

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

URGENCY COMMITTEE OF SENATE

Minutes of a meeting held on
Thursday 7 May 2020

Present: Nishan Canagarajah (Chair)

P Baker

H O'Connor

E Burke

P Monks

I Gillespie

G Wynn

In attendance: G Green (Registrar and Secretary), L Masterman (Academic Registrar), R Lord (Assistant Secretary), A Benson (Strategic Planning Manager (Governance))

No apologies for absence were received.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

20/M06 WELCOME

Professor Canagarajah welcomed Louise Masterman, Academic Registrar to her first meeting of Senate.

Professor Canagarajah also welcomed Alison Benson, Strategic Planning Manager (Governance) to the meeting.

20/M07 STANDING BUSINESS

Declarations of Interest

No new declarations were made.

The new member of Senate (Louise Masterman, Academic Registrar) was asked to share any declarations with the Governance Office.

20/M08 BUSINESS TO CONSIDER

Conferral of degrees for final-year medical students

Senate **noted** the proposal to confer the degrees of final-year medical students earlier than in previous years to allow them to take up Interim Foundation Posts, to assist with managing the UK's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senate **noted** that a Force Majeure Regulation was not required procedurally for this particular group of students, as Senate Regulation 5 did not apply due to the scheme of assessment not having changed. It was also noted that a Force Majeure Regulation would be required for the remaining undergraduate cohort as per current Senate Regulations and would be considered by Senate in due course.

It was **confirmed** that a rigorous process had been followed for the final year examination of the medical students. Senate **noted** that it was comfortable to proceed following this assurance provided on the examination process.

Senate **congratulated** Richard Holland, the Medical School and Professional Services for their work to enable the early conferral of the degrees for final-year medical students.

Senate **approved** the conferral of the degrees for the final-year medical students as listed in the report.

20/M09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Senate **noted** the date of its final meeting in 2019/20 as follows:

Wednesday 24 June 2020 at 2pm

This meeting will include for consideration the proposed Force Majeure Regulation for Senate.

Duration of meeting: 8 minutes