

**LANCASTER UNIVERSITY**  
Furness College Syndicate

*A meeting of the Furness College Syndicate took place on **18th June 2018** at which the following persons were present:*

*Senior Members:*

Susan Armitage, Ransford Amponsah, Emma Carline, Abby Chamberlain, Jo Dickinson, Martin Ennis, Andrew Gibson, Kevin Huggett, Ffion Jones, Natalie Miller, Wlodek Tych (Chair), Taryn Whitford, Jonathan Weekes and Michelle Wood.

*Junior Members:*

Justin Hon, Kyle Settrey and Thomas Windrow.

*Apologies for absence were received from:*

Ruth Alcock, Ben Edwards, Olga Gomez-Cash, Jane Grenville, Fran Hoyland, Beth King, Jing Li, Natalie Miller, Shannon McCaul, Jane Silvester.

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Minutes

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The minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2018 were accepted as an accurate record.

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Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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Senate

The Chair highlighted the following points of interest:

- Senate Priorities for 2018/19. Members of Senate will be invited to comment and approve the institutional priorities in support of the University's strategic goals. These inform University planning, support and reinforce the University's KPIs. Within the five priorities, those of interest to the College were (a) achieve a top 20 score in NSS measures for teaching quality and Student experience, whilst still securing a top 10 overall NSS score. (b) monitoring applications to enrolments ratio of achieving an annual increase in total UG population of 5% per annum by 2018-19 (c) make progress towards our KPI of improving our year 1 to year 2 retention rate to 96%.
- Changes to the Student Disciplinary Framework and Regulations. Key changes relate to the way in which the University Deanery operates and does not include proposals for change to the College Deanery system. Proposals focus on ensuring students are treated equitably, fairly and consistently and that adequate institutional records on student conduct and discipline are in place to ensure best sector practice as set out by the Office of the independent Adjudicator. The University Deanery will be replaced with a University Board of Discipline with delegated authority from Senate to determine on cases of student misconduct. A Board of Appeals will be established and responsibility lies with the Chief Administrative Officer. A pool of investigating officers will replace the University Deanery for investigating allegations of serious misconduct.

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College Officer Appointment – Dean

The Principal asked Syndicate to endorse the recommendation to appoint Natalie Miller. The appointment commences from the 1<sup>st</sup> August when Dr Ruth Alcock's term of office ends. Approval was given and no objections raised.

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Fellow Nominations

The Principal informed Syndicate that College Council had recommended the following for their positive contributions to the College: Martin Herbert, Jane Silvester, Beverley Whitaker and Michelle Wood. The nominations were approved and no objections raised.

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Reports

**a. JCR**

The JCR reported by elections have taken place and all positions have been filled. The JCR are currently working on Extrav preparations for 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**b. Principal**

Nothing further to report that has not already been addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

**c. Dean**

The Assistant Deans reported that Ransford Amponsah and Jonathan Weekes will be stepping down at the end of August 2018. The two new Assistant Deans Connie Callon and Jiaxuan Rose Li have been appointed and will work alongside current Assistant Dean, Beth King.

**d. Senior Advisor**

The Senior Advisor gave a report on the Rep recruitment and training, which involves more of the SCR. Ten Vacation Travel Awards (VTA) have been granted for the 2017/18 academic year. The VTA are for those who wish to travel for some educational purpose, but not as part of their degree.

**e. Accommodation Manager**

The Accommodation Manager noted the University is intending to build 950 new bed spaces on campus. The accommodation maybe part of the plans for a new College or allocated to either Pendle or Fylde College.

**f. College Manager**

The College Manager informed that one Furness Scholarship Award had been received and awarded for the 2018/19 academic year.

If any members wish to be involved with any of the activities then please contact the College Manager.

**Graduation:** The Furness ceremony takes place on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 11.00am. College celebrations take place in Furness Quad from 12.30pm. This is a ticket only event.

**Open Days:** Furness College Open Days will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Furness Foyer and Quad Space.

**International Cultural Experience:** Runs from the 22<sup>nd</sup> July until 11<sup>th</sup> August. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Welcome to your College in the afternoon.

**Welcome Week:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations.** Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Syndicate will be confirmed prior to the start of the next academic year.