

COUNCIL
Thursday 27 August 2020

DRAFT UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Present:

Lord Clement-Jones (Chair)	Ade Adefulu	Shamima Akter
Professor Alison Blunt	Professor Colin Bailey	Monica Chadha
Sarah Cowls	Celia Gough	Professor Colin Grant
Stella Hall	Dr Darryn Mitussis	Bushra Nasir
Professor Mangala Patel	Dr Alix Pryde	Luke Savage
Melissa Tatton	Peter Thompson	Professor Wen Wang
David Willis		

In attendance:

Dr Nadine Lewycky	Jonathan Morgan	Louise Parr-Morley
Mat Robathan		

Apologies:

Isabelle Jenkins	Dr Philippa Lloyd
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Welcome and apologies

2019.119 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies. The decision had been taken to hold the meeting via video conference to provide effective governance during the social-distancing measures introduced by government to combat the Covid-19 outbreak.

Minutes of the meetings held on 09 and 17 July 2020 (QM2019/89)

2019.120 Council **confirmed** the minutes of the meetings held on 09 and 17 July 2020 subject to the following amendment:

[a] Minute 103[b] to read QMSU VP Welfare.

Action: [a] Assistant Registrar (Governance)

Matters arising (QM2019/90)

2019.121 Council **noted** the matters arising from the meetings held on 09 and 17 July 2020. The following points were noted in the discussion:

[a] The matters arising had been updated on the use of research labs following the return to campus.

[b] *Minute 2019.121[b] is confidential.*

[c] An item on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion had been added to the agenda for the next Council meeting. An early draft of the People, Culture and Inclusion enabling plan had been included in the additional reading.

President and Principal's report (QM2019/91)

2019.122 *Minute 2019.122 is confidential.*

August financial gateway (QM2019/92)

2019.123 *Minute 2019.123 is confidential.*

Finance and Investment Committee minutes (QM2019/93)

2019.124 Council **noted** the Finance and Investment Committee report.

[a] The Chair said that the Committee had been reassured that the modelling was robust.

Audit and Risk Committee report (QM2019/94)

2019.125 Council **noted** the Audit and Risk Committee report.

Remuneration Committee report (QM2019/95)

2019.126 Council **received** the Remuneration Committee report. The following points were noted in the discussion:

[a] The Vice-Chair of Council and Chair of Remuneration Committee said that the paper on the professorial appointment brought to the Committee had been insufficient. The Committee would meet with the Senior Executive to get assurance about the quality of papers. Audit and Risk Committee would discuss its role in overseeing reputational risk at its next meeting.

[b] There had not been any concerns previously about the consideration of risk and opportunity by the Senior Executive. Although the Committee was responsible for the governance process and risk in relation to the appointment, ultimate responsibility for risk lay with Council and lessons learned would be brought back to a future meeting.

[c] Council asked about the process of embedding of Queen Mary values in the professorial review. There had been some reluctance to engage with the new criteria when first introduced, but work was ongoing to embed this further.

Draft agenda for the next meeting (QM2019/96)

2019.127 Council **noted** the agenda for the next meeting on Thursday 08 October 2020.

Dates of Meetings 2020–21

- Thursday 08 October 2020 at 1600 hours in the Colette Bowe Room, Mile End.
- Thursday 19 November 2020 at 1600 hours in the Colette Bowe Room, Mile End.
- Thursday 25 March 2021 at 1600 hours in the Colette Bowe Room, Mile End.
- Thursday 20 May / Friday 21 May 2021 – residential conference including Council meeting.
- Thursday 08 July 2021 at 1600 hours in the Colette Bowe Room, Mile End.