

**LANCASTER UNIVERSITY**  
Furness College Syndicate

*A meeting of the Furness College Syndicate took place on 30 January 2019 at which the following persons were present:*

*Senior Members:*

Jo Dickinson, Andrew Gibson, Olga Gomez-Cash (Chair), Rebecca Killick, Beth King and Natalie Miller.

*Junior Members:*

Joe Fundrey, Elissa Griffiths, Will Groarke, Georgina Henderson, Harriet Phipps, Jacob Radcliffe, Lauren Whitaker, Lauren Yarwood and Georgie Zowonu.

*Apologies for absence were received from:*

Susan Armitage, Abby Chamberlain, Martin Ennis, Nicola Hall, Jiaxuan Rose Li, Marjorie Lundgren, James Mawdesley, Chris Russell, Becky Sheppard, Taryn Whitford and Wlodek Tych.

The Chair welcomed the newly elected JCR Social and Events Officer and new Senior Members.

FUA/2019/01	<u>Minutes</u> Document: FUA/2018/11/01 The minutes of the meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018 were accepted as an accurate record.
FUA/2019/02	<u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising.
FUA/2019/03	<u>Senate</u> The Vice-Principal highlighted the following points of interest: <u>Entry Targets and Student Projections.</u> Student recruitment, particularly for UK students remains challenging with a reduction in home/EU intakes but a projected increase in overseas. The University is considering implications for future targets and planning processes, and will review and revise growth targets and consider the budgetary implications. <u>Student Discipline.</u> In relation to the Snowsports Club incident, the University is seeking to re-invigorate the 'We are Lancaster' brand to reinforce positive and inclusive values. <u>Health Innovation at Lancaster.</u> Dr Sherry Kothari is the new Director of the Lancaster Health Innovation Campus. <u>Gender Pay gap.</u> The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, as part of the key developments plans are being developed for a resubmissions towards an Institutional Athena Swan Bronze award for gender equality. In line with government guidelines on reporting gender pay gaps, the University has published its data. A Gender Pay Task Group has been established to understand the nature and causes of the distribution of gender pay in more detail in light of the results. <u>Code of Conduct on Protests.</u> A revised version which applies to all staff and students which should be read in conjunction with the Student Discipline regulations, relevant HR policies and Freedom of Speech. Points of information arising noted were; any protests must have a Principal Organiser who will be responsible for ensuring the event is in line with the expectations

of the Code, advance notice must be given and risk assessment submitted. Approval will then be determined by a designated University Officer.

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College Officer Appointment – Senior Advisor

The Vice-Principal announced Dr James Mawdesley had been appointed as Senior Advisor and had commenced the post at the start of the Lent term 2019.

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Reports

**a. JCR**

The JCR President reported advertising for Extrav Committee members was underway. The VP Welfare and Campaigns Officer had been working with the President, College Manager and Senior Advisor on the recruitment of Reps for 2019, it is hoped to start advertising the roles shortly.

The Sports Officers have been planning Patriots following a very successful pre-Patriots event in Week 2.

The JCR are finalising preparations for another 15-hour event building on the success of the previous event.

Elissa Griffiths was welcomed to the JCR, having been co-opted for the Social and Events Officer.

The International Officer is exploring an Alumni Event.

JCR Office Hours will take place every Friday during term-time in Room A09, from 12pm until 2pm.

**b. Principal**

There were no matters to report, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**c. Dean**

The Assistant Dean drew attention to a serious incident which involved a activating a fire alarm and failure to evacuate in a timely manner. The people involved have now been dealt with and asked to undertake a fire safety module. A number of incidents of reported smoking have been received possibly in light of the adverse weather.

The Dean reported on the recent appointment of a Student Conduct Officer, whose remit is to ensure cases are handled and resolved in accordance with the university's policies and procedures and have responsibility to allocate cases to a pool of investigating officers and work alongside College Deans. The Conduct Officer will be tasked with reviewing policies and procedures and embedding new processes to develop best practice and ensure students across all colleges are treated in a fair, timely and transparent manner.

**d. Senior Advisor**

There were no matters to report, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**e. Accommodation Manager**

The Accommodation Manager informed accommodation will be full over the summer as the College will be hosting the summer vacation residence and the Conference Office will be using additional space.

The project request for low-level privacy window screenings on the ground floor has been completed and well-received.

**f. College Manager**

Two new computers have been installed in the Off-Campus study room, A06.

The following activities and events.

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**Inter-College Competitions.** The sustainability and charity challenges are taking place this term.

**Jam-in-Furness.** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at 7pm. Free event.

**Canal Cruise.** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm. Tickets available via the [Online Store](#) (£15.00).

**Open Days:** Furness College will be open on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Syndicate will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Furness TV Room.