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Central Executive Committee (C E C)
3 – 5 July 2015

VICE-CHANCELLOR PETER HORROCKS

The C E C is asked to:-

i) receive an introduction from Peter Horrocks, Vice Chancellor

Peter will be in attendance during the Sunday morning of the C E C as an induction to OUSA. He will be speaking to members and taking any questions.

Peter Horrocks took up the post of the sixth Vice-Chancellor of The Open University in May 2015.

As Vice-Chancellor, Peter is the chief academic and administrative officer of the University, responsible for providing strategic leadership through his senior executive team, championing the interests of the institution at the highest levels with government, policy makers and funders, and ensuring the long term financial and operational sustainability of the OU. He chairs the Senate and a number of committees of the Council and the Senate.

Peter arrived at the OU after a career with the B B C spanning more than three decades. As Director of the B B C World Service Group, the world’s most respected news brand, he was responsible for leading the B B C’s international news services across radio, television and online, and his team provided trusted news to over a quarter of a billion people globally every week. He had responsibility for a global workforce of 3000, based in 113 countries delivering over 83,000 hours of content each year in 28 different languages, with annual revenues exceeding £400m.

Peter joined the B B C in October 1981 as a news trainee. He went on to work at Newsnight as an assistant producer and then producer. In May 1992, Peter was appointed editor of B B C Two's social affairs programme, Public Eye, a position he held until January 1994 when he launched Here And Now, the B B C’s popular current affairs magazine programme. After working as a senior producer, intake editor and output editor on Breakfast Time, he became editor of Newsnight in April 1994, and took up the position of Editor of Panorama in 1988.

He was appointed Head of Current Affairs in June 2000. He was executive producer of Brits, True Spies, Smallpox 2002, The Day Britain Stopped, Dirty War and of the
documentary trilogy *The Power of Nightmares*. Peter then became Head of Television News from September 2005 until B B C News went multimedia in November 2007, when he became Head of the B B C newsroom; he has also been the B B C’s Head of Current Affairs.

Peter has an international reputation for thought leadership in major digital transformations. He led the transition of B B C News to become a multiplatform organisation in 2008, and in 2012 he conceived and delivered the “world’s newsroom”, the B B C’s innovative concept for the world’s leading multilingual, multimedia digital news operation.

As a journalist Peter has excelled in investigative and analytical programmes, becoming editor of the Newsnight and Panorama programmes. He won two BAFTA awards in 1997 and 2005 for his editorship of *Newsnight* and for *The Power of Nightmares*.

Peter’s not-for-profit experience is through his chairmanship of the B B C Media Action Board of Trustees (previously called the B B C World Service Trust), the B B C’s £40m per annum international development charity that delivers social transformation through media skills and communication in the world’s poorest countries.

A future-focussed leader, Peter is in demand as a speaker at international conferences for his comprehensive vision of how organisations in many sectors need to constantly adapt to cope with a digital world. He has been on the advisory board to the Chancellor of Cambridge University, and he is an adviser to the media protection organisation, Reporters Without Borders.

Educated at the independent King’s College School in Wimbledon and Christ’s College, the University of Cambridge, Peter holds a Bachelor’s degree in History. He enjoys running, skiing, cycling and tennis and is married with three children.

*Ruth Tudor  
President*