



Queen Margaret University
EDINBURGH

The next meeting of the Court will be held on **Wednesday, 24 June 2015 at 4.00 p.m.** in the Large Boardroom, Level 2, Queen Margaret University. Members attending are reminded to bring their security pass with them. Please contact Kirsty Taylor 0131 474 0000 if you are unable to attend.

All agenda items and papers may be disclosed under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 unless specifically exempted by the legislation. Where items cannot be disclosed, the relevant section of the Act is indicated.

*The agenda is divided into starred and non-starred items. Starred items are for discussion and, where appropriate, decision. Non-starred items are for noting only and will not normally be discussed. Any member wishing to discuss a paper listed for noting should contact the Secretary no later than two days before the meeting stating the reason for the request.

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17 June 2015

Court Members:

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Jim Bradshaw
Professor Graham Caie CBE
Ian Calder
Craig Cathcart
Professor Bob Cormack
Dr Anthony Falconer
Professor Alan Gilloran
Dr Anna Gregor CBE
Dr Lindesay Irvine
Mark Laing

Brian Leggat
Jackie Macdonald
Miller McLean
Linda McPherson
Margaret O'Connor
Robert Rae
Adam Roe
Judith Sischy OBE
Professor Petra Wend (Principal)
Heidi Vistisen
Sheila Williams

Car Parking

Spaces will be reserved for Court Members' cars in the parking area at the main entrance.

Disposal of Court Papers

The University will dispose of confidential Court papers which are surplus to requirements. These may be handed to the Principal's PA at any meeting or left at the table after the meeting.

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A G E N D A

1 *Conflicts of Interest

To NOTE any conflicts of interest and determine any required action.

2 *Determination of Other Competent Business

(a) To RECEIVE notification of Other Competent Business.

(b) To DISCUSS any business arising from Items for Information.

3 *Chairman's Report

4 *Principal's Report

To RECEIVE a report from the Principal

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5 *Minutes

(a) To APPROVE the minutes of the Court meeting held on 1 April 2015.

COURT (15)
MINS 02

(b) Matters arising.

Reports from Committees

6 *Senate

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 25 March 2015.

SENATE (15)
MINS 02

(b) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 20 May 2015

SENATE (15)
MINS 03

(c) Matters arising.

7 Audit Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 29 May 2015.

AUDIT (15)
MINS 02 to follow

(b) Matters arising

8 *Finance and Estates Committee

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Finance and Estates Committee meeting held on 12 May 2015. FEC (15)
MINS 02
- (b) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Finance and Estates Committee meeting held on 8 June 2015. FEC (15)
MINS 03
- (c) Matters arising.

9 *Health and Safety Committee

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Health and Safety Committee meeting held on 18 June 2015. HSC (15)
MINS 02 to follow
- (b) Matters arising. COURT (15) 20

10 *Equality and Diversity Committee

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Committee meeting held on 12 May 2015. EDC (15)
MINS 02
- (b) Matters arising.

Ordinary Business

11 *Third Quarter Review – to April 2015

- (a) To RECEIVE Management accounts for nine months to 30 April 2015. COURT (15) 21
- (b) To RECEIVE an update report on KPIs. COURT (15) 22

12 *Financial forecasts and budget for 2015/16

To CONSIDER and APPROVE financial forecasts and the proposed budget for 2015/16 COURT (15) 23

13 *Appointment of External Auditors

To CONSIDER and APPROVE a recommendation from the Audit Committee. COURT (15) 24

14 *Governance

- (a) To CONSIDER and APPROVE amendments to the Queen Margaret University Court Standing Orders. COURT (15) 25
- (b) To CONSIDER and APPROVE a proposed revised University Order of Council. COURT (15) 26

- (c) To RECEIVE a paper setting out the main provisions of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill published 17 June 2015. COURT (15) 27 to follow
- (c) To RECEIVE a report on progress with the externally-facilitated review of the Court's effectiveness. COURT (15) 28
- 15 *QM150 - Strategic Plan 2015-25** COURT (15) 29
- To CONSIDER a Draft Strategic Plan, and NOTE proposed process for approval and publication.
- 16 *Mainstreaming Report and Equality Outcomes** COURT (15) 30
- To HOMOLOGATE Chair's Action to approve the Mainstreaming Report and Equality Actions published on 30 April 2015.
- 17 *Strategic Theme – Internationalisation**
- To RECEIVE a presentation from Dr Richard Butt, Dean, School of Arts, Social Sciences and Management (ASSaM), Convener of the International Strategy Board.
- 18 Dates of future meetings**
- The Court will meet on the following dates in 2015-16
- 7 October 2015
2 December 2015
4-5 February 2016 (Court Away Days)
6 April 2016
22 June 2016
- Meetings commence at 4.00pm.
- 19 Items for Information (tabled)**
- Press Cuttings and Press Releases.