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(Clerk to the Board)
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(i) the Board had enjoyed an impressive tour of the School of Veterinary Medicine

UB1236. Reserved Minute - Text Redacted

UB1237. Fees and Awards Proposals 2025/26

A paper was received setting out proposals for 2025/26, comprising three parts as follows:

- Part 1: Tuition Fees - UK and International fee proposals (Taught and Research)
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UB1238. Research Integrity Annual Statement 2023/24

The Vice-Chancellor presented the Research Integrity Annual Statement 2023/24 on behalf of Professor StJohn Crean, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise), a copy of which is set out in the Minute Book.

Professor Baldwin explained that the University was required to prepare and publish a statement outlining its commitment to Research Integrity, including:

- (i) A summary of actions to support and strengthen the understanding and application of research integrity issues.
- (ii) A statement giving assurance that the University's procedures for dealing with allegations of research misconduct were transparent, timely, robust and fair.
- (iii) A statement on any formal investigations of research misconduct during the period and what lessons had been learned to avoid a recurrence.
- (iv) A statement on how an environment was created to enable staff, researchers and students to feel comfortable to report instances of research misconduct.

The Statement covering the period from September 2023 to August 2024 demonstrated how the University complied with the terms of the Concordat and had

underpinned by an Equality of Opportunity Risk Register outlining 12 risks. The data had been used to assess performance and identify 7 targets across the student lifecycle relating to Access (2), Success (4) and Prog

Resolved: That the Access and Participation Plan and the performance described therein, be noted.

UB1240. Students' Union Report

The President of the Students' Union presented the regular report giving an update on key initiatives being progressed by the Students' Union. A copy of the report is set out in the Minute Book.

In briefly summarising the report, Mr Fitzgerald highlighted the following:

- (i) The Board of Trustees had ratified a new policy whereby a more ethical, sustainable local provider would be sourced for the Union Café, with the aim of extending this principle to other outlets and services provided by the Students' Union.
- (ii) The Students' Union had been working closely with the EDI Team to create a positive culture wherein microaggressions were eliminated to improve students' experiences in the future. This would form the basis of a new campaign in November 2024.
- (iii) The Students' Union was working with the Director of EDI with a view to creating more accessible prayer spaces for students who were unable to reach the Oasis Centre between classes and making slow but tangible progress.

The Board urged the VCG to prioritise the creation of prayer spaces in other University buildings in addition to the Oasis Centre. Mr Rehman volunteered to provide details of compact prayer spaces with wash facilities funded by the NHS for the University to consider.

Ms Gurjee gave assurances that student feedback via Unitu had been acted upon whereby the Estates Team had created prayer spaces in the Harrington Building. There was also a prayer room with wash facilities at the Newtown Mill.

Resolved: That the Students' Union Update Report be noted.

UB1241. Academic Board Annual Assurance Report

The University Secretary reported that the Academic Board Annual Assurance Report had been omitted from the original circulation list in error.

The purpose of the Report was to provide assurance to the University Board that the Academic Board had fulfilled the key responsibilities delegated to it through the Articles of Government and that there was effective academic governance in place.

In summary, the responsibilities of the Academic Board included:

- (i) effective implementation of the University's academic strategies;
- (ii) upholding the quality and standards of teaching for all awards; and
- (iii) considering information on major national and regional developments.

It was, therefore, proposed to circulate the Report

Given the short timeframe, the Board agreed to defer to the Panel's judgment in the appointment of internal audit services.

The Chair thanked Mrs Lowry for her report, confirming that a written summary of the meeting had been circulated and posted to the Teams site.

Resources Committee - 5 June 2024

Mr J Baldwin reported that the majority of substantive items considered at the meeting of the Resources Committee on 5 June 2024 had been discussed earlier in the agenda, in particular, the international update and Cyprus, fees and awards, Training 2000 Ltd and the draft budget.

Whilst there had been some tension and challenge during the budget discussions, this had been positive and strengthened the operation of the Committee and the University.

In addition to the matters previously discussed, the Committee had received an update from the IP and Commercialisation Panel, approved minor changes to the Treasury Management Strategy and Policy and noted the Ethical Investment Policy.

Professor Baldwin acknowledged that the discussion had been helpful in terms of shaping the VCG's thinking and, overall, it had been a positive process.

Academic Board - 19 June 2024

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The Board Leads confirmed that the Academic Board Annual Assurance Report