



Queen Margaret University
EDINBURGH

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The next meeting of the Court will be held on **Thursday, 4 February 2016 at 10.45 a.m.** in the Large Boardroom, Level 2, Queen Margaret University. Members attending are reminded to bring their security pass with them. Please contact Gerry O'Hare on 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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28 January 2016

Court Members:

Keir Bloomer (Chair)
Jim Bradshaw
Professor Graham Caie CBE
Ian Calder
Craig Cathcart
Professor Bob Cormack
Cynthia Guthrie
Dr Anthony Falconer
Professor Alan Gilloran
Dr Anna Gregor CBE
Dr Lindesay Irvine

Mark Laing
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.

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 *Principal's Report

COURT (16) 01

To RECEIVE a report from the Principal.

4 *Minutes

(a) To APPROVE the minutes of the Court meeting held on 2 December 2015.

COURT (15)
MINS 05

(b) Matters arising.

Ordinary Business

5 Financial Update

To RECEIVE a paper from the Director of Operations and Finance.

COURT (16) 02

6 *Scottish Funding Council - Outcome Agreement

To CONSIDER the DRAFT Outcome Agreement 2016-2017.

COURT (16) 03

7 Higher Education (Scotland) Governance Bill

COURT (16) 04

To RECEIVE a report on progress of the Higher Education (Scotland) Bill.

Reports from Committees

8 *Senate

SEN (15)
MINS 05

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 9 December 2015.

(b) Matters arising.

9 *Audit Committee

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 20 January 2016. AUDIT (16) MINS 01
- (b) Matters arising.

10 *Finance and Estates Committee

FEC (16)
MINS 01

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Finance and Estates Committee held on 19 January 2016.
- (b) Matters arising.

11 *Nominations Committee

NOM (16)
MINS 01

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Nominations Committee meeting held on 21 January 2016.
- (b) Matters arising.

12 *Health and Safety Committee

HSC (15)
MINS 04

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Health & Safety Committee meeting held on 17 December 2015.
- (b) Matters arising.

13 *Equality and Diversity Committee

EDC (16)
MINS 01
(To follow)

- a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Committee meeting held on 19 January 2016.
- (b) Matters arising.

14 Dates of future meetings

Court will meet on the following dates in 2016:

6 April 2016
22 June 2016

Meetings commence at 4.00pm.

Items for Information

Press Cuttings and Press Releases (tabled).