

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 2 July 2026 at the Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea

UWTSD and UW Council Members:

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

UW Council Members:

Dr Stuart Robb
Deris Williams

UWTSD Council Members:

Richard Bills
Jonathan Chitty
Dr Tracy Cruickshank
Gwyneira Davies
Professor Kyle Erickson
Jacqui Kedward
Rowland Jones
Chris Martin
Richard Norton
Jonathan Pugh
Harriet Ross
Katrin Shaw

In attendance:

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

Minute	Main discussion points
26.23 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from members Dr Elizabeth Siberry, Emlyn Schiavone, Iwan Thomas, and from officer Vanessa Cashmore.
26.24 Declarations of Interest	Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (JCO513).

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26.25 Appointment of Vice-Chair	Council NOTED that, following the call for nominations, Timothy Llewelyn had been elected unopposed to serve as the Vice-Chair of both the UW and UWTSD Councils from 1 August 2026 until 31 July 2030 (JCO514).
26.26 Chair's report	Council RECEIVED the Chair's report (JCO515). The Chair: (a) acknowledged the service of Dr Elizabeth Siberry to the UWTSD and UW Councils. He thanked her for her service to the Councils and for her exceptional and unique leadership of the Nominations and Governance Committee and the Remuneration Committee. She would continue maintain a connection with the University as the recently appointed Chair of the UW Press Advisory Committee; (b) thanked Deris Williams for her contributions to the Council, the UWTSD Senate and the use of the Welsh language across the University; (c) referred to the new CUC Code published in June 2026, which had been circulated to members. The Code would be considered by Council at its September meeting.
26.27 Vice-Chancellor's report	Council RECEIVED the Vice-Chancellor's report (JCO516). The Vice-Chancellor drew attention to: (a) a future meeting between University Chairs and Vice-Chancellors to consider strategic opportunities for collaboration across Wales; (b) continuing work on the University of Wales Technical Institutes, noting that all participants had recently reaffirmed their commitment to building relationships around an employer-focussed curriculum, supporting learners to achieve in their desired subject, and adding value through enterprise and innovation.
26.28 ARC Committee report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 May 2026(JCO518). Presenting the report, the Chair of ARC drew members' attention in particular to: (a) proposed revisions to the tracker document for audit actions;

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	(b) the preparation of a proposal by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) outlining a framework for the tendering exercise covering both Internal and External Audit services. Council RECEIVED: (a) The Corporate Risk Register (JCO537); and (b) The Whistleblowing Annual report (JCO538).
26.29 NGC Committee report	Council RECEIVED the reports of the Nominations and Governance Committee meetings held on 25 March 2026 and 1 June 2026 (JCO519). Presenting the report, the Vice-Chair recognised the service of Dr Elizabeth Siberry and her outstanding leadership and approach while chairing NGC. The Vice-Chair referred to the: (a) proposed revisions to the committee structure, revised terms of reference and membership in response to the Governance Effectiveness Review; (b) skills assessment and the Council Development and Retention Plan; Council RECEIVED: (a) the Governance Effectiveness Review Action plan update (JCO539); (b) the updated Council Development and Retention Plan (JCO542). Council APPROVED: (a) the terms of reference for Standing Committees of Council 2026/27 (JCO540); (b) the continuation of the protocol on the use of translation and online/hybrid meetings (JCO541);

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	(c) changes to Ordinances (JCO543). Council APPROVED, by Special Resolution, the re-appointment of Nigel Roberts as an independent member until such a time as he ceased to be Chair of ARC.
26.30 RPC Committee report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Resources and Performance Committee meeting held on 27 April 2026 (JCO522a).
26.31 Financial update	Council RECEIVED the Financial update (JCO522b). The CFO reported that the University was performing ahead of budget overall. A surplus in core activities was driven by staff vacancy savings and cost phasing. Income was below expectation and was mitigated by staff vacancy savings. The Chief Operating Officer (COO) responded to members' enquiries regarding the UW Press deficit, noting the operational context, its position as a national asset and the financial contribution from UWTSD. The position remained under review. Council ENDORSED the intention to present the budget direct to Council at its September meeting.
26.32 Academic Board	Council RECEIVED the reports of the Academic Board meetings held on 24 March 2026 and 10 June 2026 (JCO523).
25.33 Minutes	Council APPROVED the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2026 (JCO526a).
26.34 Gwasg Gregynog update	Council RECEIVED the Gwasg Gregynog update (JCO529).
26.35 Chair's Action	Council RECEIVED the report on Chair's Action (JCO530).
26.36 University Seal	Council RECEIVED the report on the use of the Seal (JCO531b).
26.37 Declarations of Interest	No additional declarations of interest were reported during the course of the meeting.

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26.38 Date of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 15 September 2026 at Carmarthen.