



Minutes Meeting of the University Executive Board

Date: 26 March 2024

Present: Professor K Lamberts (KL), in the Chair,
Professor S Fitzmaurice (SF), Professor S Hartley (SH), Professor G Jewell, J Jones (JJ), Professor C O’Bradaigh (CO), R Sykes (RS), Professor C Watkins (CW), I Wright (IW)

Secretary: D Swinn (DS)

In attendance: J Strachan (JS), T Wray (TW)

Apologies: Professor A Blom (AB), Professor J Derrick (JD), Professor M Vincent (MV)

1. Round Table

- (a) Brief for Reputation Focus Work: Phase 1: UEB considered and approved the issuing of a brief to facilitate the appointment of an agency to facilitate the next stage of this work, subject to an amendment such that the brief covered “what we want to be known for *and why*”. UEB also approved the related work and next steps as set out in the accompanying paper. It was agreed that the planned workshop would be held as part of the UEB Away Day on 14 May.
- (b) Prevent and Safeguarding: RS reported on work to respond to an earlier external consultant report through the work of a dedicated Task and Finish Group. That TFG was to be replaced by new Steering and Operations Groups as this activity became embedded as business as usual and relevant responsibilities were assigned to roles in Faculties and new Schools. This new structure would also facilitate broader oversight and assurance of safeguarding by Council, taking into account Ofsted requirements, in addition to the annual Prevent return to the OfS.
- (c) Phase 1 New School Names: KL reported that Council had approved the Phase 1 new school names on 25 March and communications to Senate and staff in general would follow.
- (d) Doncaster City Centre Board: KL reported having recently joined the Board and attended his first meeting.

- (e) Heads of School Appointments and Announcements: It was noted that the appointments of new Heads of School across the affected Faculties was almost complete and related staff communications were incorporated in the existing communications plan.
- (f) Wellcome Trust Scholarships: SH reported on the launch of new scholarships aimed to support the career development of certain underrepresented groups, noting the short period in which applications were required, differential eligibility criteria and recoverable costs. On balance, and also taking into account the number of scholarships available and their size, UEB agreed that it would not be cost effective for the University to submit an application.
- (g) School of Education Ofsted Inspection: CW reported on a recent Ofsted inspection visit, which UEB was pleased to note had received positive initial feedback, pending receipt of the formal report.