



Queen Margaret University
EDINBURGH

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The next meeting of the Court will be held on **Wednesday, 8 February 2017 at 11.10 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.

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*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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1 February 2017

Court Members:

Dr Frances Dow CBE (Chair)
Dr David Banks
Jim Bradshaw
Carolyn Bell
Dr Richard Butt
Professor Graham Caie CBE
Ian Calder
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Cynthia Guthrie
Dr Anthony Falconer OBE
Frank Lennon OBE

Ken McGarrity
Jackie Macdonald
Miller McLean
Linda McPherson
Margaret O'Connor
Robert Rae
Megan Richardson
Dr Eurig Scandrett
Heidi Vistisen
Professor Petra Wend (Principal)
Dr Laura Young MBE

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 *Chair's Report

To RECEIVE a report from the Chair.

4 *Principal's Report

COURT (17) 01

To RECEIVE a report from the Principal.

5 *Minutes

(a) To APPROVE the minutes of the Court meeting held on 7 December 2016.

COURT (16) MINS
05

(b) Matters arising.

Ordinary Business

6 *Financial Update

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

COURT (17) 02

7 *Banking Arrangements

COURT (17) 03

To CONSIDER and APPROVE a proposed amendment to the University's banking arrangements.

8 *Masterplan Development Strategy

COURT (17) 04

To RECEIVE an update from the Director of Operations and Finance.

9 *Scottish Funding Council - Outcome Agreement 2017-20

COURT (17) 05

To RECEIVE a further iteration of the QMU Outcome Agreement 2017-2020

10 *Governance

- 10.1 *Higher Education (Scotland) Governance Act 2016** COURT (17) 06
- To NOTE a letter from the Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science on the commencement of the 2016 Act, and to CONSIDER action required to progress Queen Margaret University's compliance with the requirements of the Act.
- 10.2 *Court Effectiveness Review** COURT (17) 07
- To RECEIVE an update on progress with the Action Plan.
- 10.3 *Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill** COURT (17) 08
- To CONSIDER the Scottish Government's Consultation on the Draft Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill.
- Reports from Committees**
- 11 *Senate**
- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 14 December 2016. SEN (16) MINS 05
- (b) Matters arising.
- 12 *Audit and Risk Committee**
- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 25 January 2017. AUDIT (17) MINS 01
- (b) Matters arising.
- 13 *Nominations Committee**
- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Nominations Committee meeting held on 30 January 2017. NOM (17) MINS 01
- (b) Matters arising.
- 14 *Health and Safety Committee**
- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Health & Safety Committee meeting held on 15 December 2016. HSC (16) MINS 04
- (b) Matters arising.
- 15 *Equality and Diversity Committee**
- a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Committee meeting held on 26 January 2017. EDC (17) MINS 01
- (b) Matters arising.

16 Dates of future meetings

Court will meet on the following dates in 2017 and 2018:

Confirmed

5 April 2017 at 4.00 pm
28 June 2017 at 4.00 pm

Proposed

meetings, meetings commence at 4.00pm.

17 Items for Information

Press Cuttings and Press Releases (tabled).