

## **Joint Meeting of the Councils**

**UNRESTRICTED** Minutes of the meeting held at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 25 January 2024 on Zoom

### **Present:**

Emlyn Dole (Chair)  
Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)  
Justin Albert  
Professor Kyle Erickson  
Geraint Evans  
Taya Gibbons  
Uzo Iwobi  
Rowland Jones  
Timothy Llewelyn  
Arwel Ellis Owen  
Professor Conny Matera Rogers  
Geraint Roberts

Nigel Roberts  
Emlyn Schiavone  
Dr Liz Siberry  
Dr Peter Spring  
Iwan Thomas  
Dr Kerry Tudor  
Dr Stuart Robb  
Deris Williams

### **In attendance:**

Natalie Beard, Student Union Representative  
Gavin Bessant, Director of Financial Services  
Dr Andrew Cornish, Principal, Coleg Sir Gâr  
Rebecca Doswell, Clerk  
Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Mirjam Plantinga, Pro Vice-Chancellor  
Jane O'Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources

Catrin Beard (Translator)  
Margaret Williams (Secretary)

Agenda item	Main discussion points	Action/decision
24.01 Welcome and Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from John Edge.	
24.02 Declarations of interest	The Councils RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO236).	
24.03 Chair's report	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Chair's oral report (JCO237).</p> <p>The Chair reported on his visit to the London campus and noted that he would be making a further visit to the Canary Wharf site soon.</p> <p>The Chair commended the successful graduation ceremonies at Cardiff and referred to the privilege of attending the recent care-sector podcast at the Dylan Thomas Centre.</p> <p>The Chair referred to the series of one-to-one meetings with members and thanked them for their co-operation in the process.</p>	
24.04 Vice-Chancellor's report	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Vice-Chancellor's oral report (JCO238).</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor thanked colleagues and members for their support and assistance. She reported that officers had started looking at the University's strategic planning for the future and informed members that the COO was leading a team, consisting representatives of professional and academic units, on the designing of new integrated ways of working across the University and the development of a new business planning model which would demonstrate the way the University was working together. A presentation on the new business planning model would be given to members at the away days in March.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor reported on the recent excellent Prevent outcome review and the excellent Ofsted report on the University's apprenticeship provision.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor reported that the University had appointed a PVC (Commercial and Business) and a new Director of Marketing.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor referred to the University's partnership with the National Library of Wales and reported that she would be meeting with the new Chief Executive Officer soon.</p>	

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	<p>The Vice-Chancellor reported that the University had been recognised with a first class award in the People and Planet league tables.</p> <p>The Deputy Vice-Chancellor informed the Councils that he would be leaving the University at the end of March. The Vice-Chancellor thanked him for his support and dedicated service to the University.</p>	
24.05 Student's Union report	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Students' Union report (JCO240).</p> <p>The Group President reported that she had met with the President of Coleg Sir Gâr to discuss what the SU could offer their higher education students and had prepared information on access to the services available.</p> <p>The Group President reported that all students had been invited to attend the Refresher week being held during the w/c 29 January.</p> <p>The Group President thanked the Provost for the London and Birmingham campuses and her team for their support during the induction of students. She reported that good feedback had been received from students.</p> <p>The Group President reported on progress made between the University and BUCS on the UNiversal Gyms project. The SU would be promoting this new project heavily to support engagement across all sites that currently did not have sporting facilities.</p>	
24.06 UW UWTSD Merger Plan biennial update	The Councils RECEIVED and NOTED the UW UWTSD Merger Plan biennial update (JCO240).	
24.07 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023	<p>The Councils CONFIRMED the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023 (JCO241).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Students' Union had provided alternative wording to minute 23.58 and that the minutes would be updated accordingly after the meeting.</p>	Secretary to amend the minutes
24.08 Confederal structure - update	The Councils RECEIVED an update on the Confederal Structure (JCO242).	
24.09 Health and Safety report	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the Health and Safety report (JCO243).</p> <p>Members noted the increase in health and safety incidents and agreed that the Clerk would ascertain whether this was due to the new system introduced for reporting incidents.</p>	Clerk to seek clarification

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24.10 Group Scrutiny business report	<p>The Councils RECEIVED an oral update on the meeting of the Group Scrutiny Committee (JCO244).</p> <p>The Chair of the committee informed the Councils that the meeting had received a very comprehensive report from the DFS on the functions and financial statements of the subsidiary companies which provided clarity and understanding of the companies' functions. Several recommendations were made for the dissolution of dormant companies.</p> <p>Members had also discussed the purpose and effectiveness of the committee and agreed that the Vice-Chancellor and Clerk would discuss on how to take these matters forward.</p>	
24.11 Remuneration business report 6 December 2023	<p>The Councils RECEIVED the report of the meeting of the Remuneration Committee held on 6 December 2023 (JCO245).</p> <p>Discussions regarding the scope of the committee would be undertaken at the next meeting.</p>	
24.12 Remuneration Committee annual report	The Councils RECEIVED the Remuneration Committee annual report (JCO246).	
24. Declarations of Interest	No additional conflicts of interest were declared during the meeting.	
24. Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 21 March 2023.	

Meeting closed 16.50 pm