

BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2013
2:00 PM IN THE JOHN TOMLINSON ROOM

Present:

Mrs Judith Babb
Mr Haydn Beeken (Chair)
Mr Kevin Brown
The Very Rev'd Philip Buckler
Mr David Clements
Mr Richard Corn
Mrs Sandra Grattrick
Bishop Christopher Lowson
Mr Graham Meeson
Professor Muriel Robinson, Vice Chancellor
Mr John Rowland
Dr Jim Smith
Mrs Bridget Starling
Mrs Pamela Taylor
Mr Rob Thorpe
Mr James Turner

In attendance:

Mr Nigel Appleton, Dean of School of Teacher Development
Mr Stephen Deville, Director of Resources
Mr Rob Jones, Director of BG Enterprise
Ms Vicky Mays, Clerk to Governors
Dr Jenny Rees, Dean of Students and Academic Engagement
Ms Ruth Sayers, Dean of School of Culture, Education and Innovation
Mrs Emma Smeaton, Minuting Secretary
Mr Aaron Smith, Students' Union Vice President 2012/13

Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting under the new title of University Council, formerly known as the Governing Body. Members who had attended the service in the Cathedral earlier in the day to celebrate University title status noted how enjoyable the event had been, with an excellent service and paid credit to the Vice Chancellor for her speech which drew it all together.

Action

The University Prayer

The Very Rev'd Philip Buckler led the University Prayer.

1. Declarations of interest

The Chair, the Vice Chancellor and Mrs Bridget Starling declared an interest in item 4 of the agenda, Honorary Graduate nomination as they knew the nominated person personally.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Tony Hill, Mrs Julie McDonald, Ms Haf Merrifield, Mrs Jasmit Phull, Professor Mark Thompson and Mrs Lucy Wood.

3. Appointment of incoming Vice Chancellor

The Chair reported that this item was to formally record the email ratification of the appointment of the Rev'd Professor Peter Neil as the incoming Vice Chancellor of the University and thanked members for responding so quickly via e-mail to endorse the Selection committee's recommendation following the interview and selection process.. The Chair thanked all those involved in the process and The Very Rev'd Philip Buckler echoed these thanks to the Selection Committee for what looked like a very good appointment.

4. Honorary Graduate Nomination

The Vice Chancellor reported that of the three people approved back in the autumn two had accepted, Michael Morpurgo and Clare Tickell. Members noted that the nomination paper on Karen Lowthrop had been ratified by the Academic Board and required comments/ratification from the University Council. The nomination was fully endorsed by members of the University Council.

5. RESERVED BUSINESS

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the University Council would take place on Thursday 14th March 2013 at 2:00 pm.

Signed



Date

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