

Council

25 October 2022

Present : Joe Docherty (Chair), Joanna Barker, Jonathan Bewes,

would meet Committee Chairs to review / discuss responses prior to their presentation to GNC at its November meeting.

07. Vice-Chancellor's Report (C/22/10 Confidential)

Received: the Vice Chancellor provide a verbal update on matters not reflected in the Report;

- a) the University had been successful in an Office for Students (OfS) competitive bid that had resulted in a £5.8 million grant for science equipment to be received over the next three years;
- b) Convocation had recently met and had been considered a very successful event;
- c) the recent University and College Union (UCU) ballot vote had resulted in agreement for further strike

Noted:

- a) the Strategy Refresh was based on a reflection of what had been achieved in the first five years of the ten-year Strategy and a confirmation of the focus for the next five years;
  - i. no material growth in student numbers and a focus on Postgraduates and STEM;
  - ii. more focused Science Strategy and Strategic Research Fund;
  - iii. leverage The Sands as a catalyst for increasing the Business School's rankings;
  - iv. a more inclusive wider student experience and a greater focus on employability;
  - v. consolidation of the College model whilst fulfilling student accommodation needs;
  - vi. global strategy awareness;
  - vii. Durham culture and student support;
  - viii. academic excellence.

Agreed :

- a) the constitution of a People and Organisational Development Committee and its corresponding terms of reference and



22. **Governance and Nominations Committee: 5 October 2022**  
Noted: the Governance & Nominations Committee report from its meeting on 5 October 2022.
23. **Ethics Committee Report: 22 September 2022**  
Noted: the Ethics Committee report from its meeting on 22 October 2022.
24. **University Academic Promotion Committee: 22 June 2022**  
Noted: the University Academic Promotion Committee report from its meeting on 22 June 2022.
25. **Register of Sealings**  
Noted: the document that had been sealed since Council's last meeting
26. **Business Agreed by Circulation**  
Noted:
  - a) Head of Department: Accounting (Chair's Action): Professor Amir Michael with effect from 1 August 2022 for a period of three years to 31 July 2025
  - b) Increase to the University's Revolving Credit Facility (RCF) : to increase the RCF with Barclays Bank from £25m to £75m and consent to the Chief Financial Officer's Briefing 4.3 (a6 (eas))