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## LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

### UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (REFLECTIVE): 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**PRESENT:** Revd Canon Peter Winn (in the Chair), Mrs Jane Beever (Vice-Chair), Mr Tim Alderman, Revd Canon Chris Fallon, Revd Geoff Felton, Dr Penny Haughan, Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, Fr Chris McCoy, Ms Neve Rosser, Professor Atulya Nagar, Prof C Ozanne, Ms Paula Raper, Ms Deborah Shackleton, Mrs Maggie Swinson, Mr Steven Townley, Professor Caroline Wakefield

**By invitation:** Mr Derrick Dykins (Clerk to Council)

#### 1. Chair's Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed new members to Council.

The Chair **received apologies of absence** from Ms Ann Marie Costello, Dr Edwin Djabatay, Ms Lesley Martin-Wright, Mr John Norbury and HH Judge Graham Wood KC.

#### 2. The Student Experience

Members of the student community joined for this item and helped Dr Haughan present an overview of the Induction she will be using at Open Days; the students also facilitated a discussion about the Hope Graduates Attributes. Contributions from students was extensive and gave Council members an excellent opportunity to question and understand the uniqueness of the Hope student experience. Dr Haughan also discussed data sources and how the OfS uses our data.

Responses from students were positive and reaffirmed the attributes, though it was acknowledged that it was difficult to quantify such attributes making this area a challenge in OfS data.

#### 3. The Strategic Plan

Members had received the draft of the Plan which was present by Prof Ozanne. She gave an overview of the five pillars and explained that work was currently underway to use these as the basis for the University's KPIs. Prof Ozanne asked Council to consider how they might support the Hope community to achieve the objectives of the strategy. The following suggestions were put forward:

- Contacts: Council members could use their networks (including within congregations) to raise the profile of the University and forge links with key figures within the region; alumni should be further exploited; and retiring governors should also be kept in touch with.
- Mentoring of staff by Council members who have a particular expertise
- Use of social media in both recruitment and profile raising
- Greater integration of international students
- Review the role of Council
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships could be established which provide mutual benefit to both the University and the proposed partner.

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- Consider whether links with more research partners could be forged.
- Partnerships in general should be developed further.
- Help the University to define its USPs, and support its strategic direction and ethos
- Encourage scholarships from partners
- Members to buy into and understand the strategy, but also to behave as a critical friend to challenge managers
- Revitalise the Regents to assist in all of the above

#### 4. Any Other Business

Request for support for the Jesuits in Nicaragua: Fr Fallon suggested that the University send a letter of solidarity to the Jesuits in Nicaragua over the seizure of their university UCA Managua (along with 26 other private educational institutions) by the government on 16th August and, on 23rd August, the revoking of the legal status of the order and confiscation of all their property. Prof Ozanne said that while she was supportive of individuals writing to endorse their solidarity, there could be implications for the University if it were seen to get involved in making such statements.

Members **AGREED** to receive further information about the situation with a view to individuals, if they wished, sending a personal letter of support.

#### 5. Dates for Future Meetings: can be found [here](#)

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	Ms Sue Beecroft Prof Steven Davismoon Prof Michael Lavalette  <u>Clerk</u> Mr Derrick Dykins  Date: 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2023