

## THE COUNCIL

### Minutes

This paper presents the confirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Council held via correspondence between 20 December 2019 and 31 December 2019.

The Council **approved** these Minutes as a correct record at its meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

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#### Attachments:

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Participants (Virtual): Mr Malcolm Sweeting (Chair), Professor Tim Blackman (Vice-Chancellor), Ms Cath Brown (President, OU Students Association), Professor John Brooks (Vice-Chair), Dr Jovan Byford, Mrs Frances Chetwynd, Mrs Mary Curnock Cook, Mr John D'Arcy, Ms Maggie Galliers, Ms Ruth Girardet, Ms Anna Henderson, Mrs Rachel Lock, Mr Robert McCracken, Mr Tim Parry, Mr Bob Spedding, Dr Barbara Tarling, Professor John Wolffe, Dr Richard Heffernan, Dr Greg Walker, Mr Paul Greenwood, Mr Sandy Begbie

In Attendance: University Secretary, Head of Governance, Senior Manager, Governance  
(Virtual)

Apologies: None

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### 1 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR C-2019-09-01

1.1 It was noted that only one candidate was considered for interview by the Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate to Appoint the Deputy Vice-Chancellor. It was suggested that further reflection be given to this in respect of future senior appointments.

1.2 The Council unanimously **approved** a recommendation by the Joint Committee that Professor Josie Fraser be appointed to the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor for an initial term of 5 years.

### 2 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next full meeting will be Tuesday 10 March 2020 at The Open University offices in Edinburgh preceded by a Council Dinner on Monday 9 March 2020.

### 3 DECLASSIFICATION OF COUNCIL PAPERS

Paper C-2019-09-01 was declassified, however the appendix would remain Highly Confidential.

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