

University of St Andrews

University Court

REINFORCED EXTRAORDINARY COMMITTEE OF COURT (RECC)

Note of the SECOND meeting of RECC held on Wednesday 29 April 2020

The Committee met remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Dame Anne Pringle, *Senior Governor (Chair)*; Professor Sally Mapstone, *Principal*; Professor Stuart Monro, *Deputy Chair of Court and Convenor of G&N*; Mr Adrian Greer, *Chancellor's Assessor*; Mr Jonathan Hewitt, *General Council Assessor*; Professor Mark Harris, *Senate Assessor*; Ms Donna Pierz-Fennell, *Non-Academic Staff Assessor*; Mr Jamie Rodney, *President, Students' Association*; Mr Nigel Morecroft, *Non-Executive Member and Convenor of RemCom*; Professor Sir David Wallace, *Non-Executive Member and Convenor of ARC*.

In regular attendance: Professor Lorna Milne, *Master of the United College*; Mr Alastair Merrill, *Vice-Principal Governance*; Mr Derek Watson, *Quaestor & Factor*; Ms Margaret Sinclair, *Executive Officer to the University Court & Senate*.

1. Minutes of RECC Meeting 1

- 1.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2020 as a correct record.

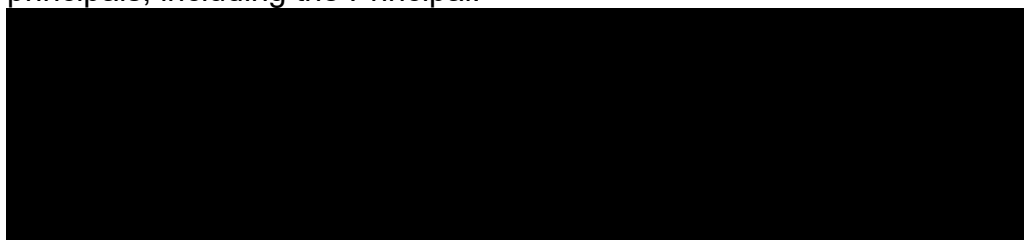
2. Matters considered

2.1. Update

The Committee received a verbal update from the Principal:

- The UUK package requesting support from the UK Government with read-across to the devolved administrations continued under active consideration by the DFE, BEIS, and Treasury. The Scottish Government negotiation was being led by Richard Lochhead, with active involvement from the SFC, Universities Scotland, and particular principals, including the Principal.

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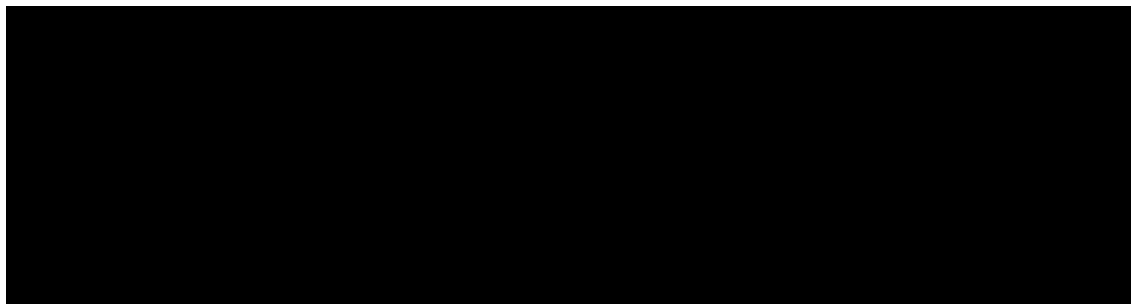
- The start date of the next academic year had been announced. The academic year would commence as planned in mid-September but with dual delivery. One of the several reasons for announcing the date now had been to give academic staff and relevant professional services staff time to prepare for a semester of remote and *in situ* teaching. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Consideration was being given to the practical and safe arrangements which would be necessary for those living, working, and studying at the University next term, guided both by the advice from the Scottish government, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Quaestor and the VP Governance were leading work in these areas.
- The Principal's weekly update (22/04/20) had made Staff aware of the measures being taken to control staff costs.
- The Principal had taken a reduction in salary [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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- The intention was to report on the current admissions landscape and student number forecasts for next year at PARC in May and at future RECCs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Colleagues across the University would be taking two rest days on the 1 and 4 of May.

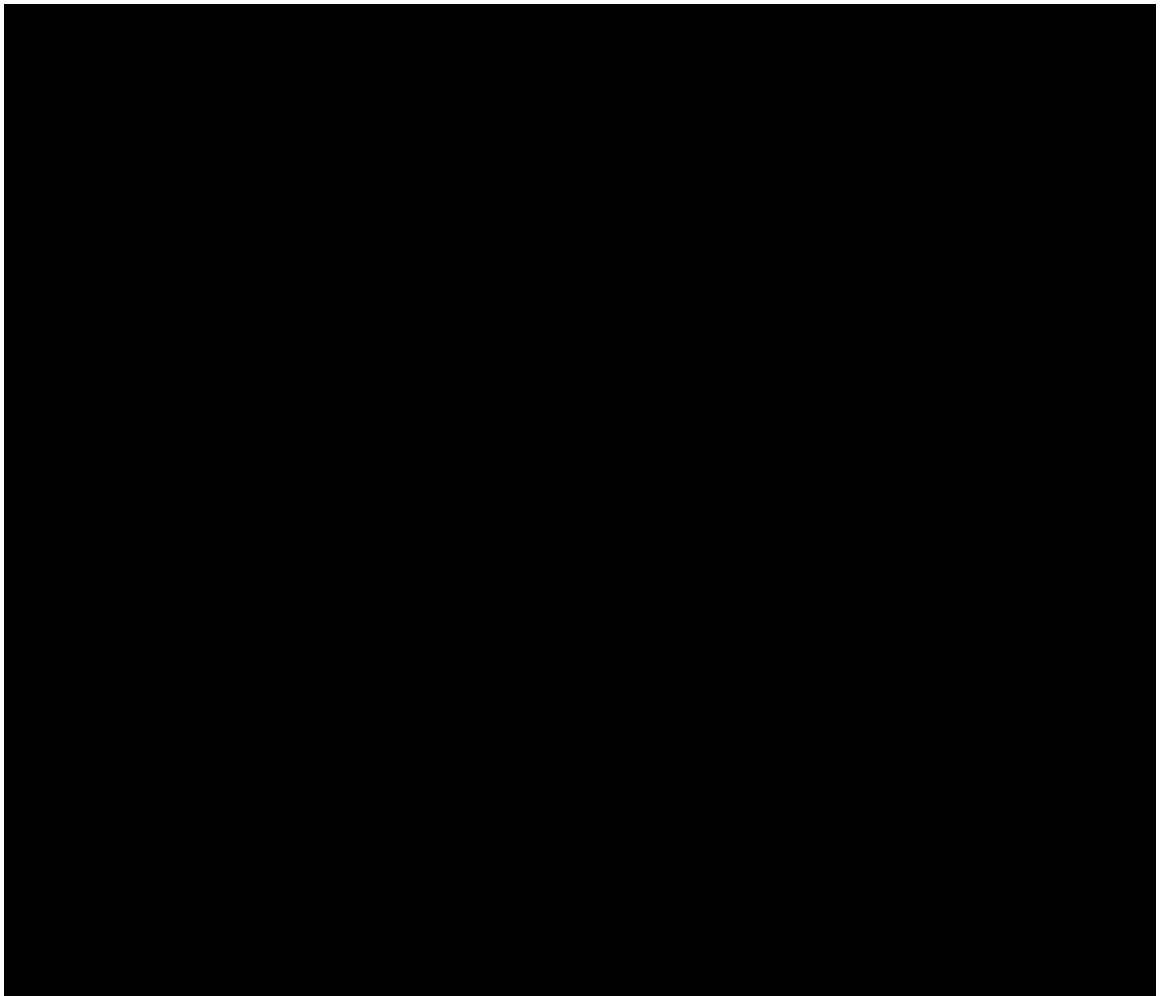
3. Record of Decisions

3.1 RECC 19/05-Coronavirus Financial Approach

The Quaestor presented the paper which provided an update to the position presented to RECC on 16 April (on file, RECC/19/01). The Committee noted that a Financial Forecast had been submitted to the SFC. Following a short discussion during which questions of detail were asked and answered, the Committee noted the report.






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3.3 RECC 19/06 – Furloughing Update

The Committee received and noted the update on the University's use of the UK Government's job retention scheme. The Vice-Principal Governance provided a brief verbal update on progress, which continued to be careful to ensure consistency with HMRC guidelines.

- The first phase of furloughing letters had been issued, and a further second phase of staff would be added in the course of May. 

- An information gathering exercise for the potential third phase (grant-funded research staff and hourly paid workers) had begun, pending further guidance on the extent to which these will be eligible for furloughing from HMRC.
- Progress on furloughing continued to be discussed at weekly meetings with the campus trade unions 



4. Date of Next meeting

The Committee will meet on Wednesday 13 May at 3 pm, via Microsoft Teams.

Margaret Sinclair

Clerk to the RECC

5 May 2020