

BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013  
2:00 PM IN THE JOHN TOMLINSON ROOM

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**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 Gratrack  
Bishop Christopher Lawson  
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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 2:00 pm.

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