



The  
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Sheffield.

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Of The  
President &  
Vice-Chancellor.

## Minutes

## University Executive Board

**Date:** 31 October 2017

**Present:** Professor G Valentine (GV) (in the Chair),  
Professor Sir Keith Burnett (KB), Professor N Clarke (NC),  
Mrs H J Dingle (HJD), Mr A Dodman (AD),  
Professor S Fitzmaurice (SF), Professor M J Hounslow (MJH),  
Professor W Morgan (WM), Professor D Petley (DP),  
Professor C Watkins (CW)

**In attendance:** Dr T Strike (TS). For item 1: Tom Brindley, Flo Brookes, Santhana Gopalakrishnan, Celeste Jones, Kieran Maxwell, Megan McGrath, Stuart McMillan, Reena Staves

**Apologies:** Professor Dame Pamela J Shaw (PJS)

**Secretary:** Mr M Borland

### 1. Students' Union Sabbatical Officers: Aims and Objectives for 2017/18

UEB received a presentation from the Student Union Sabbatical Officers outlining their objectives for the coming year. The four team priorities for the year were: tackling the mental health crisis; fighting the higher education reforms; ensuring that all students can live in safety; and combatting climate change.

### 2. Round table

- (a) UEB / HoDs Meeting: GV outlined the topics and the timings for the meeting on 1 November.
- (b) Objective setting: UEB agreed that individual Vice-President's objectives for the year would be shared with other Vice-Presidents, with personal development sections not included.
- (c) Performance Management: DP updated UEB on research performance management and the approach to communications.
- (d) Court case: WM updated UEB on a recent high court judgement regarding an individual student.
- (e) Sheffield scanner: AD reported on positive progress regarding the appeal.
- (f) HEFCE financial report: HJD reported that HEFCE had published a report which analysed the financial health of the higher education sector in England for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20, based on forecast information from higher education institutions submitted to HEFCE in July 2017.
- (g) Governmental meeting: KB updated UEB on HM Treasury's viewpoint of higher education issues following a recent meeting.

- (h) Industrial Strategy Commission: KB reported that the final report of the Commission would be published on 1 November.
- (i) Faculty of Engineering: MJH updated UEB regarding the departure of a member of staff of the Faculty to another institution.