

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Furness College Syndicate

*A meeting of the Furness College Syndicate took place on **19th February 2018** at which the following persons were present:*

*Senior Members:*

Ransford Amponsah, Abby Chamberlain, Jo Dickinson, Martin Ennis, Andrew Gibson, Olga Gomez-Cash, Kevin Huggett, Fifion Jones, Beth King, Jing Lu, Natalie Miller, Jonathan Weekes, Taryn Whitford and Wlodek Tych (Chair).

*Junior Members:*

Connie Callon, Frances Hoyland, Izzy Medley, Kyle Settrey, Matt Suren and Thomas Windrow.

*Apologies for absence were received from:*

Susan Armitage, Jessica Gonzalez-Green, Jane Grenville, Will Hedley, Rebecca Killick and Shannon Mccaul.

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| FUA/2018/01 | <u>Welcome</u><br>The Chair welcomed the newly elected JCR Executive and newly appointed College Manager.  |
| FUA/2018/02 | <u>Minutes</u><br>Document: FUA/2017/11/13<br>The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2017 were accepted as an accurate record.   |
| FUA/2018/03 | <u>Matters Arising</u><br>FUA/2017/03: Teaching Space. The Chair gave an update on developments for campus academic and social space in light of increased student numbers including plans for a new college.<br>FUA/2017/03: UGMAG. No further report.  |
| FUA/2018/04 | <u>Senate</u><br>The Chair highlighted the following points of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appointments and renewals for the Pro-VCs and other appointments;</li><li>• Management School proposal for Department restructure;</li><li>• A proposal for the establishment of LU China Centre as a Research Centre;</li><li>• Amendments to Statutes and Ordinances to reflect the abolition of the Court;</li><li>• Review of the University Deanery, key recommendations and interim arrangements.</li></ul> |
| FUA/2018/05 | <u>Reports</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>JCR</b><br/>The JCR reported preparations are underway for the Extrav and Welcome Week.</li><li>b. <b>Principal</b><br/>Nothing further to report that has not already been addressed elsewhere on the agenda.</li></ol>  |

**c. Dean**

A reminder was sent to second and final year students via student portal news page regarding Assistant Dean patrols. In addition to ID badges, Assistant Deans will wear branded hoodies to ensure visible identification when on patrol.

**d. Senior Advisor**

Key points from the discussions included: recruitment of college welcome representatives; abolishment of university court in favour of an annual public meeting; innovation campus and new colleges; university finances; student retention and the UCU pensions strike.

**e. Accommodation Manager**

Reported residences are full and oversubscribed for the next academic year and advised LU Homes for accommodation in the private sector. Ensuites will be redecorated over the summer vacation and works on the older standard accommodation blocks may take place.

**f. College Manager**

Preparations for Graduation and Welcome Week are underway.

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The following announcements were made:

**College Principal Posts:** The University is advertising six College Principalships, including Furness. Deadline for applications and nominations by 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**University Mental Health Day Campaign:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, the College Wellbeing Officers, Chaplaincy Centre, LUSU, and College Welfare staff will be running events. University Mental Health Day is the national campaign to focus efforts on promoting the mental health of people who live, work and study in Higher Education settings. Sessions including lunch are free.

**Global Travel Week:** 19-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 events taking place in Alex Square to promote global experiences for summer programmes and travel awards. Students can share their global travel photos as part of a competition to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

**Vacation Travel Awards (VTA):** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 is the deadline for submission for Easter vacation travel awards.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Syndicate will be held at 1pm on 30th April 2018 in the TV Room, Furness College.