

UHI Foundation - 14 November 2019

14 November 2019, 13:00 to 16:00

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Attendees

Board members

Anton Edwards (Rector - Chair of Foundation), Roger Sendall (Head of Governance & Records Management (HGRM)), Alan Simpson, Natasha Morgan, Crichton Lang (Interim Principal and Vice Chancellor), Liz Ashworth, Duncan Martin, Eric Mcvicar, Tom Inglis, Max Brown, John Kemp, Michael Macmillan, Stephen Clackson, Derek Bedford, Roy Templeton, Robin Lingard, James Mackay, Evelyn Johnston, Sharon Hammell, Claire Feaver, Lewis Vernal, Ian Horne, Zosia Fraser

Meeting minutes

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Rector opened the meeting and noted that a quorum was present.

Apologies were received from Fiona Larg and Alan Bransbury.

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1.1. Declarations of Interest

None.

1.2. Notification of any other competent business

None.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were reviewed and approved.

 FN19-006 Minutes_UHI Foundation_150519.pdf

2.2. Matters Arising

Foundation considered the paper setting out actions and matters arising from previous meetings. The following points were noted:

- Members interest survey - substantive item on agenda at 4.4. Foundation noted that consent would be required if personal information was going to be shared by the institution.
- Articles of Association - Foundation noted that the new Articles of Association that had previously been endorsed by the Foundation had been approved by Privy Council and adopted by the university.

 FN19-007 Actions arising .pdf

2.3. Review of Any Delegated Decisions

None.

3. HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The President of HISA provided the Foundation with a verbal report to in support of his circulated paper (FN19-008). The following key points were highlighted:

- HISA staff numbers have increased significantly this year and headquarters are being relocated to Church Street Inverness because of a need for additional space.
- A record 18 Sporting Blues have been awarded to university students this year.
- Students have been active in climate emergency and peoples vote campaigns including attending events and demonstrations in London.

 FN19-008 HISA UHI foundation Update Oct 19 (002).pdf

4. REPORT FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

4.1. Report from the Principal/UHI Status Report

The Foundation received a presentation from the Principal & Vice Chancellor in relation to significant activities, challenges and opportunities for the institution in the context of the forthcoming 10th anniversary of achieving taught degree awarding powers and university title. A copy of the presentation slides is appended to and forms a part of this minute. Most significantly, Foundation members were pleased to note that the status and profile of the University had increased significantly over recent years and the institution was now regarded by Convention of Highlands and Islands (COHI) and key stakeholders as a key partner with the potential to facilitate positive impact and future development within and beyond the region as opposed to an aspiration project.

Foundation noted the quarterly status reports provided by senior university managers and academic partner principals. Foundation was disappointed to note that some academic partners had not provided a substantive report this quarter and it was noted that the Rector would write to these partners to emphasise the value that Foundation placed on such submissions and to request that good information was provided in future.

 FN19-009 September 2019 SMT and AP quarterly report.pdf

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4.2. University Assembly & Programme Board Update - Max Brown

Foundation received a presentation from Max Brown in relation to the University Programme Board deliberations. A copy of the presentation slides is appended to and forms a part of this minute.

Foundation noted that non-executives were identified as key to facilitating a more successful partnership in terms of committing to regional goals and providing the effective leadership that would result in developing an enhanced culture focused on increasingly proactive cooperation.

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4.3. Rector Election 2020

Foundation approved the process and suggested timescales for the 2020 Rector election process as set out within the paper.

 FN19-010 2020 Foundation Elections.pdf

4.4. Member Survey

Foundation considered the paper provided by the HGRM. It was noted that a draft survey would be circulated for comments prior to issuing a live survey to members before Christmas.

Members were encouraged to submit suggestions for questions to include in the survey to the HGRM before 30th November 2019.

 FN19-011 Member Survey.pdf

5. QUESTIONS & PROPOSALS

None received.

6. FOUNDATION TODAY

The Rector provided Foundation with a report in relation to the success of the 2019 Foundation and Public conference. It was noted that Court had agreed to continue with the format and plans were currently being considered in relation to holding a larger event in 2020. Foundation discussed possible options for a conference theme and agreed that a focus on the university's impact upon the communities of the highlands and islands would be appropriate. Possible venues suggested for consideration included Orkney, Moray and the Centre for Health Science. It was noted that the governance team would develop a proposal in consultation with the Rector.

7. DATES OF NEXT MEETING:

7.1. 13th May 2020 - business meeting

7.2. 19th November 2020 - business meeting