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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (REFLECTIVE): Wednesday 21st September 2022

PRESENT: Revd Canon Peter Winn (in the Chair), Mrs Jane Beever (Vice-Chair), Ms Ann Marie Costello, Dr Edwin Djabatey, Dr Penny Haughan, Fr Chris McCoy, Ms Erin Meharry, Dr Arthur Naylor, Mr John Norbury, Professor Gerald Pillay, Ms Paula Raper, Mrs Maggie Swinson, Professor Caroline Wakefield (13 Members)

By invitation: Mr Derrick Dykins (Clerk to Council)

1. The Chair **received apologies of absence** from Revd Canon Chris Fallon, Ms Jean Ellis, Ms Lesley Martin-Wright, Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, Mr Ultan Russell and HH Judge Graham Wood KC. He formally welcomed Ms Meharry to her first meeting as a member of Council.

2. Making Sense of Student Data

Dr Haughan presented an overview of student data, the University's commitments regarding regulatory bodies, and how we use the data internally. She stressed the breadth of detail that is required, particularly from the OfS and the changing nature of their directives. She covered data from internal and external surveys (e.g. course evaluations vs NSS and Graduate Outcomes) and student records. She noted that the APP and B3 are in the internal audit cycle and will be reported on to Audit Committee in due course.

Dr Naylor noted the role of the Audit Committee in monitoring this area very closely from a risk-based perspective and said that Audit Committee members are very supportive of the measures being taken and acknowledge the seriousness with which the University is approaching the area.

Dr Haughan requested support from any members who may have expertise in relevant areas in relation to the OfS's expectations, particularly with regard to progression and employability. Ms Swinson suggested that the pandemic was still having an impact on employability in certain sectors, such as schools. On civic engagement, Ms Raper advised that she had today had a meeting with partners from the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce with further conversations taking place to make the link with the city-wide region. This includes Council member Ms Martin-Wright at the Knowsley Chamber of Commerce.

Dr Haughan stressed that the vast majority of funding for the University comes from student fees and that this should be driving the work of the University and questioned the wisdom of the OfS in creating a costly bureaucracy which diverts funds that could be better used elsewhere for the benefit of students.

3. Mission & Values

Fr McCoy led the second half of the meeting with a discussion on the Role of University Council in setting and maintaining its mission and values. This appeared a timely junction to do so given national issues and the appointment of a new Vice Chancellor in 2023. He pointed to the role of Council in setting the mission and values, and how this stems from the University's Articles. Suggestions arising from the discussion included revisiting the Terms of Reference for the Mission & Values Group so that the work of the group feeds more directly to Council and is less operational. The Vice Chancellor noted that there was

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also a document, the Hope Way, which embodied the University's mission and was used for induction with staff. The Students' Union could also be further involved.

4. Any Other Business

- (i) Members had received the proposal to appoint Ms Deborah Shackleton to Council as a Council Nominee. It was also proposed that she become a member of the Finance & General Purposes (FGP) Committee.

Members **APPROVED** Ms Shackleton's appointment to Council and the FGP Committee.

- (ii) Mr Dykins noted that he would be contacting members shortly regarding training on anti-bribery, in line with the University's policy.

- 5. **Next Meeting:** Mr Dykins noted a clash for the AMG on 22nd November 2022 at 4 pm; this will now take place on 23rd November at 4.00 pm.