University of Dundee

University Court
Agenda

10 November 2026

A meeting of the University Court will be held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 10 November 2026 in the Ustinov Room, Bonar Hall.

Notes: (i) Preliminary matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part A** of the Agenda. Core business matters on which discussion is expected are included in **Part B.** Matters for information where no discussion is required are included in **Part C.**

SECTION A *– PRELIMINARY MATTERS*

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES
Minutes from the meeting of Court on 8 September 2026 are enclosed for approval — **A**

3. MATTERS ARISING
(1) Action Log — **B1**
(2) Legal advice requested by three members — **VERBAL**
(3) Letter of concern from three members — **B2**

4. CHAIR'S UPDATE TO COURT — **C**
Enclosed for noting

5. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE TO COURT — **D**
Enclosed for consideration.

SECTION B – *CORE BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION*

6. *RESERVED BUSINESS:* DISPUTE RESOLUTION UPDATE — **E (to follow)**

7. PRINCIPAL'S OBJECTIVES — **F**
Enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval

8. *RESERVED BUSINESS:* CFO UPDATE TO COURT — **G**
Enclosed for noting.

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9. *RESERVED BUSINESS:* CPO UPDATE TO COURT — **H**
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10.*RESERVED BUSINESS* STUDENT RECRUITMENT UPDATE **I**

Report enclosed for discussion

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11. *RESERVED BUSINESS* CHINA PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE **J**

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12.*RESERVED BUSINESSS:* BELMONT TOWER ACQUISITION **K**

Report enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval.

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13. ADVANCE HE COMMITTEE SYSTEM REVIEW ACTION PLAN **L**

Report enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval

14. STRATEGY TO RECOVERY INTERIM UPDATE **M**

Report enclosed for consideration.

15. *RESERVED BUSINESS:* RISK MANAGEMENT

Reports enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval

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(1) Risk Management Biannual Report **N1**
(2) Risk Management Policy and Framework **N2**
(3) Risk Appetite Statement **N3**

16. RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT CONCORDAT ANNUAL REPORT **O**

Report enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval

17. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DUSA **P**

Report enclosed for noting.

18.COURT RECRUITMENT **Q**

Report enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval.

19. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

i. Audit & Risk Committee

Minute from the meeting held on 16 July enclosed for information	**R1**
Report from the meeting held on 20 October enclosed for information	**R2**

ii. Finance & Policy Committee

Minute from 19 May for noting	**S1**
Minute from 11 August enclosed for noting	**S2**
Minute from 20 August for noting	**S3**
Report from the meeting held on 13 October enclosed for noting	**S4**

iii. Governance & Nominations Committee

Minute from 21 May enclosed for noting	**T1**
Minute from 2 September enclosed for noting	**T2**
Report from the meeting held on 15 October enclosed for noting	**T3**

iv. People & Organisational Development Committee

Minute from the 14 May enclosed for noting	**U1**
Minute from the 10 July enclosed for noting	**U2**
Report from the meeting held on 29 October enclosed for information	**U3**

v. Welfare & Ethical Use of Animals Committee

Minute from the meeting held on 2 July 2026 enclosed for information	**V**

***SECTION C** – FOR INFORMATION*

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20. REPORT FROM THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS

(1) Report from the meeting of Senate on 7 October 2026 enclosed for information **W1**
Report enclosed for information.

(2) Amendment to Ordinance 39
Report enclosed for consideration and, if so minded, approval **W2**

21. RESEARCH ASSURANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT **X**
Report enclosed for information

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Any other business **may only be raised with the consent of the Chair***

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 23 February 2027
[Secretary's note: an additional, single-item Court meeting is likely to be required during January 2027]

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COURT ATTENDANCE 2026/27

NAME	08/09/26	10/11/26	23/02/27	20/04/27	08/06/27
E Roberton (Chair)	**X**				
I Mair	**X**				
A Scott	--				
N Seaton	**X**	--	--	--	--
N Buckworth	**X**				
M Chapman	**X**				
T Christison	**X**				
G Colgan	**Apologies**				
I Gerber	**X**				
A Ingram	**X**				
S Kinnear	**X**				
N Lawlor	**X**				
C Martin	**Apologies**				
A Mohan	**Apologies**	--	--	--	--
C Morelli	**X**				
A Shah	**X**				
H Sveinsdottir	**X**				
A Swift	**Apologies**				
M Van Ittersum	**X**				
M Williamson	**X (online)**				
I Wilson	**X**				