubmitted to UCU for their response. He said that he was aware of unhelpful comments on social media that the University was only imagining colleagues are overworked or that gender pay had been dismissed as a statistical blip. Pay cannot be influenced directly by the University due to national bargaining, where the University has consistently suggested a higher pay offer than the vast majority of the sector. On Casualisation, the University is significantly below the national average in this area and has reduced from 33.5% in 2018-19 to now 8%.

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However, the University would continue to have conversations in these areas. Dr Haughan said that the University has a moral responsibility to its students particularly after the pandemic.

Ms Priestley, President of the SU, said that while the Students' Union were sympathetic to the arguments of UCU nationally, it cannot support the strike because of the disruption to the student experience and on-campus learning. Already, some students feel they will have an incomplete degree at the end of their course due to the days lost previously through strike action and the pandemic.

4. Secretary's Business

Members had received for information the Report on Student Appeals, Complaints and Discipline 2020/21.

Committee Reports

5. Research Committee

Members had received the minutes of the meeting of Research Committee held on 27th October 2021. Professor Nagar said that the Committee was currently looking at updating the Research and Scholarship Development Plan, which will be reviewed to take in the REF outcome. It is proposed that the plan will return to basics including the core values of the collegium supported by a research-informed teaching philosophy. Research and enquiry will also be embedded into the wider University culture and ideas on how to do this are being sought from School Research Committees. Senators can also be part of the consultation to update the plan which will be published soon after the REF outcome is published.

Professor Nagar said that the REF audit continues, and he is currently dealing with queries arising from this. The outcome will be published week of 9th May 2022 under embargo and will be in the public domain from 12th May 2022. On Open Access, he also noted that the sector is in negotiations to secure a Science Direct deal.

Professor Nagar highlighted the success of the Summer Scholarships, which will be repeated again this academic year allowing more promotional opportunities to increase applications. The University had also received feedback on the University's submission to the Knowledge Exchange Concordat and a response is currently being worked on with Mr McKenna.

6. Academic Committee

- (i) Members had received the minutes of the Academic Committee held on 20th October 2021. Dr Haughan drew members' attention to discussions on Academic Review & Enhancement Reports, External Examiner reports, the Student Mood, and NSS outcomes and NSS action plans. Action groups for the NSS are underway and will be reviewed in the December Academic Committee meeting.

Dr Haughan drew member's attention to the committee's recommendation for approval of new courses and re-approval of existing courses (Appendix 1).

Senate **APPROVED** the recommended courses.

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Withdrawals and Suspensions were also highlighted.

Senate **APPROVED** the Withdrawals and suspensions.

Dr Haughan drew members' attention to the external examiner nominations (Appendix 2).

Senate **APPROVED** the nominations.

- (ii) Members had received the Terms of Reference for School Academic Committees.

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- (iii) Members had received the Quality Handbook 14: Guidance on Operation of Student Voice. Ms Priestley noted that course representatives are currently being trained and once finished there will be over 300 of them.

Senate **APPROVED** Quality Handbook 14.

- (iv) Members had received the Draft Assessment Calendar and drew attention to the timeline. Concern was raised over the resit examinations in the vacation period. Dr Walsh said that the regulations require the reassessment period to be in the last full week in August. It would be possible to move this date back but there will be less time to complete assessment tasks before the University Board takes place in the second week of September. In relation to Point 2 of the grid, Dr Walsh agreed to clarify on a revised version of the grid as arrangements may differ in some Schools/Departments

Action: Dr Walsh and Dr Haughan to revisit the timeline

7. Chair's Business

- Dr Haughan reminded senators that Foundation Day in Chapel on 19th January 2022 and there will be two graduation ceremonies on 20th January.
- Professor Lavalette thanked Students' Union officers who took students to Glasgow for COP events.
- The Chair noted that Inaugural Lectures start next week and encouraged academics and administrative staff to attend.

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Appendix 1: Curriculum Matters

Course Approvals and Reapprovals

- BASH Level H Psychology (Reapproval)
- BASH Fine Art (Reapproval)
- Major Film and Visual Culture (Reapproval)
- BASH Film, TV, Radio and Media production (Approval)
- MA Creative Music Practice (Approval)
- BScH Applied Biomedical health [MMAP]; first iteration and already putting MMAP through to allow it to be part of another award.
- BSc Sport and Exercise (Reapproval)
- PG Cert SpLD Dyslexia – Online delivery [MMAP]
- Assessment changes EDAM014 and EDAM015 [MMAP]
- National Tutoring Programme (PLD)
- Major Human Biology

Withdrawals

- PGDE
- BSc Physical Activity Nutrition and health (Withdrawal)
- BSc Physical Education Sports Sciences (Carmel College, Withdrawal)

Suspensions for 2021-22

- MA English Literature (Oct 21 entry only)
- MA English Literature with Professional Writing (Oct 21 entry only)
- MA English Literature and Professional Writing (Oct 21 entry only)
- PG Cert in Professional Writing (Oct 21 entry only)
- BSc Data Science 2021-22)
- MRes Food & Nutritional Science (2021-22)
- FY Sport at Carmel College (2021-22)
- BADH Applied Childhood & Youth (2021-22)
- BSc/MSci Clinical Nutrition. (2021-22)
- BA History at Holy Cross (2021-22)

Suspensions for 2022-23

- MA Strategic Leadership (Jan and October 2022-23)
- MBA Educational Leadership (Jan and October 2022-23)
- MA Leading for Educational Advantage (Jan and October 2022-23)
- MA/MEd Leading in Education (Jan and October 2022-23)

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Appendix 2: External Examiner Appointments

Subject	Name	Institution	Commence	Comments
Criminology BA/MA/BAC (Major)	*Dr Melanie Flynn	University of Huddersfield	September 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MA Creative Music Practice; BA Musical Theatre	*Dr McGuinness	University of West London	September 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
Sport & Exercise Science / Human Sciences for Sport / (Applied Sport Science)	Mr Hunter	London South Bank University	October 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MSc Ecology and Environmental Management	Dr Ray	Nottingham Trent University	September 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BA Business Management	Dr O'Brien	Falmouth University	September 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
BA Social Work	Ms Mano	Anglia Ruskin University	September 2021	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Subject	Name	Nature of Request
BA Social Policy Major MA Social Policy	*Dr Warren	Reallocation of duties