

Appointments Committee

15/33 A meeting of the Appointments Committee was held in the Sibly Room, Park House on Thursday 19 November 2015 at 5.00 pm.

Present:

The President of Council (Mr C.C. Fisher)
The Vice-Chancellor
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor Brooks)
Dean of the Faculty of Science (Professor Cosh)
Mr R. Dwyer
Mr S. Hawker
Mr S. Sherman
Ms S.M. Woodman
The University Secretary (Dr R.J. Messer)

In attendance:

Dr P. Preston
Director of Quality Support and Development (Mr K.H.S. Swanson)

15/34 The Minutes (15/19-15/32) of the meeting held on 12 October 2015 were approved.

Arising on the Minutes:

Minute 15/28: Monitoring of the CUC Code of Practice

The Committee received and noted an action plan in regard to the CUC Code of Practice.

Matters for Report

15/35 Leadership Group

The Committee received and noted a paper which set out the membership of the Leadership Group.

Matters for Discussion and Decision

15/36 Appointment of Chancellor

The President reported that the Chancellor had indicated that he wished to stand down from the role in 2016. The Committee paid tribute to Sir John's achievements as Chancellor and his very significant contribution to the University during his period of office.

The Committee endorsed the principle that, in the present circumstances, the identification of a suitable nominee was preferable to canvassing a wide range of candidates. The President reported that he had consulted the Vice-Presidents and the Vice-Chancellor and President elect about the possible nomination of Lord Waldegrave, the former Cabinet minister and recent recipient of an honorary doctorate from the University, and that, following their positive response, he had had an informal discussion on the matter with Lord Waldegrave. The Vice-Presidents and the Vice-Chancellor and President elect had met with Lord Waldegrave, and Lord Waldegrave had subsequently indicated that he would feel honoured to be nominated as Chancellor.

The Committee considered Lord Waldegrave's academic distinction, his long record of public service, and his profile and public standing, and, further, the contribution which he could make to the University and its reputation. Following discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously that Lord Waldegrave would be an appropriate nominee for the office of Chancellor and authorised the President to make a formal approach to him in this regard.

It was noted that a formal nomination would be submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 2 February 2016 and the Committee's recommendation would be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 21 March 2016 following which an announcement would be made with a view to the installation of the new Chancellor in December 2016.

The Committee noted that the business of the meeting was strictly confidential.

15/37 Membership of the Appointments Committee

The Committee noted that Professor Cosh would with effect from 1 January 2016 cease to be Dean of the Faculty of Science, and become the Head of the School of Mathematics and Physical Sciences. Appointments Committee as a consequence needed to approve a replacement Dean to be a member of the committee. Appointments Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that one of the two people holding the title of Dean of Diversity and Inclusion be included in the membership of the Committee with effect from 1 January 2016 for a period of three years in the first instance.

15/38 Dates of meetings in the Session 2015-16

Further meetings of the Appointments Committee in the Session 2015-16 had been scheduled for:

Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 3.30 pm

Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 12.00 noon