

**UNIVERSITY COURT**

A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.00 pm on Monday 29 March 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

Members unable to attend the Court meeting, and who have not already tendered their apologies, are asked to let the Policy & Planning Office (email: sacsadmin@stir.ac.uk) know by no later than Thursday 25 March 2021.

Eileen Schofield

University Secretary

**AGENDA**

A starring system is used for the business of the Court. Items which are starred (\*) will be discussed and all other items will be noted or approved without further discussion. Any proposals for additional starred items should be submitted to sacsadmin@stir.ac.uk no later than noon on Friday 26 March 2021.

**\*1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To note any declarations of interest from Court members, as appropriate

**2. MINUTES UC(20/21) Minutes 2**

To approve the minutes of the meeting of University Court held on 14 December 2020

**\*3. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

 To receive an update any matters arising from previous minutes

**\*4. KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT UC(20/21)37**

To receive an update on recent developments in the external environment

***PLANNING & BUDGETING***

**\*5. UPDATE ON FINANCIAL PLANNING AND INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES UC(20/21)38**

To consider and comment the Financial Planning and Institutional Priorities update and approve the additional loan of £6.7m from the SFC’s financial transactions fund

**\*6. CAPITAL AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE UC(20/21)39**

To consider the capital update

**\*7 STUDENT ACCOMODATION RENT PROPOSAL 2021/22 UC(20/21)40**

To approve the proposed rents and allocation policy for 2021/22

**\*8 TRAC RETURN 2019/20 UC(20/21)41**

To approve the TRAC return 2019/20

**\*9 PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTIES UC(20/21)42**

To approve the proposed Equality Outcomes for 2021-25 and to receive a

report on Mainstreaming the Equality Duty

***RESEARCH***

***10.* RESEARCH UPDATE Oral**

To receive a presentation on the University’s research activity

***GOVERNANCE***

**\*11. RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK SUBMISSION 2021 UC(20/21)43**

To receive the 2021 Research Excellence Framework Submission

**\*12 UNIVERSITY COURT EFFECTIVENESS QUESTIONNAIRE UC(20/21)44**

To receive an analysis of the responses from the annual Court Effectiveness

questionnaire

***POLICIES***

**\*13. RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SAFEGUARDING CODE OF PRACTICE UC(20/21)45**

To approve the Research and Innovation Safeguarding Code of Practice

**\*14. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY UC(20/21)46**

To approve the revised Sustainability Policy

**\*15 TIME OFF FOR DEPENDANTS POLICY UC(20/21)47**

To approve the revised Time Off for Dependants Policy

**\*16 COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURE UC(20/21)48**

 To approve the ‘Guide for Complainants’ and the proposed approach to the

 implementation of the new Complaints Handling Procedure

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**\*17. ACADEMIC COUNCIL UC(20/21)49**

To consider the report from the meeting of 10 March 2021

**\*18. JOINT POLICY, PLANNING & RESOURCES COMMITTEE UC(20/21)50**

To consider the report from the meeting of 1 March 2021

**\*19. AUDIT COMMITTEE UC(20/21)51**

To consider the report from the meeting of 8 February 2021

**\*20. GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE UC(20/21)52**

To consider the report from the meeting of 1 February 2021

***ACTIVITY UPDATES***

**\*21 STUDENTS’ UNION UPDATE UC(20/21)53**

To receive an update on activity from the Students’ Union

**\*22. STAFF AND EMPLOYMENT UPDATE UC(20/21)54**

To receive an update on staff and employment matters

***RISKS***

**\*23. RISKS ARISING Oral**

To consider risks associated with any items discussed in the context of the agreed risk appetite statement.

***OTHER ITEMS***

**24. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**25. NEXT MEETING**

To note the next full meeting of Court is scheduled for 14 June 2021.

**Policy & Planning**

**March 2021**