

## UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE

### UNIVERSITY COURT

A meeting of the University Court was held at 10am on 18 March 2025 in the Ustinov Room, Bonar Hall and *via* Microsoft Teams.

Present: Tricia Bey (Acting Chair);  
Alan Bainbridge (online);  
Manaswi Budhathoki;  
Carolina Castro;  
Greg Colgan;  
Regius Professor Sir Mike Ferguson;  
Marcus Flucker;  
Dr Ian Mair (online);  
Claire Martin;  
Professor Linda Martindale;  
Ron Mobed (online);  
Dr Anna Notaro  
Professor Shane O’Neill (Interim Vice-Chancellor);  
Amina Shah (online);  
Karthik Subramanya (online);  
Jay Surti (online);  
Sharon Sweeney; and  
Professor Garry Taylor (online)

In Attendance: Damien Ashford (PWC)(online);  
Karen Best (PWC)(online);  
Elise Gallagher (Director of People);  
Jason Higgs (PWC)(online);  
Roddy Isles (Head of Corporate Communication);  
Dr Neale Laker (Acting University Secretary);  
Richard Maconachie (Scottish Funding Council, *qua* observer);  
Oscar Mullins (PWC)(online);  
Sheena Owen (PWC)(online);  
Dr Alison Ramsay (Senior Policy Officer (Corporate Governance));  
Helen Simpson (Interim Director of Finance); and  
Louise Soutar (Head of Principal’s Office & Vice-Chancellor’s Chief of Staff)

Apologies: Glenn Allison, Andrew Lothian and Carla Rossini

#### 75. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION FROM THE ACTING CHAIR OF COURT**

The Acting Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. In particular, Ms Bey welcomed Richard Maconachie, the Director of Finance and Funding at the Scottish Funding Council (SFC). Those present were reminded that the matters under discussion were to be held in the strictest confidence and urged caution in the sharing of information with others.

Ms Sweeney asked the Court to note formally that she was in attendance with the express

consent of the Dundee UCU branch.

76. **MINUTES**

**The Court decided:** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 25 February 2025, subject to amendments identified by the Interim Director of Finance.

77. **MATTERS ARISING**

Action Log

The Court received and considered the action log of Court business.

**The Court decided:** to note the update.

78. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Chair invited members to declare if they had, or could be perceived to have, any conflicts of interest in relation to any items on the agenda, beyond those already declared. No new conflicts were declared.

79. **RESERVED BUSINESS: PROJECT JUTE**

*The University claims exemption under Section 30 (b) and Section 33 (1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Members are therefore required to treat the discussion and associated papers as strictly confidential and exempt from public disclosure. The status of this item will be reviewed at regular intervals and will be released when the exemptions are deemed to no longer apply, and following the approval of the Chair of Court.*

80. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was declared.

81. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be intimated in due course.

Tricia Bey  
Acting Chair of Court  
University of Dundee