COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday 19 March 2026 at Quay Place, UWTSD Birmingham campus

UWTSD and UW Council Members:
Emlyn Dole (Chair)
Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)
Timothy Llewelyn
Nigel Roberts
Dr Liz Siberry

UW Council Members:
Dr Stuart Robb

UWTSD Council Members:
Richard Bills
Jonathan Chitty
Dr Tracy Cruickshank
Gwyneira Davies
Jonathan Pugh
Katrin Shaw

In attendance:
Sarah Clark, University Secretary and Clerk to the Councils
Sarah Evans, Chief Financial Officer
Peter Mannion, Chief Operating Officer
Dr Chris Marshall, Chief of Staff
Professor Conny Matera-Rogers, PVC (International)
Jane O'Rourke, Chief People Officer
Lynwen Davies (Translator)
Margaret Williams, Secretary

Minute	Main discussion points
26.11 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from members Professor Kyle Erickson, Geraint Evans, Rowland Jones, Jacqui Kedward, Chris Martin, Richard Norton, Emlyn Schiavone, Jennifer Taylor, Iwan Thomas and Deris Williams; and from officers Vanessa Cashmore, Sharron Lusher and Professor Mirjam Plantinga.

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26.12 Declarations of Interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO488). Dr Stuart Robb declared his interest in relation to item JCO492a as Director of UWRET.
26.13 Chair's report	Council RECEIVED the Chair's report (JCO489). The Chair: (a) paid tribute to Dr Elizabeth Siberry who was attending her final meeting of Council, noting her immense contribution as an independent member of the two Councils and as Chair of the Remuneration and Nominations and Governance Committees; (b) summarised a recent meeting of ChUW at Cardiff University which had included presentations from Medr and Welsh Government on the finances of the HE sector; the forthcoming Senedd elections; and student recruitment across the sector.
26.14 Vice-Chancellor's report	Council RECEIVED the Vice-Chancellor's report (JCO490). The Vice-Chancellor: (a) updated members on current work being undertaken on the current and future UWTSD Group structure, and the steps being taken to ensure that it was appropriately configured to maximise opportunities available to support learners entering the integrated tertiary sector in Wales; (b) reported on current discussions within the sector on financial sustainability, Medr's focus on further education governance, and the forthcoming Senedd elections; (c) reported that in her capacity as Chair of Universities Wales she had met with a number of politicians to discuss the challenges facing the HE sector and that she would continue to do engage with them to represent the interests of the University and the sector.
26.15 Financial update	Council RECEIVED the financial update (JCO492a). The CFO reported that the year-to-date performance was in a surplus position, which was a positive variance to the budget.
26.16 Audit and Risk Committee report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 5 March 2026 (JCO494). Council RECEIVED the Corporate Risk Register (JCO506).

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26.17 Resources and Performance Committee report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Resources and Performance Committee meeting held on 12 February 2026 (JCO495).
26.18 Minutes	Council APPROVED the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2026 (JCO497a).
26.19 Modern Slavery Statement	Council APROVED the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2024/25 (JCO498).
26.20 Chair's action	Council RECEIVED the report on Chair's Action (JCO501).
26.21 Declarations of Interest	The following declaration was noted: Dr Stuart Robb - item 26.25 (JCO492a) as Director of UWRET. No additional declarations of interest were reported during the course of the meeting.
26.22 Date of next meeting	In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked the staff and students of the Birmingham campus for the arrangements and welcome. The next meeting would be held on 02 July 2026 in Swansea.

Meeting terminated 3.00 p.m.