



Queen Margaret University
EDINBURGH

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The next meeting of the Court will be held on **Wednesday, 1 April 2015 at 4.00 p.m.** in the Large Boardroom, Level 2, Queen Margaret University. Members attending are reminded to bring their security pass with them. Please contact Ruth Horne on 0131 474 0000 if you are unable to attend.

All agenda items and papers may be disclosed under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 unless specifically exempted by the legislation. Where items cannot be disclosed, the relevant section of the Act is indicated.

*The agenda is divided into starred and non-starred items. Starred items are for discussion and, where appropriate, decision. Non-starred items are for noting only and will not normally be discussed. Any member wishing to discuss a paper listed for noting should contact the Secretary no later than two days before the meeting stating the reason for the request.

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25 March 2015

Court Members:

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Fergus Boden
Jim Bradshaw
Professor Graham Caie
Ian Calder
Craig Cathcart
Professor Bob Cormack
Johnny Elmer
Dr Anthony Falconer
Professor Alan Gilloran
Dr Anna Gregor CBE
Dr Lindesay Irvine

Mark Laing
Brian Leggat
Jackie Macdonald
Miller McLean
Linda McPherson
Margaret O'Connor
Robert Rae
Judith Sischy OBE
Professor Petra Wend (Principal)
Olga Wojtas
Sheila Williams

Car Parking

Spaces will be reserved for Court Members' cars in the parking area at the main entrance.

Disposal of Court Papers

The University will dispose of confidential Court papers which are surplus to requirements. These may be handed to the Principal's PA at any meeting or left at the table after the meeting.

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A G E N D A

1 *Conflicts of Interest

To NOTE any conflicts of interest and determine any required action.

2 *Determination of Other Competent Business

(a) To RECEIVE notification of Other Competent Business.

(b) To DISCUSS any business arising from Items for Information.

3 *Chairman's Report

4 *Principal's Report

To RECEIVE a report from the Principal

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5 *Minutes

(a) To APPROVE the minutes of the Court meeting held on 4 February 2015.

COURT (15)
MINS 01

(b) To APPROVE the notes of the Court Away Days held on 4 and 5 February 2015.

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(c) Matters arising.

Reports from Committees

6 *Senate

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 11 February 2015.

SENATE (15)
MINS 01

(b) Matters arising.

7 Audit Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 28 January 2015.

AUDIT (15)
MINS 01

(b) Matters arising

8 *Finance and Estates Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Estates Committee held on 17 March 2015. FEC (15)
MINS 01

(b) Matters arising

9 *Health and Safety Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Health and Safety Committee meeting held on 18 March 2015. HSC (15)
MINS 01

(b) Matters arising.

10 *Equality and Diversity Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Committee meeting held on 24 February 2015. EDC (15)
MINS 01

(b) Matters arising.

11 *Nominations Committee

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Nominations Committee meeting held on 16 March 2015. NOM (15)
MINS 01

(b) Matters arising.

Ordinary Business

12 *Mid-Year Review to 31 January 2015

To RECEIVE the following papers:

(a) Management accounts for six months to 31 January 2015. COURT (15) 09

(b) Mid-year report on KPIs. COURT (15) 10

13 *Strategic Plan Development Process

To NOTE the process for development of the detailed strategic plan following launch of the vision, mission and values. COURT (15) 11

14 *Students' Union

To RECEIVE final audited accounts to July 2014. COURT (15) 12

15 *Notice of Amendment to Court Standing Orders

To RECEIVE notice of proposed amendments to the Queen Margaret University Court Standing Orders. COURT (15) 13

- 16 *Scottish Code of Good Higher Education Governance**
- (a) To RECEIVE an update on progress towards amending the University Order of Council COURT (15) 14
- (b) To RECEIVE an update on plans for an externally-facilitated review of the Court's effectiveness. COURT (15) 15
- (c) To APPROVE proposed changes to the Queen Margaret University Court Statement of Primary Responsibilities. COURT (15) 16
- 17 Scottish Funding Council – Outcome Agreement 2015-16**
- To NOTE the approved Queen Margaret University Outcome Agreement 2015-16. COURT (15) 17
- 18 *Proposed dates and times for Court meeting in 2015/16**
- To NOTE Court meeting dates for 2015/16 and to CONSIDER the commencement time for future meetings of Court. COURT (15) 18
- 19 Dates of future meetings**
- The Court will meet on the following dates in 2014/15:
- 24 June 2015
- Meetings commence at 4.00pm.
- 20 Items for Information (tabled)**
- Press Cuttings and Press Releases.