



Queen Margaret University

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The next meeting of the Court will be held on **Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 3.00 pm** by Video Conference*

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*Due to restrictions in place during the Coronavirus Emergency, it is not possible for the University Court to meet 'in person'. The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator has recognised that holding meetings virtually is a good option, and states that charities may hold their meetings in this way, even where the governing document is silent on the matter. The University Court Standing Orders are silent on the matter. In line with good governance, the discussion and decisions of the University Court will be recorded in the form of confirmed minutes approved by members.

**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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Chiara Menozzi
Melanie Moreland
Robert Pattullo
Sarah Phillips
Elizabeth Porter
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AGENDA

1 *Welcome and Apologies

2 *Conflicts of Interest

To NOTE any conflicts of interest and determine any required action.

3 *Determination of Other Competent Business

(a) To RECEIVE notification of Other Competent Business.

(b) To DISCUSS any business arising from Items for Information.

4 *Chair's Report

To RECEIVE a report from the Chair.

5 *Minutes

(a) To APPROVE the minutes of the Court meeting held on 28 April 2020.

COURT (20)
MINS 02

(b) Matters arising.

6 *Principal's Report: Coronavirus Emergency

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To RECEIVE an update report from the Principal on Business Continuity, Adaptation and Recovery.

Ordinary Business

7 *Financial Update

7.1 To RECEIVE the Q3 update and management accounts to 30 April 2020, and financial outturn forecast for 2019-20.

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7.2 To RECEIVE a report and presentation on a draft budget for 2020-21.

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8 *Strategic Plan 2020-25

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To APPROVE the refreshed Strategic Plan 2020-25.

9 *Key Performance Indicators

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To RECEIVE the third quarter KPI report 2019-20.

10 *Land Development Update

To RECEIVE an oral update on the land development project from the Director of Campus and Commercial Services.

Reports from Committees

11 *Senate

a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 13 May 2020. SEN (20)
MINS 01

(b) Matters Arising.

12 *Finance and Estates Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Finance and Estates Committee meeting held on 9 June 2020. FEC (20)
MINS 02

(b) Matters Arising.

13 *Audit and Risk Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 2 June 2020. AUDIT (20)
MINS 02

(b) Matters arising: Appointment of External Auditors.

14 *Nominations Committee

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To APPROVE recommendation concerning the appointment of a Lay member to the Senior Management Remuneration Committee, and to APPROVE an extension to the period of tenure of the Acting Chair.

15 *Equality and Diversity Committee

EDC (20)
MINS 02

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Committee held on 27 May 2020.

(b) Matters arising.

16 Dates of future meetings

*Provisional Dates for Ordinary meetings of the University Court are set out below:

7 October 2020 at 3.00 pm
25 November 2020 at 3.00 pm
3 February 2021 – time tbc
31 March 2021 at 3.00 pm
23 June 2021 at 3.00 pm

Strategy Days – 3 and 4 February 2021.

*Members are advised that an extraordinary meeting may be held in late August 2020.