

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COURT MEETING (UC)
UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS
HELD ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER AT 08:30 HRS
KINGSMILLS HOTEL, INVERNESS**

PRESENT: Garry Coutts (Chair of Court) (Chair)
Professor Fiona McLean (Vice Chair of Court) (Vice Chair)
Professor Clive Mulholland (Principal and Vice-chancellor) (P&VC)
Andrea Robertson (Independent member)
Andy Rogers (Independent member Chair of FGPC)
Angus Ross (Specialist and Research Governor)
Anton Edwards (Rector)
Callum Stephen (HISA Vice President – Further Education)
Dr Gareth Davies (Staff Governor)
Holly Scrimgeour (HISA President)
Roddy Burns (Independent member)
Rosemary McCormack (Staff Governor)
James MacDonald (Independent member)
Willie Printie (Independent member Chair of Audit Committee)

IN

ATTENDANCE: Fiona Larg (Chief Operating Officer & Secretary) [COOS]

APOLOGIES: Dr Michael Foxley (Chair of FE Regional Board)
Neil Stewart (Further Education Governor)

ITEM		ACTION
1	INTRODUCTION	
1.1	Welcome and Quorum. The Chair opened the meeting at 08:30. The Chair welcomed the new members to their first Court meeting.	
1.2	Declarations of Interest: None.	
1.3	Notification of any other Business: None.	
2	Centre for Science and Technology – West Highland College The Court considered paper U17-170, the outline business case (OBC) for a Centre for Science and Technology in Fort William. Whilst no funding is being sought from the university, the SFC will not accept the business case unless submitted by the university and the scale of the project requires Court approval for submission. Following discussion the Court agreed that the business case could be submitted subject to the proviso that if the centre could not be funded on a timescale commensurate with the requirements for upskilling for the Liberty Group that the Court may reconsider their support.	COO/S

	Concern was also expressed about mixed messages on capital funding from SFC. Business cases date quickly and if no capital is available developing business cases is not a good use of funds. The COOS was asked to get clarity on the process from SFC.	
3	There was no other business and the Chair closed the meeting at 9am. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 29 th November 2017	