

UNIVERSITY OF WALES

UNRESTRICTED Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 6.25 p.m. on Thursday 24 November 2022 via Zoom

Present:

Venerable Randolph Thomas (Chair)
Justin Albert
Siwan Davies
Professor Medwin Hughes

Arwel Ellis Owen
Dr Stuart Robb
Nigel Roberts
Maria Stedman

In attendance:

Sarah Clark, Clerk to Council
Steve Baldwin Director of Resources and Business Planning
Gavin Bessant, Director of Financial Services
Professor Dylan Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Jane O'Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources
Rebecca Doswell (Head of Policy and Planning)
Catrin Beard (Translator)
Margaret Williams (Secretary)

Minute Number	Main discussion points	Action/decision
22.46 Apologies for absence	UW Council RECEIVED apologies from Deris Williams.	
22.47 Declarations of interest	UW Council RECEIVED the Declarations of Interest as noted in the Clerk's report (UWC236).	

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22.48 UW Church land proposals	<p>UW Council CONSIDERED recommendations for the disposal of the residual estate held by UW under the Welsh Church Act and distribution of the remaining sales proceeds, which had been considered in detail by RPC (UWC238).</p> <p>UW Council APPROVED RPC's recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the residual estate lands be sold (possibly by auction) and/or transferred to charitable entities, with actions reported to future meetings. • That a distribution of the accrued sales proceeds be made to the beneficiaries to the value of 60% of the current accrued proceeds and that they be advised of the course of action for the residual estate disposal. • That a further final distribution was only made when the remaining residual estate was either sold or transferred. • That an amount, to be determined when the final distribution was made, be held in perpetuity to cover the costs of any ongoing admin/legal costs which may occur from time to time. 	
22.49 Financial and cashflow report	<p>UW Council RECEIVED an update on UW finance and cashflow.</p> <p>The DFS REPORTED that UW was operating to plan and on track to remain within budget and showing an underlying surplus in line with the original budget. The performance of the UW Press remained ahead of budget and was on track to deliver a small surplus for the year.</p>	
22.50 Audit and Risk Committee annual report	<p>UW Council RECEIVED the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 November 2022 (UWC239).</p>	
22.51 Annual report and financial statements	<p>UW Council APPROVED for signing the annual report and audited financial statements, the draft of which had been considered in detail by ARC (UWC240).</p> <p>Members noted that the final opinion of the External Auditors was awaited but that they had confirmed that they were content with the financial statements and had issued their year-end report.</p> <p>UW Council also APPROVED the issue of a letter of support for Awen, as had been the practice in previous years.</p>	
22.51	<p>UW Council RECEIVED the External Auditors' year-end report (UWC241).</p>	

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External Auditors' year-end report		
22.52 ARC annual report	Council RECEIVED the annual report of the Audit and Risk Committee (UWC242).	
22.53 Minutes of the last meeting	UW Council CONFIRMED the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022 (UWC243).	
22.54 Prevent Duty Accountability Return	UW Council APPROVED the Prevent Duty Accountability Return for submission to HEFCW (UWC244).	
22.55 NGC report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Nominations and Governance Committee meeting held on 7 November 2022 (UWC245).	
22.56 Scheme of Delegation	UW Council APPROVED amendments to the Scheme of Delegation, as recommended by NGC (UWC246).	
22.57 Ordinances	Council APPROVED amendments to the Ordinances, as recommended by NGC (UWC247).	
22.58 ARC report	Council RECEIVED the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 October 2022 (UWC248).	
22.59 Academic Board reports	Council RECEIVED the report of the Academic Board meetings held on 14 September and 10 November 2022 (UWC249).	
22.60 Declarations of Interest	No additional declarations of interest were reported during the course of the meeting. Dr Stuart Robb noted that he was a trustee of UWRET (item 22.51 – Financial statements)	
22.61 Date of the next meeting	Thursday 26 January 2023 at Birmingham.	

Meeting terminated 18.35