



Queen Margaret University  
EDINBURGH

**UNIVERSITY COURT**

The next meeting of the University Court will be on Wednesday, 26 June 2019 at 3.00 pm in the Boardroom, Level 2, Queen Margaret University. Members attending are reminded to bring their security passes with them. Please contact Fraser Rudge 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 unstarred items. Starred items are for discussion and, where appropriate, decision. Non-starred items are for noting only, and normally will not 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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**19 June 2019**

**Court Members**

Dr Frances Dow CBE (Chair)  
Elaine Acaster OBE  
Carolyn Bell  
Dr Richard Butt  
Professor Graham Caie CBE  
Karen Cullen  
Dr Anthony Falconer OBE  
Cynthia Guthrie  
Frank Lennon  
Jackie Macdonald  
Ken McGarrity

Linda McPherson (Vice Chair)  
Ruth Magowan  
Chiara Menozzi  
Melanie Moreland  
Robert Pattullo  
Sarah Phillips  
Dr Eurig Scandrett  
Dr Andrew Scott  
Professor Petra Wend  
Dr Laura Young MBE  
Andy White

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**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 EA at any meeting or left on the table after the meeting.

## AGENDA

### 1 \*Welcome and Membership

### 2 \*Appointment of Principal and Vice-Chancellor

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To NOTE the appointment of Sir Paul Grice to the position of Principal and Vice-Chancellor, and to APPROVE the appointment of an Acting Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

### 3 \*Member Retirals

To recognise the contribution of members retiring from service on the University Court.

### 4 \*Conflicts of Interest

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

### 5 \*Determination of Other Competent Business

(a) To RECEIVE notification of Other Competent Business.

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

### 6 \*Chair's Report

To RECEIVE a report from the Chair.

### 7 \*Principal's Report

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To RECEIVE a report from the Principal.

### 8 \*Minutes

**COURT (19)  
MINS (02)**

(a) To APPROVE the minutes on the meeting held on 3 April 2019.

(b) Matters arising.

### **Ordinary Business**

### 9 \*Scottish Funding Council

9.1 To RECEIVE details of the confirmed Scottish Funding Council Outcome Agreement Funding announced for 2019-20.

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9.2 To NOTE the confirmed Queen Margaret University Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Funding Council, approved by the Chair under powers delegated by the University Court.

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- 10 \*Third Quarter Review to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**
- 10.1 To RECEIVE Management Accounts for the nine months to 30 April 2019. **COURT (19) 23**
- 10.2 To RECEIVE the Third Quarter Key Performance Indicator Update report. **COURT (19) 24**
- 11 \*Financial Forecasts and budget for 2019-20** **COURT (19) 25**  
*To follow*
- To CONSIDER and APPROVE financial forecasts and the proposed budget for 2019-20.
- 12 \*Land Development Strategy** **COURT (19) 26**
- To RECEIVE an update on recent developments.
- 13 \*Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016**
- 13.1 To HOMOLOGATE Chair's Action to approve The Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh (Scotland) Amendment Order of Council 2019. **COURT (19) 27**
- 13.2 To HOMOLOGATE Chair's Action to approve the Rules Governing the Nomination of Trade Union Members to the University Court, and to APPROVE revised Standing Orders of the University Court, to be adopted with effect from 1 October 2019. **COURT (19) 28**
- 14 \*Strategic Plan QM150: Review Session** **COURT (19) 29**
- To DISCUSS and to AGREE Objectives and Key Performance Indicators for priority development or further action during Session 2019-20.
- 15 \*Court Effectiveness Review - appraisal of the Chair**
- To REVIEW feedback on the effectiveness of the Chair, conducted by the Vice-Chair.
- Reports from Committees**
- 16 \*Senate**
- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019. **SEN (19) MINS 02**
- (b) To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2019. **SEN (19) MINS 03**
- (c) Matters arising.
- 17 \*Finance and Estates Committee** **FEC (19) MINS 02**  
*To follow*
- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2019.
- (b) Matters arising.

**18 \*Health and Safety Committee**

**H&S (19)  
MINS 02**

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2019.
- (b) Matters arising.

**19 \*Audit and Risk**

**A&R (19)  
MINS 02**

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2019.
- (b) Matters arising.

**20 \*Nominations Committee**

**NOM (19)  
MINS 03**

- (a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019.
- (b) To APPROVE a revised role specification for the Chair of Court, and to approve the recruitment arrangements and time-table proposed by the Nominations Committee.

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**21 Dates of Future Meetings**

Court will meet on the following dates in 2019 and 2020:

- 2 October 2019 at 3.00 pm
- 27 November 2019 at 3.00 pm
- 5-6 February 2020 (Away Days)
- 1 April 2020 at 3.00 pm
- 24 June 2020 at 3.00 pm