

**JCO300 (a)  
COUNCIL**

**UNRESTRICTED** Minutes of the meeting held at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 26 September Teifi Suite, Carmarthen Campus

**UWTSD and UW Council Members:**

Emlyn Dole (Chair)  
Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)  
Justin Albert  
John Edge  
Timothy Llewelyn  
Nigel Roberts

**UW Council Members:**

Dr Stuart Robb  
Deris Williams

**UWTSD Council Members:**

Natalie Beard  
Dr Tracy Cruickshank  
Maria Dinu  
Professor Kyle Erickson  
Dr Deborah Hughes  
Rowland Jones  
Geraint Roberts  
Emlyn Schiavone

**In attendance:**

Gavin Bessant, Director of Financial Services  
Sarah Clark, University Secretary and Clerk to the Councils  
Dr Andrew Cornish, Principal, Coleg Sir Gar  
Shône Hughes, Chief of Staff  
Peter Mannion, Chief Operating Officer  
Jane O'Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Professor Mirjam Plantinga, PVC (Student Experience)  
Debra Williams PVC (Commercial and Business Relations)  
Catrin Beard (Translator)  
Margaret Williams (Secretary)  
Mark Rainey, Director of Finance UW (for item 24.30)

The meeting was preceded by a strategic planning session, focusing primarily on UWTSD.

Minute	Main discussion points
24.24 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Geraint Evans, Uzo Iwobi, Dr Liz Siberry, Iwan Thomas.
24.25 Declarations of interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (CJO267).  The Clerk reminded members to identify any agenda items on which their declared interests were likely to have a bearing.
24.26 Terms of reference and workplan 2024/25	Council CONSIDERED its terms of reference and workplan (JCO268).  The Clerk reported that the workplan was the draft mapping of the business proposed for Council meetings during the year. She explained the revised methodology that was currently being piloted for meetings and papers, whereby there would be a single meeting and agenda covering both Councils, with some changes to the structure of the agenda. Separate minutes for the two Councils would continue to be produced. In response to members' comments, the cover sheet had been amended to focus more clearly on the executive summary and to ensure that the papers referenced the Business Plan  The Clerk noted members' comments regarding colour coding and agreed to investigate possible issues with accessibility.
24.27 Chairs report	Council RECEIVED the Chair's report (JCO269).  The Chair thanked members for their participation in last year's appraisal meetings. The Governance team would be scheduling the next cycle of meetings shortly.
24.28 Vice-Chancellor's report	Council RECEIVED an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor, focusing on UWTSD matters (JCO270).
24.29 Financial and cash management report	This is a RESTRICTED ITEM and reported within the restricted minutes of the meeting.
24.30 UW legacy matters: Welsh Church Act	Council CONSIDERED a report on UW legacy matters relating to Welsh Church Act Residual Estate (JCO274)  Presenting the report, the UW Director of Finance referred members to the background on how the UW became responsible for the land which had been transferred to it by the Church of England under the Welsh Church Act 1914. A briefing and update had been provided for RPC in November 2022 and several decisions had been made about disposals. The current report made proposals for disposing of the remaining plots, noting the continuing liability of UW until all disposals had been completed.

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	<p>Council APPROVED the proposals and recommendations proposal. It AGREED that the Vice-Chancellor and the UW Director of Finance should act on behalf of the University in instructing land agents to proceed with valuation reports and recommendations for sale on the remaining plots as outlined in the report.</p> <p>Council further AGREED that an update should be provided at its March 2025 meeting.</p>
24.31 Minutes	Council APPROVED the unrestricted and restricted minutes of the meetings held on 11 July 2024 (CO277).
24.32 Scheme of Delegation	Council APPROVED the Scheme of Delegation 2024/25 (CO278).
24.33 Associated Bodies	Council APPROVED the list of UW Associated Bodies 2024/24 (JCO279).
24.34 Staff declarations of interest procedure	Council RECEIVED the confirmation of the completion of staff declaration of interest procedure (JCO281).
24.35 Declarations of Interest	In relation to the UW church land, Justin Albert noted that he had been CEO of the National Trust Wales at the time of previous disposals. Rowland Jones noted his potential interest as a landlord and buyer.
24.36 Date of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 28 November 2024 in Swansea.
	The Clerk informed members of the reinstatement the late afternoon briefing sessions for members. The programme for the year would be circulated shortly.