

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

UNIVERSITY COURT

Minutes of the Fifty-Eighth Annual meeting of Court
held on Friday 6 February 2015

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| Present: | The Rt Hon the Lord Grocott (Chancellor) | |
| | Emeritus Professor D Ashton | Mrs L Jones |
| | Mr J Bannister | Mr J Kapasi |
| | Mr K Beaumont | Professor J Ketley |
| | Emeritus Professor F Beck | Mr S Kelly-Walsh |
| | Dr R Bettles | Emeritus Professor A Khan |
| | Mr G Bodiwala | Mr C King |
| | Cllr Mr B Boulter | Professor T Lawson |
| | Mr J Bowie | Mr P Lawson |
| | Professor P Boyle | Dr DG Lewis |
| | Emeritus Professor W Brock | Mrs H Lewis |
| | The Hon Lady Ann Brooks | Cllr Mr P Lewis |
| | Baroness Byford | Professor S Lilley |
| | Mr M Churchill | Emeritus Professor J Lindesay |
| | Mr R Clowes | Mr A Mamujee |
| | Emeritus Professor D Critchley | Col R Martin |
| | Cllr Mr P Day | Mr D Moore |
| | Emeritus Professor L Dissado | Mr P Mulvihill |
| | Mr H Doyle | Emeritus Professor A Newman |
| | Mr D Flatt | Mr Y Nikolav |
| | Emeritus Professor W Forster | Mr A Norman |
| | Professor A Fry | Professor S Page |
| | Mr V George | Emeritus Professor M Palmer |
| | Mr B Ghelani | Professor J Pan |
| | Emeritus Professor JP Gostelow | Emeritus Professor R Panerai |
| | Cllr Mr A Greenwood | Mrs H Payne |
| | Dr R Hake | Mrs L Perham |
| | Professor S Hall | Emeritus Professor C Phythian-Adams |
| | Dr P Hammersley | Dr N Reed |
| | Mr R Hampson | Dr G Rimmington |
| | Ms V Hancock | Mr M Rubin |
| | Mrs M Harrison | Mr R Singh Sandhu |
| | Emeritus Professor P Hart | Mr S Sharma |
| | Dr H Hearnshaw | Cllr Mrs M Sood |
| | Dr J Higgins | Dr P Sykes |
| | Mr A Hill | Emeritus Professor RP Symonds |
| | Mr M Hindle | Mr D Tams |
| | Mr B Hindocha | Emeritus Professor D Taylor |
| | The Very Rev Dr D Hole | The Rt Worshipful Cllr J Thomas |
| | Mr H Howe | Ms C Thorogood |
| | Mr D James | Emeritus Professor H Thurston |
| | Mr I Johnson | Dr B Towle |
| | Emeritus Professor NB Jones | Emeritus Professor R Warwick |

Mrs S Watson
Mrs M Watts
Mr A Wessel
Mrs C Wessel
Air Commodore M Williamson-Noble

Mr J Wilson
Mr D Woodhead
Emeritus Professor Sir K Woods
Cllr Mr J Wyatt

In attendance: Mr C Moore (attending for Ms E Winch, Loughborough College), Mr D Hall, Registrar and Secretary; Mr M Riddleston, Director of Finance; Mr S O'Connor, Director of Development; Mr B Athwal, Director of the Career Development Service; Professor G Martin, Department of Health Sciences; Mr N Cox, Governance Office and Court Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from those members whose names are listed in the Annex attached to these minutes.

Before the formal proceedings commenced, Court:

- a. welcomed the University's new President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paul Boyle, to his first meeting of Court; and
- b. stood and observed a period of silence in memory of the following members of Court who had died since the last meeting:
 - i. *Emeritus Professor Dick Aldridge, former member of staff in the University's Department of Geology, who died in February 2014;*
 - ii. *Emeritus Professor Mike Blandamer, former member of staff in the University's Department of Chemistry, who died in February 2014*
 - iii. *Sir Timothy Brooks, former Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, who died in May 2014; and*
 - iv. *Lady Juliet Townsend, former Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, who died in November 2014*

15/M1 **MINUTES**

Court **received** the minutes of the fifty-seventh Annual Meeting, held on 7 February 2014.

15/M2 **MEMBERSHIP OF COURT**

Court noted the appointment of the following to membership of the Court under Ordinance 11, since the last meeting:

Class 1: Representatives of the University

- i) *Members of the Council*
Professor P Boyle
Mr L Trotman
- ii) *Members of the Senate*
Professor F Du Bois: Law
Professor R England: Geology
Professor L Foxhall: Archaeology and Ancient History
Professor R Heckel: Computer Science
Professor J Hughes: Sociology

Professor G Marshall: English
Professor J Pan: Engineering
Professor A Lawson: Education
Dr R Norman: Medical and Social Care Education

iii) Emeritus Professors

Professor C Binns: Physics and Astronomy
Professor Sir Robert Burgess: former Vice-Chancellor
Professor D Harper: Biology
Professor C Hollin: Psychology
Professor P King: Historical Studies
Professor A Saunders: Geology
Professor W Steward: Cancer Studies and Molecular Medicine
Professor R Warwick: Physics and Astronomy
Professor S Wood: Modern Languages

iv) Members of the Standing Committee of the Alumni Association

Mr A Anadkat
Mr D Flatt
Ms S Osborne
Mr L Stahl
Ms L Wight

iv) Sabbatical Officers of the Students' Union

President: Mr M Rubin
Education Officer: Mr Y Nikolov
Experience Officer: Mr J Appleyard
Engagement Officer: Mr S Kelly-Walsh

Class 5: Members of the European Parliament

Mr A Lewer MEP
Ms M Parker MEP

Class 6: Ex-Officio Members

High Sheriff of Leicestershire: Mr R Clowes
High Sheriff of Rutland: Air Commodore S Williamson-Noble
The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Leicester: Mr J Thomas
The Chair of Leicestershire County Council: Cllr Mr B Boulter
The Mayor of Charnwood Borough Council: Cllr Mr P Day
The Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council: Cllr Mr J Bannister
The Mayor of Melton Borough Council: Cllr Mr J Wyatt
The Mayor of Oadby and Wigston Borough Council: Cllr Mrs S Dickinson
The Chair of Blaby District Council: Cllr Mr D Clements
The Chair of Harborough District Council: Cllr Mr N Hall
The Director of Children and Young Peoples' Services for the County of Rutland: Dr T O'Neill
The Editor of the Leicester Mercury: Mr K Booth

Class 7a: Representatives of Colleges and Schools

Dixie Grammar School: Mr R Lynn
Leicester Adult Education College: Ms K Gray
Samworth Enterprise Academy: Mr A Evans
Guthlaxton College: Mrs S Cox

Class 7c: Other persons appointed by the Council

Mr P Bateman: former pro-chancellor and Council member at the University

Mrs S Bowie: former High Sheriff of Leicestershire

Mr B Hellyer: former High Sheriff of Rutland

Mr P Mulvihill: former Chair of the Alumni Association and Council member at the University

15/M3 APPOINTMENT OF COURT REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNCIL

Court:

- a. **noted** that members had approved, by correspondence, a recommendation from the University's Nominations Committee that Court member Dr Neville Reed be re-appointed as a member of Council, under Statute 4.1, for a period of 3 years effective from 1 August 2014;
- b. **approved** a recommendation from the Nominations Committee that Court member Dr Dominic Lockett be re-appointed as a member of Council, under Statute 4.1, for a period of 3 years effective from 1 March 2015.

15/M4 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REVIEW 2013-14

Court formally received the University's audited financial statements for the 2013-14 financial year, as approved by the University's governing body, and the annual review of the institution's activities and highlights over the last year.

Court noted that in the year to 31 July 2014 the University's income totalled £287 million, some 48% of which came from student fees. The operating surplus was £7.6 million, representing 2.6% of income. It was essential for the University to be able to deliver reliable, and larger, operating surpluses in order to allow continued investment in high quality services and facilities, to ensure its sustainability in the longer term. This was a particularly important objective in a period of ongoing significant decline in central government funding for higher education.

14/M5 ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

The President and Vice-Chancellor made his first presentation to the annual meeting of Court.

In the course of a wide ranging overview of the University's commitment to high quality teaching and research, excellent facilities and support services, and to an outstanding student experience, the President and Vice-Chancellor referred to the process that was underway to develop and drive forward a new vision and Strategic Plan for the University of Leicester.

In support of this process the University had launched the 'Strategic Conversation,' which would seek to engage with current staff and students at the University, together with supporters, local community partners and other relevant groups, institutions and organisations.

As part of this process, and in view of the large size of Court, the University planned to engage directly with a selected group of active Court members, to hear their views on the development of the new strategic plan, and to discuss matters relating to the

composition and role of Court, and the part it might continue to play in helping to achieve the shared goals for Leicester.

The timeline for the Strategic Conversation would culminate in a new strategic plan for the University being presented for approval by the governing body at its meeting on 8 July 2015.

CHAIR

Duration of meeting: one hour and 5 minutes

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MEETING OF COURT

6 February 2015

Apologies

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| Mr A Anadkat | Mr R Harman |
| Mr J Appleyard | Mrs W Hickling |
| Mr P Ash | Emeritus Professor J Holloway |
| Professor P Andrew | Dr L Howard |
| Sir Michael Atiyah | Mrs F Hussain |
| Emeritus Professor B Barker | Mr N Lashbrook |
| Emeritus Professor D G Barnsley | Dr G Lewis |
| Mr P Bateman | Emeritus Professor G J Lewis |
| Emeritus Professor Sir Peter Bell | Ms A Linsell |
| Mr P Bodkin | Professor N London |
| Mr J Bonner | Mr R Lynn |
| Mr K Booth | Professor S Macleod |
| Mrs S Bowie | Mr J Maddox |
| Emeritus Professor W J Brammar | Dr C Marsh |
| His Hon Judge D Brunning | Mrs M Mathieson |
| Professor Sir Bob Burgess | Mr S Meghani |
| Mr G Burks | Mr J P Middleton |
| Mr C Bush | Mr B Morris |
| Dr M Chamberlain | Mrs E Morton |
| Mr J Chandarana | Rt Hon Mrs N Morgan MP |
| CIlr Mr D Clements | Emeritus Professor V Newey |
| Mr J D Cloud | Mr C Orr |
| Professor J R D Coffey | Dr T O'Neill |
| Mr S Cole | Mrs S Overton-Edwards |
| Mrs S Cox | Dame J Paraskeva |
| Emeritus Professor R Davis | Mr C Parkinson |
| Emeritus Professor E A Davis | Dr R Parry |
| CIlr Mrs S Dickinson | Professor M Peel |
| Mr G Dickinson QC | Mr N Popat |
| Emeritus Professor E Derbyshire | Professor K Pounds |
| Rt Hon Sir Alan Duncan | Mr C Ramsey |
| Emeritus Professor D Evans | Mr A Rigby |
| Mr P Fisher | Emeritus Professor G Roberts |
| Mr J Flynn | Professor Sir Nilesh Samani |
| Mrs S Forsyth | Emeritus Professor A Saunders |
| Dr J Foster | Professor K Schürer |
| Emeritus Professor R Foulkes | Dr N Shah |
| Emeritus Professor R Fraser | CIlr Mr R Shepherd |
| Rt Hon Sir Edward Garnier QC MP | Mr J Smith |
| Dr R Graham-Brown | The Rt Rev Bishop Tim Stevens |
| Jennifer, Lady Gretton | Mr S Swanton |
| Mr N Hall | Professor M Thompson |
| Miss S Hamilton-Fox | Dr D Tidball |
| Dr T Hands | Mr M Turnbull |
| Mrs J Harley | Rt Hon Mr Keith Vaz MP |

Ms C Vere
Professor C Wallace
Emeritus Professor S Wheeler
Emeritus Professor R White
Mrs L Wight

Professor A Wilson
Rt Hon Mrs G Willmott MEP
Mrs E Winch
Professor D Wynford-Thomas