



Minutes Meeting of the University Executive Board

Date: 1 October 2024

Present: Professor Robert Mokaya (RM), in the Chair

Professor R Blakeley (RB), Professor A Blom (AB), Professor J Derrick (JD), Professor S Fitzmaurice (SF), Professor G Jewell (GJ), J Jones (JJ), R Sykes (RS), Professor M Vincent (MV), I Wright (IW)

In attendance: J Strachan (JS), Tracy Wray (TW), A Clements (ACx) (Item 4)

Apologies: Professor K Lamberts (KL), Professor C O'Bradaigh (CO)

Secretary: Dr E Smith (ES)

1. Closed Minute and Paper

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4. Update on Progress Against B3 Conditions

4.1 UEB received and discussed a presentation that provided an update on institutional progress against the Office for Students' (OfS') expectations about Student Outcomes and Student Experience. These formed the provisions of the OfS' B3 conditions of registration and were distinct from the treatment of Student Experience in the National Student Survey (NSS), which would be the subject of a separate and forthcoming update to UEB.

4.2 Among the points covered in the presentation were the following:

4.2.1 The high-level Student Outcomes metrics that the OfS used to determine its level of assurance in providers' performance in this area.

4.2.2 The University's performance in relation to the metrics concerning student continuation, progression, and completion.

4.2.3 The Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) Student Experience and Student Outcomes measures..

4.3 During discussion, UEB recognised that the institutional data provided for the TEF return was historical and there was therefore a lag between the TEF assessment and the University's current progress and performance in the relevant metrics.

5. Review of the Honorary Degrees Committee

5.1 UEB considered recommendations emerging from the review of the Honorary Degrees Committee. Council had commissioned this review to ensure the

University remained aligned with best sector practice for the identification and approval of candidates for honorary degrees. The related paper highlighted the main findings and made proposals, which would be finalised and presented for formal Council approval in due course.

6. Round Table

- 6.1 Central Vacancy Management Group: IW informed UEB that the Group had been established following the dissemination of relevant communications to the Senior Leaders Forum and staff.
- 6.2 University Listening Events: MV and TW provided an update on plans to proceed with the Listening Events and a proposal would be presented to UEB in due course, after which all-staff communications would be disseminated.
- 6.3 Labour Party Conference: SH reported on an N8 Panel at which the Mayor of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) was present.
- 6.4 TUoS-AMRC Boeing Award: SH confirmed that the AMRC and Boeing had won the 2024 Bhattacharyya Award, a prestigious honour backed by the UK government that celebrated the most impactful collaborations between academia and industry.
- 6.5 Gene Therapy and Innovation Manufacturing Centre (GTIMC): AB reported on a successful opening event that featured royal representation.
- 6.6 Christmas Closure Dates: IW led a discussion of initial plans for the Christmas Closure Period.