University of Glasgow

University Court

Minute of Meeting held on 23 June 2004 in the Senate Room

Present:

Mrs Joy Travers (Chancellor’s Assessor)

Sir Muir Russell (Principal)

Mr Henry Adams

Dr Jacqueline Atkinson

Professor David Bennett

Professor Andrew Christie

Dr Jocelyn Dow

Dr Geoffrey Moores

Dr Keith Nimmo

Mrs Margaret RH Paxton

Ms Kate Phillips

Ms Ali Ritchie (President, Students’ Representative Council)

Mr Ian Russell

Mr Michael Sandford

Professor John Sewell

Judy Wilkinson
In attendance:

- Mr Ian Hawkins (Administrative Officer)
- Miss Jan Hulme (Acting Secretary of Court)
- Professor Peter Holmes (Vice-Principal)
- Professor Robin Leake (Vice-Principal)
- Professor Malcolm McLeod (Vice-Principal)
- Professor Chris Morris (Vice-Principal)
- Professor Andrew Nash (Vice-Principal and Clerk of Senate)
- Mr Chris Rusbridge (Director of Information Services)
- Mr Robert Wilson (Director of Estates and Buildings)

Apologies:

Members: Mr Norman Berry, Mr J Scott Cairns, Mr Ronald G Graham, Dr Alastair Hunter, Bailie Margaret McCafferty, and Mr Craig Reedie.

Attendees: Mr Bob Cunningham (Interim Director of Human Resources), Miss Shona Morrison (Acting Director of Finance) and Ms Annie Vaz (Acting Director of Publicity Services).

57. PRESENTATIONS

57.1 Disability Training Plan

Court received a presentation on Part IV of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 –the Education of Disabled Persons, from Mr Paul Brown of the Scottish Disabilities Steering Group. The presentation focussed on a checklist for governors of Higher Education establishments to ensure that they were aware
of their responsibilities under the Act.

Court welcomed the presentation and thanked Mr Brown for his helpful and informative briefing on the relevant issues. Court noted that he had set the scene for a further presentation from the University’s officers on the work already done to meet Court’s responsibilities and those areas where further work was planned.

57.2 Strategic Objectives

The Principal introduced presentations by the each of the three territorial Vice- Principals and by the Acting Secretary of Court which showed how the University’s Strategic Plan was to be implemented in each of their areas. He informed Court that the overall aim was to relate strategy through objectives to the budget based on a much clearer attribution of costs within the University. He considered that there was still some way to go but a good start had been made and the new, more accessible budget process allowed opportunities for both carry-forwards and extra grant income by the budget holders.

The Principal reported his expectation that the recent changes to the structure and shape of the University’s senior management would produce a more coordinated and strategic approach and he set out territorial responsibilities of Vice- Principals as follows:

- Professor Holmes - Biomedical and Life Sciences
- Professor Leake - Physical Sciences and Engineering
- Professor Morris - Arts Side

These appointments would take effect from 1 August 2004 and he would announce shortly the name of the new Vice-Principal (Research and Enterprise) who would take up post later in the year. Professor Holmes had agreed to retain that portfolio until then. Professor Morris would retain responsibility for Human Resources pending the appointment of the HR Director, when the matter would be reviewed.

Professor McLeod (currently the Vice-Principal External Relations) would take the title Vice-Principal (Development) with effect from 1 August 2004.

In addition to the structure previously outlined, the Principal announced the creation of the post of Vice-Principal (Strategy and Budgeting) to provide focus and drive for the strategic thinking about the shape of the University, the goals set, and the responses made to opportunities and threats. Professor Anton Muscatelli (the current Dean of Social Sciences) would be appointed with effect from 1 August 2004. Professor Noreen Burrows, the current Deputy Dean of Social Sciences, would serve as Acting Dean meanwhile.

Pending the report of the review group chaired by Vice-Principal Leake, it was likely that a distinct post of
Vice-Principal (Learning and Teaching) would be established. The post of Clerk of Senate would continue at Vice-Principal level, and Professor Andrew Nash would continue to occupy it.

With regard to the University’s strategic objectives the Principal stated that it was essential that the University,

• Develop a more substantial and robust operating surplus to be used for strategic investments.

• Boost research income

• Balance the cost of teaching with SHEFC funding as far as possible

• Increase income from international student recruitment

• Recruit and retain high quality staff

• Implement the modernisation agenda including the principle of performance related pay

On the question of the modernisation of the University’s estate the Principal reported that this was the subject of a bid from Universities Scotland in the context of the Scottish Executive's current Comprehensive Spending Review As far as the maintenance of the fabric of the estate was concerned the Acting Secretary of Court confirmed that long term maintenance was critical and needed investment. However, this was not the only maintenance undertaken by the University: routine maintenance was carried out, for example keeping the University wind and weather tight on a day to day basis, and the Director of Estates and Buildings confirmed that much of the £9M salary budget of Estates and Buildings was spent on direct labour in the day-to day or ‘running’ maintenance of the estate.

The Chancellor’s Assessor drew members’ attention to the risk associated with the proposed provision of a Strategic Investment Fund of £6M. There was a real need to ensure that further investment in posts would generate positive income returns in the short to medium term. The risk would be minimised by the use of robust business plans based on realistic figures as part of the SIF bidding process. The Principal confirmed that this would be the case and that only realistic bids with a genuine prospect of early income generation or efficiency savings would be considered. Successful bids would be subject to monitoring.

Presentation on the Biomedical Territory

Vice-Principal Holmes reminded Court of the great strength and international research reputation of the University in the Biomedical Sciences and the high priority given to this area by the government. He also referred to the excellence of teaching within the territory and the accolades of best Medical Course in the UK (The Times 2004) and Best Vet Course in the UK (The Guardian 2004). Notwithstanding its reputation and achievements the territory was in need of collegial support within the University due to the high costs of laboratory teaching and problem based learning, historical difficulties associated with cost
recovery in research grants and the intricate financial relationship with the NHS. He emphasised the strong commitment by the University to address past issues and achieve to enhanced excellence and financial sustainability.

**Presentation on the Arts-side Territory**

Vice-Principal Morris informed Court of the achievements within the Territory in meeting the strategic objectives of international excellence in teaching and in research and also set out the future challenges and weaknesses. He reported a series of actions undertaken to meet the strategic objectives including the reorganisation of the Units of Assessment and investment in key posts for the Research Assessment Exercise and the shift to Postgraduate Taught courses whilst curtailing Undergraduate intakes.

**Presentation on the Physical Sciences Territory**

Vice-Principal Leake reminded Court of the University’s reputation as a world leader in research in areas such as gravitational waves, particle physics bio-engineering nanofabrication and eScience. With regard to teaching he highlighted the excellent departmental reviews in Civil Engineering and the solid honours classes in Physics and Chemistry. He pointed out that the way forward for the Faculties within the territory included focussing on quality people at all levels, expanding horizons for grant acquisition and targeting investment in infrastructure and studentships. He emphasised the importance of retaining laboratory based teaching of the physical sciences, despite its high cost, in order to produce appropriately educated engineers and scientists to meet the needs of employers in industry.

**Presentation on AIMS**

The Acting Secretary of Court referred to the wide range of activities covered by the Administrative, Information and Management Services (AIMS) and highlighted the fact that the funding for those activities had risen at a lower rate than the academic areas of the University. She referred to a number of examples how AIMS would be supporting the University’s Strategic Plan including the implementation of Full Economic Costing of the University’s research and the implementation of the modernisation agenda. Members noted the commitment to ensuring that AIMS priorities, activities and spending be more transparent and that AIMS improve its communication with stakeholders within the University.

A common theme through the presentations was the threat of high quality staff being poached by other institutions, particularly those south of the border – there was a perception in the sector that the new funding arrangements made England a better place to be. In response the University had established rapid response processes to retain staff and packages to attract new stars.

Court thanked those concerned for their presentations and agreed that it had been a useful exercise affording members the opportunity to obtain a more textured overview of the University's strategy and its relationship with the budget for 2004-2005. Court would wish to revisit the presentations in the course of the coming year.
58. MINUTE OF THE LAST MEETING

Court approved the minute of the meeting held on 5 May 2004.

59. MATTERS ARISING

59.1 Information Security

Court approved the three documents attached as Appendix 1 to the Matters Arising Report:

- Information Systems Security Policy
- Information Security Management System Scope
- An Information Systems Security Architecture

60. CHANGE IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Court agreed to change the order of the agenda to take papers 6 and 7 as the next items of business.

61. REPORT FROM THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT GROUP

With regard to item 6, *Merger of the Funding Councils* the President of the SRC undertook to pass the students’ comments on the proposal to the Principal.

Court otherwise noted the report.

62. REPORT FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY OF COURT

62.1 Appointments

62.1.1 Appointing Committees for Heads of Various Departments and Divisions

Court agreed to delegate authority to the Acting Secretary of Court to establish Appointing Committees for the following Departments once the identity of the incoming Senate Assessors was known:

- Archaeology – Professor William Hanson until 31.7.05
- Civil Engineering – Professor A Ervine until 31.7.05
• Curriculum Studies – Mr Brian Templeton until 31.7.05

• Educational Studies – Dr Christine Forde until 31.7.05

• English Language – Professor Mike MacMahon until 31.7.05

• Geography and Geomatics – Professor Chris Philo until 30.9.05

• History – Dr Thomas Munck until 31.7.05

• Business and Management School – Mr Robert Paton until 31.7.05

• Mechanical Engineering Dr John Howell until 31.7.05

• Music – Professor John Butt until 31.7.05

• Philosophy – Professor Richard Stalley until 31.7.05

• Physics and Astronomy – Professor John Chapman until 31.7.05

• Scottish Literature – Dr Alan Raich until 31.7.05

• Statistics – Professor Adrian Bowman until 31.7.05

62.1.2 Director of the Institute of Biomedical and Life Sciences

Court approved the re-appointment of Professor Coggins to the Directorship of the Institute of Biomedical and Life Sciences, this appointment to run concurrently with his appointment as Dean of the Faculty to 31 July 2006, with the opportunity of a further two year appointment to be decided in 18 months’ time.

62.1.3 Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Court agreed the recommendation of its Appointing Committee, on the nomination of the Dean, that Professor Ewan Cameron of the Division of Pathological Sciences be appointed to the Deputy Deanship of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for the period 1 June 2004 to 31 July 2007 (or until such time that the Dean, Professor Andrea Nolan, demits office).

62.1.4 Headship of the Department of Classics
Court approved the recommendation of its Appointing Committee that Dr Catherine Steel be appointed as Head of the Department of Classics for the Period 1 September 2004 to 31 July 2008.

62.1.5 Headship of the Department of Theatre, Film and Television Studies

Court approved the recommendation of its Appointing Committee that Professor Christine Geraghty be appointed as Head of the Department of Theatre, Film and Television Studies for the period 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2008.

62.1.6 Headship of Divisions of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Court noted the following Headships of Divisions as indicated below for the period 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2006:

- Animal Production and Public Health - Professor David Taylor
- Cell Sciences - Professor Peter O' Shaughnessy
- Companion Animal Sciences - Dr James Anderson
- Infection and Immunity - Professor Eileen Devaney
- Pathological Sciences - Professor Ruth Jarret
- The Wellcome Centre for Molecular Parasitology (A Division of the Faculty) - Professor David Barry

62.1.7 Headship of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

Court approved the reappointment of Professor Dracos Vassalos, University of Strathclyde, as the Head of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NA-ME) for the period 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2007. Court noted this was a joint department with the University of Strathclyde.

62.2 Appointing Committee for the Executive Dean of Medicine

Court agreed the following Committee of Appointment for the post of Executive Dean of Medicine to seek a replacement for Professor Steve Smith:

- The Principal
- Professor Peter Holmes, Territorial Vice-Principal
The Acting Secretary of Court reported that the executive search firm, Heidrick and Struggles, would be retained in order to build upon their recent work to appoint the current Executive Dean and that the post would be advertised.

62.3 Draft Code of Practice - Role of the Governing Body

Court noted the recommendations in the draft report regarding the role of the Chair of the Governing Body. In each of the four ancient Scottish Universities this role was filled by the Rector, elected by the student body (or, in some cases, the student and staff body), and this did not sit well with the onerous responsibilities of the Chair proposed in the draft Code of Practice. The Rector's work of representing students was also made more difficult by chairing meetings of Court.

Court noted the draft Code of Practice and that the final report would be promulgated in November 2004.

62.4 Strategic Investment Fund

Court noted the establishment by the Principal of a Strategic Investment Fund of £6M in 2004-05 and that an initial round of bids would be invited with a closing date of mid-July 2004. The bids would be reviewed in the light of their fit with the University's Strategic Plan and the robustness of an outline business plan, which would be required to evidence a real rate of return either through efficiency savings or profitable income generation. Court also noted the establishment of an SMG group, to approve the principles and procedure for the Fund, and to evaluate the bids, chaired by the Principal and consisting of the 3 territorial Vice-Principals, the Acting Secretary of Court, the Acting Director of Finance and
probably one other Vice-Principal or Dean. The monitoring of successful bids would be accorded high priority.

62.5 Senior Management Remuneration

Court approved the outline of a process for creating and implementing a remuneration framework and assessment philosophy for the Senior Management Group which in particular asked the Remuneration Committee to:

- Oversee the mapping of senior salaries onto market related salary bands and to make recommendations in respect of any anomalies that emerged.
- Develop and implement a methodology of performance assessment linked to pay and reward for senior management within this new framework by August 2005.
- Report progress to Court in the Autumn of 2004

62.6 Revised Smoking Policy

Court noted that the Health, Safety and Environment Committee, at its meeting on 23 June had looked at the draft revised Policy on Smoking and although the Committee was highly supportive of the aims of the Policy it was concerned about the wording. The Committee was of the view there was a possibility of the policy being misinterpreted as it implied that the ban extended only to public spaces. The Committee was also concerned that there were areas not highlighted in the Policy that might justify an exemption, most notably the private residences of individuals. There was also discussion about the need to clarify the situation for the few remaining halls of residence. The overall view was that some definition of University premises would be helpful.

Court agreed that the Health and Wellbeing Working Group review these points with a view to a further report being submitted to the next meeting of Court through the Health, Safety and Environment Committee.

62.7 Car Parking Charges

Court agreed that the Car Parking Charges for 2004-05 be set at the planned levels of £135 for Gilmorehill and £85 for Garscube.

Court noted its earlier in principle decision to increase car parking charges again in 2005-06 to £150 for Gilmorehill and £100 for Garscube.

62.8 Appointment of Disciplinary Tribunals
Court agreed the appointment of the following Disciplinary Tribunals to determine whether in each case the conduct or performance of the member of staff concerned constituted good cause for dismissal or otherwise constituted a serious complaint relating to their employment:

Faculty of Physical Sciences

- Professor Chris Morris (Convener)
- Professor Chris Corrin (former Senate Assessor) – failing that, Professor Jan McDonald
- Mr Michael Sandford (Lay Member of Court)

Faculty of Biological and Life Sciences

- Mrs Joy Travers (Convener)
- Professor Mike MacMahon (former Senate Assessor)
- Mr Michael Sandford (Lay Member of Court)


The Vice-Principal, (Arts-side) reported that although the Review Group had been wound up the position in the Department would continue to be monitored by the Dean of Social Sciences and the Dean of Law and Financial Studies.

Court otherwise noted the receipt of the report of the Implementation Group.

62.10 Joint School of Social Work

Court approved the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and noted that an official launch of the joint school would be held in October 2004.

The Key Changes to the MoU which had been made since it was first reported to Court on 25 June 2003:

- The change of the Administering Institution to the University of Strathclyde
- The retention of School staff as employees of their original institution
- The management of research grants and contracts
62.11 Promotion Procedures for ALC Staff

Court agreed that there would be three Academic Related Promotions Committees to deal with each of Administrative, Library and Computing Staff (in the original proposal it was suggested that a single committee should deal with the three staff categories). These Committees would each be convened by the Secretary of Court and make their recommendations thereafter directly to the Board of Review.

The membership of each of these committees was agreed as:

- Secretary of Court (Convener)
- 2 or 3 Heads of Division from AIMS
- One Dean
- One Senate Assessor
- Two members of staff from relevant staff category at ALC 5 or 6 (determined by the level of the applications).

62.12 University League Tables

Court noted the report with interest.

62.13 University of Glasgow Religion or Belief Policy

Court approved the Religion or Belief Policy attached as Appendix 7 to the report subject to the removal of the list of examples of religious dietary requirements in paragraph 10.1 of the Policy which was deemed unnecessary.

62.14 Resolutions

62.14.1 Draft Resolution 508 - Various New Degrees and Degree Amendments

Court approved a Draft Resolution instituting various new degrees and degree amendments as set out in Appendix 9 to the report. Court noted an amendment in that a new course title of *MPhil in War Studies* would be added to the list of Courses for Study for the Degree of Master of Philosophy (twelve month courses) in Gr 78-80.

62.14.2 Draft Resolution 509 - Revisions to Resolutions 464, 475 and 488: Establishment of the Board of Catholic Education
Court approved a Draft Resolution to amend the membership and Remit of the Board of Catholic Education attached as Appendix 10 to the report.

62.14.3 Resolution 506 - The Alec Cairncross Chair of Applied Economics

Court approved a Resolution to change the title of the Chair to the Alec Cairncross Chair of Applied Economics. This was to differentiate between Sir Alexander Cairncross, the first holder of the Chair of Applied Economics, and his daughter, Frances.

Court thanked the General Council Business Committee for its diligence in suggesting this amendment, which had been welcomed by the family.


Court approved in principle the draft Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the Greater Glasgow NHS Board. Court noted this was not legally binding, but detailed the proposed standard allocation of sponsor functions under the Regulations.

In response to questions the Vice-Principal (Research) acknowledged that there were potential difficulties over the differences in the meaning of the word sponsor as it was used in research governance and its use in Clinical Trials. He added that the University was looking to Universities Scotland to provide a lead on this across the sector.

Court also noted the report on the main issues facing Scottish Universities flowing from the Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2004 that implemented the EU Clinical Trials Directive (that came into force on 1 May 2004).

62.16 Summary of Key Statistics

Court received a tabled paper setting out the more up to date position to May 2004 which also corrected the misprint in section 4 of the circulated version of the paper which showed an overspend in the Resource Units' Performance v Budget figures (rather than the actual underspend). Court welcomed the more up to date data on which the report was based and hoped that this could be maintained.

62.17 Student Appeals/Complaints – Outcomes of Hearings

Court noted the outcome of the hearings into the cases of students in the Faculty of Education, the Glasgow School of Art and the Department of Psychology.

62.18 Office of the Independent Adjudicator of Student Complaints
The Acting Secretary of Court reported that the query by the Department for Education and Science about the University being a member of the scheme had been resolved and it was expected that the OIA would be in a position to receive cases from the University by the end of the week.

Court noted that membership of this voluntary scheme was likely to be an interim measure until such time that matters of student complaint fell within the remit of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman as envisaged by the current draft legislation entitled *A Changing Landscape for Tertiary Education and Research in Scotland*.

62.19 Re-appointment of Co-opted Member of Court

Court agreed that Mr Craig Reedie be re-appointed to a second term of office as a Co-opted Member of Court for the period 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2008.

62.20 Heads of Divisions in IBLS

On the recommendation of its Appointing Committee Court approved the following:

- Headship of the Division of Infection & Immunity - Professor Graham Coombs from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2008.
- Headship of the Division of Neuroscience & Biomedical Systems - Professor Billy Martin from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2008.
- Headship of the Division of Virology - Professor Richard Elliott, the current Head of Division, re-appointment for a further four-year period until 31 July 2008.

Although ratification was not formally required, Court noted that the Dean had appointed Professor Alan Taylor as the Head of the IBLS Support Services for a further four-year period until 31 July 2008.

63. MINUTES AND REPORTS OF COURT COMMITTEES

63.1 Finance Committee

63.1.1 Small Animal Hospital (SAH)

Court approved the recommendation that,

- The project to develop a SAH go ahead on the basis that the operational structure, which might now require a company vehicle, would be decided on the ability to recover VAT in light of the commercial/teaching split. It was noted that the rationale for the SAH was rooted firmly in the Faculty’s teaching
requirements.

- The exact details of the design of the building would be re-engineered in the course of the tendering process with a view to ensuring that the size and functionality of the building were appropriately matched. Capital and operating costs should be contained such that the revised business plan could generate earlier surpluses. The business plan would have to deliver cumulative surpluses across the period of the business plan.

### 63.1.2 Draft 2004-05 Budget and RAM

Court noted the Briefing Note for Court and the Commentary on the Financial Forecasts from the Acting Director of Finance and agreed the budget for the financial year from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2005.

Court also agreed the Financial Forecasts to July 2007, agreed that they be authorised by the Principal and that they be submitted to the Funding Council in the form attached as Annex B to the report. The Court commended the Acting Director of Finance on her considerable work and the efficient production of the budget and forecasts.

### 63.1.3 Banking Facilities

Court agreed the new Side Facilities Letter with the Clydesdale Bank and noted that the amendments were:

- The Registration Number of Dunwilco (675) was previously quoted incorrectly
- Change of overdraft review date

### 63.1.4 Minute of the Investment Advisory Committee

Court noted that the Advisory Committee felt ill equipped to take a view on the University's investment in Universitas 21 and it was agreed that the responsibility lay more appropriately with the Finance Committee which should now assume the responsibility.

Court otherwise noted the Report from the Finance Committee held on 9 June 2004.

### 63.2 Audit Committee

Court noted with regret the resignation from the Audit Committee of Ms Elspeth Brown and members agreed to pass the names of possible replacements to the Clerk to Court. The Chancellor’s Assessor reported that there was a need for someone with experience in finance, accounting or auditing (preferably auditing) and with regard to the gender balance of the Committee it was hoped to appoint a woman. She added that the matter would be reported back to the December meeting of Court.
Court noted that section A.1 of the report headed, *Unplanned Work* (by the Head of Internal Audit Service) was misleading. There had been only one investigation into a Student Union, the Queen Margaret Union, by Internal Audit and the review of the student bodies referred to was more accurately an external review of the governance and management of the SRC commissioned by the former Secretary of Court.

Court would receive an update on the implementation of the recommendations in the audit report on the Faculty of Law and Financial Studies after the November meeting of the Audit Committee. The report would be treated as a Resource Unit rather than a Faculty matter.

Court otherwise noted the Report from the Audit Committee held on 25 May 2004.

63.3 Human Resources Committee

Court noted the report from the Human Resources Committee held on 2 June 2004.

63.4 Equality and Diversity Strategy Committee

Court noted the report from the Equality and Diversity Strategy Committee held on 3 June 2004

63.5 Academic and Academic Related Board of Review

Court approved the following promotions:

- Dr Mark Stephens to Readership in the Department of Urban Studies with effect from 1 October 2004.
- Dr Elizabeth Crawford to Readership in the School of Law with effect from 1 October 2004.
- Dr Linda Bauld to Senior Lecturer in the Department of Urban Studies with effect from 1 July 2004.
- Mr Kenneth Ross as Honorary Professor in the School of Law with effect from 1 July 2004.

Court also agreed that Dr Alasdair Young from the Department of Politics receive an accelerated increment with effect from 1 October 2004.

Court otherwise noted the Report from the Academic and Academic Related Board of Review.

63.6 External Relations and Marketing Committee

Court noted the report from the External Relations and Marketing Committee held on 6 May 2004.

63.7 Joint Committee of Court and Manual and Ancillary Staff
Court noted the report from the Joint Committee of Court and Manual and Ancillary Staff held on 26 May 2004.

63.8 Joint Committee of Court and GAUT

Court noted the report from the Joint Committee of Court and GAUT held on 19 May 2004.

63.9 Museums and Galleries Committee

Court noted the report from the Museums and Galleries Committee held on 7 June 2004.

63.10 Research Planning and Strategy Committee

Court approved the modification to the RPSC remit as follows:

Remit

- To define, promote and implement the University’s Research Strategy and its Knowledge Transfer Strategy
- To supervise the University's submission to the Research Assessment Exercise
- To monitor and report on University research and knowledge transfer activity against the relevant strategic objectives
- To identify key areas of research, and how they should be developed for the future
- To make recommendations to the Senior Management Group to enable the delivery of the Research Strategy and of the Knowledge Transfer Strategy
- To define, promote and implement strategy and policy relating to research students

Membership

- The Principal
- Vice-Principal (Research) (Chair)
- The Territorial Vice-Principals
• Three selected staff from each territorial area
• Representative of Deans’ Group
• Director of Research Development
• Executive Assistant to Vice-Principal (Research)
• SRC PGR representative (for PGR items only)
• Possible additions:
  • Court Lay Member (Scott Cairns)
• Director of R&E
Court otherwise **noted** the report from the Research Planning and Strategy Committee held on 27 May 2004.

**63.11 Education Committee**

Court **noted** the report from the Education Committee held on 12 May 2004.

**63.11.1 Departmental Programmes of Teaching, Learning and Assessment (DPTLA):**

Court **noted** the recommendations and the resource issues identified from the DPTLA review of the Dental School.

Court otherwise **noted** the Report from the Education Committee held on 12 May 2004.

**64. COMMUNICATIONS FROM SENATE**

**64.1 Rectorial Election**

Court **agreed** that the Rectorial Election would take place on Wednesday, 15 December 2004. The Nominations Court would be set for Wednesday 24 November and students would be notified formally of the Election on 18 October 2004.

**64.2 Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris VI)**

Court **approved** the Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the Université Pierre et
Marie Curie (Paris VI) and a student undertaking research leading to a joint PhD.

64.3 Research Policy and Strategy Committee: Committee Remit

Court noted that Senate had approved the remit of the Research Policy and Strategy Committee (Minute 63.10 also refers)

64.4 Communications from the University Court: Composition of Promotion Committees for Academic-related Staff

Court approved the recommendation, already incorporated in the Acting Secretary of Court’s proposal for membership, that the Promotions Committees for academic-related staff should include a Dean of Faculty.

Court otherwise noted the Communications from Senate

64.5 Senate Assessors on the University Court

Court noted that the closing date set for receipt of nominations for Senate Assessors on Court was 17 June 2004 and the following two unopposed nominations had been confirmed:

- Science and Engineering Professorial Territory - Professor John Briggs (Department of Geography & Geomatics)

- Arts/Education/Law & Financial Studies/Social Sciences Non-professorial Territory - Dr Mona Siddiqui (Department of Theology & Religious Studies)

In the Arts/Education/Law & Financial Studies/Social Sciences Professorial Territory nominations had been received for:-

- Professor David Jasper, Department of Theology & Religious Studies

- Professor Mike French, Department of Economic & Social History

- Professor Jean Barr, Department of Adult & Continuing Education

Court noted that an election would therefore be arranged to identify the Senate Assessor from this category and that ballot papers would be issued to members of the constituency shortly.

Court otherwise noted the Communications from Senate held on 10 June 2004.

65. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
65.1 Thanks and Farewells

As this was the last meeting of Court in the current session the Chancellor’s Assessor expressed her thanks to the following members of Court for the dedicated way they had dealt with matters before them and the collegial fashion in which business had been conducted:

- Mr Henry Adams
- Dr Jocelyn Dow
- Mr Ronald Graham
- Ms Ali Ritchie
- Professor John Sewell
- Dr Judy Wilkinson

Court wished the outgoing President of the SRC, Ms Ali Ritchie, well on her return to her studies.

65.2 Members’ Room

The Chancellor’s Assessor reminded Court of the new office and meeting room in the Gilbert Scott Building that had been made available for use by members of Court. The rooms were adjacent to each other on Level 6 next to the Senate Office accommodation and could be accessed by contacting the Secretary of Court’s PA on extension 5852 or S.Craig@admin.gla.ac.uk.

66. DATES OF COURT MEETINGS FOR 2004-2005

- 6 October 2004
- 10 November 2004
- 15 December 2004
- 2 February 2005
- 23 March 2005
- 11 May 2005
• 22 June 2005

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