UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

UNIVERSITY COURT

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

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 Hearndshaw  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
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 Luckett 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

Mr A Anadkat
Mr J Appleyard
Mr P Ash
Professor P Andrew
Sir Michael Atiyah
Emeritus Professor B Barker
Emeritus Professor D G Barnsley
Mr P Bateman
Emeritus Professor Sir Peter Bell
Mr P Bodkin
Mr J Bonner
Mr K Booth
Mrs S Bowie
Emeritus Professor W J Brammar
His Hon Judge D Brunning
Professor Sir Bob Burgess
Mr G Burks
Mr C Bush
Dr M Chamberlain
Mr J Chandarana
Cllr Mr D Clements
Mr J D Cloud
Professor J R D Coffey
Mr S Cole
Mrs S Cox
Emeritus Professor R Davis
Emeritus Professor E A Davis
Cllr Mrs S Dickinson
Mr G Dickinson QC
Emeritus Professor E Derbyshire
Rt Hon Sir Alan Duncan
Emeritus Professor D Evans
Mr P Fisher
Mr J Flynn
Mrs S Forsyth
Dr J Foster
Emeritus Professor R Foulkes
Emeritus Professor R Fraser
Rt Hon Sir Edward Garnier QC MP
Dr R Graham-Brown
Jennifer, Lady Gretton
Mr N Hall
Miss S Hamilton-Fox
Dr T Hands
Mrs J Harley

Mr R Harman
Mrs W Hickling
Emeritus Professor J Holloway
Dr L Howard
Mrs F Hussain
Mr N Lashbrook
Dr G Lewis
Emeritus Professor G J Lewis
Ms A Linsell
Professor N London
Mr R Lynn
Professor S Macleod
Mr J Maddox
Dr C Marsh
Mrs M Mathieson
Mr S Meghani
Mr J P Middleton
Mr B Morris
Mrs E Morton
Rt Hon Mrs N Morgan MP
Emeritus Professor V Newey
Mr C Orr
Dr T O’Neill
Mrs S Overton-Edwards
Dame J Paraskeva
Mr C Parkinson
Dr R Parry
Professor M Peel
Mr N Popat
Professor K Pounds
Mr C Ramsey
Mr A Rigby
Emeritus Professor G Roberts
Professor Sir Nilesh Samani
Emeritus Professor A Saunders
Professor K Schürer
Dr N Shah
Cllr Mr R Shepherd
Mr J Smith
The Rt Rev Bishop Tim Stevens
Mr S Swanton
Professor M Thompson
Dr D Tidball
Mr M Turnbull
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