

Convocation

12 January 2024

Present: Karen O'Brien (Chair), Stephen Ashe, Louis Aslett, Oliver Belcher, Eamonn Bell, Venetia Bridges, Laura Campbell, Rebecca Clifford, Mike Crang, Stefano Cremonesi, Ric Crossman, Andrew Danos, Caleb Day, Paul Denny, Tony Fawcett, Sam Fearn, Fernando Galaz Garcia, Sol Gamsu, Peter Garratt, Martin Gleghorn, Daniel Grausam, Simon Grimble, Alastair Hargreaves-McManus, Peter Hatton, Tyler Helmuth, Rebecca Hodge, Ifan Hughes, Samuel Jackson, Simon James, Alison Jobe, Matthew Johnson, Paul Langley, Madalena Lemos, Jo Lumley, Clare Mahon, Andrew Marcinko, Anna Matejko, James Miller, Arin Mizouri, Katie Muth, Karolina Nieberle, Tim Packer, Joanne Race, Peter Richardson, Paddy Ross, ~~et al~~ of

01. Welcome:

- a) the Chair welcomed members to the Extraordinary Meeting of Convocation;
- b) the University Secretary outlined that the meeting:
 - i) had been called prior to the Privy Council approving changes to the University Statutes on 11 October 2023 and would be held in accordance with the previous Statutes;
 - ii) had been called '.....' ;
- c) Convocation was informed that notes of the meeting would be made available following the meeting.

02. Background

Noted:

- a) in recognising that membership of Convocation included the Alumnae/Alumni, the Vice-Chancellor & Warden provided background information relating to the national MAB called by the University & College Union (UCU);
- b) the Vice-

03. Questions

Noted:

- a) several questions had been raised by members of Convocation in advance of the meeting and were given the opportunity to raise questions during the meeting under the two areas identified for discussion;
- b) in relation to questions relating to unrealistic deadlines for the return of MAB affected marking, the following:
 - i) deadlines were set for MAB affected marking to be completed were balanced, not disadvantaging students and taking into account staff workloads;
 - ii) students required completed marks to progress to further study, employment; or in the case of international students to meet visa requirements;
 - iii) the gap between the end of the MAB and the deadline set by the University for completion of marking, was slightly longer for final-year and continuing students than was normally set during the summer examination period.
- c) in relation to questions relating to pay deductions, the following:
 - i) the University had taken legal advice from UCEA in making a decision about deducting