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Minute of the meeting held in the Senate Room on Wednesday 25 June 2003

PRESENT:

Mrs Joy Travers (Chancellor’s Assessor)
Professor Sir Graeme Davies (Principal)
Mr Henry Adams
Professor David Bennett
Mr Norman Berry
Mr J Scott Cairns
Professor Andrew Christie
Dr Jocelyn Dow
Councillor Eamon Fitzgerald
Mr Ronald G Graham
Dr Alastair Hunter
Dr Keith Nimmo
Mrs Margaret RH Paxton
Ms Kate Phillips
Mr Ian Russell
Mr Michael Sandford
Professor John Sewell
Professor David Watt
Judy Wilkinson
Mr Ben Zielinski (President, Students Representative Council)

ATTENDING:

Mr Dugald M Mackie (Secretary of Court)
Annie Vaz (Acting Director of Publicity Services)
Professor Peter H Holmes (Vice-Principal - by invitation)
Mr Ian Hawkins (Administrative Officer)
Miss Jan Hulme (Academic Secretary)
Professor Robin Leake (Vice-Principal - by invitation)
Mr Ray Lewis (Director of Human Resources)
Professor Malcolm D McLeod (Vice-Principal - by invitation)
Professor Chris Morris (Vice-Principal - by invitation)
Professor Andrew Nash (Vice-Principal and Clerk of Senate – by invitation)
Ali Ritchie (President elect, Students Representative Council)
Mr Chris Rusbridge (Director, Information Services)  
Mr Robert Wilson (Director of Estates and Buildings)  
Mr Michael Yuille (Director of Finance)  
Ms Caroline Woodside (Research and Enterprise)  

APOLOGIES:  Mr Greg Hemphill (Rector)  
Professor Chris A Corrin  
Ms Katherine Doran (Assessor, Student’s Representative Council)  
Dr Geoffrey Moores  
Dr Craig Reedie

78 Minute of Last Meeting

Court approved the minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2003.

79 Matters Arising

79.1 Student Unions (Minute 70.1)

Court noted that the Secretary of Court had written to the GUU about the counsel's opinion requiring a "concordat" between Court and the various student bodies which would enshrine the rights of those bodies, including their independent status. A meeting with the GUU was to be held shortly, following a meeting of its trustees. As there might be a need to resolve outstanding issues before the start of the new academic session, Court agreed that powers be delegated to the Chancellor's Assessor and the Secretary of Court to resolve any outstanding issues with the GUU and the other student bodies.

79.2 Remuneration of Senate Assessors (Minute 70.3)

Court noted that, given the potential for anomalies and unfairness in “cumulative consolidation”, the Remuneration Committee had considered that existing honoraria be taken into account as a factor in setting an appropriate level of remuneration as Dean or as a Vice-Principal.

Court approved the recommendations of the Committee that:

(i) the level of honorarium for a Dean be set at £6000 per annum (consolidated) with effect from 1 August 2003, with particular arrangements to apply in relation to the current Dean of the Faculty of Biomedical and Life Sciences (FBLS) until he demits office;

(ii) the level of honorarium for a Head of Department (including Heads of Schools or Divisions designated with such status) be set at £2000 per annum (consolidated) for Departments up to and including 40 members of staff in all
categories and at £3000 per annum (consolidated) for Departments with 41 staff and over, both arrangements would be with effect from 1 August 2003;

(iii) the level of honorarium for Senate Assessors (seven on Court plus the Senior Assessors for, respectively, Student Appeals, Student Complaints and Student Discipline) be set at £3000 per annum (plus £3000 per annum to be available to the relevant Assessor's Department, School Division of Faculty) with effect from 1 August 2003, with such payments not to be consolidated but to be continued for one year beyond the date in which office is demitted;

(iv) levels of honoraria be reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee in relation to "cost-of-living" salary increases.

A further recommendation for Deputy Deans would be considered by the Remuneration Committee. Court agreed that the Committee be delegated authority to agree on the level of this remuneration.

Otherwise Court noted the report from the Remuneration Committee.

79.3 CST Global Update (Minute 70.5)

See Minute 80.1.1.

79.4 Deputy Deanships (Minute 70.7)

Arts
Court approved the recommendation of its Committee of Recommendation that Professor Moignard be retained as Deputy Dean of Arts.

FBLS
Court approved the recommendation of the Dean that Professor Alan Taylor be appointed to the post of Deputy Dean of FBLS. Court noted that the Committee of Recommendation had discussed the nomination put forward by the Dean and were in agreement with this proposal.

Education
Court noted that Mr Henry Adams had been appointed as the member of Court on the Committee of Recommendation.

Engineering
Court noted that Mrs Margaret Paxton had been appointed as the member of Court on the Committee of Recommendation.

IMS
Court noted that Professor David Bennett had been appointed as the member of Court on the Committee of Recommendation.
Law and Financial Studies
Court noted that the Dean of Social Sciences, Professor Muscatelli, acts as the Deputy Dean of Law and Financial Studies.

Medicine
Court noted that the Court Committee charged with identifying a Deputy Dean for the Faculty of Medicine had recently interviewed four candidates and agreed the Committee’s recommendation that Professor Ian Greer be appointed Deputy Dean from the 1st July 2003 until the new Executive Dean of Medicine is in post, when the deputy deanship will be reconsidered. Court also agreed that, if there was a delay in the new Executive Dean taking up their post beyond 1st October, Professor Greer would be asked to serve as Acting Dean in the interregnum. During his period of office as Deputy Dean, and possibly Acting Dean, Professor Greer would be asked to relinquish his role as Head of Division.

Physical Sciences
Court noted that Mr Norman Berry has been appointed as the member of Court on the Committee of Recommendation.

Social Sciences
Court noted that the Dean of Law and Financial Services, Professor Burrows, acts as the Deputy Dean of Social Sciences.

Veterinary Medicine
Court agreed the recommendation of the Dean that Professor Jacky Reid be appointed to the post of Deputy Dean pro tem. Court noted that the restructuring of the Vet School would mean that within the next six months there would be further proposals brought to Court, which would include a Deputy Dean being identified by a Committee of Recommendation.

79.4 Faculty of Engineering Workshop Restructuring

In response to a question the Secretary of Court reported that an advertisement for a manager for the Faculty of Engineering Workshop was underway and that the report on the proposed restructuring would be made to the staff concerned.

80 minutes and reports of court committees

80.1 Finance Committee

80.1.1 Compound Semi-Conductor Limited [Restricted Business]

Court noted that remaining within CST was the cheapest and simplest option open to the University that also ensured stability for MBE over the medium term.

80.1.2 Proposed further development of Sport and Recreation Facilities: Garscube "Phase 3" [Restricted Business]
Court noted the overall cost of the project. The new facilities were welcomed as an exciting new development which would keep the University's facilities in this area as among the best in the UK. It was noted that discussions were taking place on the most tax-efficient was of proceeding with the project and Court agreed that these should be progressed by the Director of Finance. Regardless of the outcome of such discussions, assurances were given that the level of student subscriptions assumed in the project plan would stay the same, whether inclusive of VAT or VAT-exempt, and would only increase in line with normal inflation from the base level assumed in year 1 of the 25 year business plan. Court therefore agreed that:

(i) a detailed design for the building be developed and an application lodged for full planning permission, with cost of the associated work being met by the SRS from "year zero" savings;

(ii) expressions of interest be invited through an OJEC works advertisement for the 'design and build' of Phase 3;

(iii) when "design and build" tenders are thereafter obtained they should be reported to the Finance Committee prior to proceeding further; and

(iv) in the event of 'design and build' tenders being acceptable, the University investigate long-term fixed rate borrowing to finance the procurement of the Phase 3 development.

Court also noted that the best practice in energy efficiency and sustainability would be used in the implementation of the new Sports and Recreation facilities at Garscube.

80.1.3 The Income-driven Resource Model (IDRM) and University Budget for Financial Year 2003/2004

Having noted that the strategic target of a surplus set at 2% of turnover would not be achievable in 2003/04 without inflicting cuts in expenditure which would be likely to damage core activities of teaching and research, Court agreed that such figures were a good discipline in budget-setting but should also be flexible to reflect current external pressures on finances such as increases in pension contribution costs. Court also noted which pleasure the report from the Chancellor's Assessor that she had received a letter from Dr Chris Masters, Chairman of SHEFC, informing her that the University was no longer a source of concern to SHEFC in relation to its finances and that it would return to normal twice-yearly financial monitoring.

Court agreed the budget and IDRM for the financial year from 1 August 2003 to 31 July 2004.

Court also agreed the Financial Forecasts to July 2006 and agreed that they be
authorised by the Principal and submitted to the Funding Council.

80.1.4 Feasibility Study on the Redevelopment of the Hillhead 'Hub' Building and Association Catering Provision.

Court noted that the Finance Committee had received the results of the feasibility study undertaken as the first stage of the plan by the Russell Partnership. Court noted that the Members of the Finance Committee had welcomed the study and had endorsed the general recommendations that the University proceed with the redevelopment. Court also welcomed the appointment of a Human Resources Manager to the Project Board in recognition of what might be challenging "People" issues during the course of the project which was likely to include "downtime" for catering staff. Court therefore approved that:

(i) a detailed design for the building be developed and an application lodged for full planning permission;

(ii) expressions of interest be invited through an OJEC works advertisement for the 'design and build';

(iii) 'design and build' tenders thereafter be obtained and reported to the Finance Committee prior to proceeding further; and

(iv) in the event of 'design and build' tenders being acceptable, the University investigate long-term fixed rate borrowing to finance the procurement of the Phase 3 development.

Court noted that copies of the full report were available for members from the Court Office.

Court also noted that the new Hub development would contain waste disposal and composting facilities.

80.1.5 Banking Facility with the Clydesdale Bank: Detailed Terms and Conditions

Court agreed that the University should accept the offer of a banking facility with the Clydesdale Bank on the terms and conditions supplied by the bank.

80.2 Audit Committee

80.2.1 Membership of the Audit Committee

Court agreed to appoint Ms Elspeth Brown as a member of the Audit Committee.

80.2.2 Strategic Risk Management Committee (SRMC)
Court approved the following remit for the SRMC:

"To review the nature and extent of strategic level risks that face or may face the Institution including the likelihood of the identified risk occurring and to recommend a response programme to such risks;

To ensure the institution has adequate mechanisms in place to deal with:

a awareness of staff and students to risk issues  
b operational risks  
c hazard risks  
d financial risks  
e compliance risks

and to make recommendations for changes or improvements where appropriate."

Court also noted that the SRMC would report to Court via the Audit Committee and would produce an annual report of Risk Management which would be considered by the Audit Committee before submission to Court.

Court agreed that the staff member of the Audit Committee would be added to the membership of the SRMC. Court also approved the following recommendations:

1 The plan should be prioritised, with key SMART objectives being determined  
2 These objectives should be communicated widely, with indications of the roles that departments and staff have in achieving them;  
3 Key performance indicators should be developed and monitored regularly; and  
4 The risk response strategy formulated around 1-3 above.

Court noted the remainder of the report from the Audit Committee held on 11 June 2003.

80.3 Human Resources Committee

80.3.1 Sickness Absence Policy and Procedures

Court approved in principle the Policies and Procedures for Sickness Absence as set out in the report.

80.3.2 Leave for Academic and Academic Related Staff

In thanking Professor Watt for the work of his group, Court approved the revised Procedures for Applying for Leave for Academic and Academic-Related Staff, due for implementation in session 2003/04.
80.3.3 Mentoring Scheme

Court approved the Mentoring Scheme, to be piloted in two faculties next session, with a view to it being rolled out to all Faculties in due course.

80.3.4 Training Scheme

Court approved the training scheme for new Research Staff, to be used in conjunction with the Mentoring Scheme (see Minute 80.3.3).

80.3.5 Committee of Recommendation for the Deanship of the Faculty of Divinity and Headship of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies

While noting that concerns had been expressed by the Secretary of Court about the School/Department model not representing a good model of governance practice, Court agreed that an external facilitator, Dr J Wilkinson assisted by the territorial Human Resources Manager, meet with all members of the Department to agree recommendations on the remit and demarcation of duties and responsibilities of the Head of School and Head of Department. The group to submit its recommendations to the Dean and Vice-Principal (Staffing) for subsequent approval by Court.

80.4 Health, Safety and Environment Committee

Court noted the report of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee held on 28 May 2003.

80.5 External Relations and Marketing Committee

Court noted that the “Web Development Teams” project would be subsumed within the overall development of the Information Strategy. Court otherwise noted the report of the External Relations and Marketing Committee held on 8 May 2003.

80.6 Estates Planning and Strategy Committee

Concern was expressed at possible adverse affects on existing buildings caused by the continuing “freeze” on long-term maintenance and more particularly by the reduction in the budget for 2003-04 of £0.75M. The Director of Estates and Buildings gave an assurance that health and safety was not being compromised. Assurances were also given that the budget would at least be restored should SHEFC allocate windfall funds.

In response to a question the Director of Estates and Buildings undertook to brief the Glasgow City Council Assessor on the latest position regarding the future of the Otago Street site.

Court otherwise noted the report of the Estates Planning and Strategy Committee held on 2 June 2003.
81 minutes and reports of joint court/senate committees

81.1 Resource Strategy Committee

Court noted the reports from the Resource Strategy Committee held on 12 May 2003 and 9 June 2003 and approved the decision that re-sit fees for undergraduate and postgraduate taught students would be abolished from August 2004 i.e. there would be no re-sit fees for the August/September 2004 re-sit exam diet or subsequent diets.

81.2 Information Strategy Committee

Court noted the report of the Information Strategy Committee held on 22 May 2003 and approved the following policies as set out in the report:

- Policy on Software Licence Management
- Policy and Procedures for handling SPAM email

Court also noted that the Committee had endorsed the view of the Information Strategy Board that a reform of the current decision-making structure in this area was timely. Court agreed a new structure with immediate effect as follows:

- Information Policy and Strategy Committee (high level replacement for ISC, accountable to Court)
- Information Strategy Development Group; and Technology Review Group (with responsibility for creative development of information and technology issues)
- Information Technology Staff Forum (bringing together IT staff from across the University, accountable to ISDG)

Court noted that the remits, terms of reference and memberships of the above bodies would be discussed in the coming weeks with a detailed report being made to the October meeting of Court.

82 communications from senate

Court noted the receipt of a replacement version of the report Communications from the Senate to the University Court.

82.1 Definition of Schools, Centres and Institutes in the University

Court approved the report recommending definitions for Schools, Centres and Institutes in the University.

82.2 Centre in Mathematics Applied to the Life Sciences

Court agreed to approve the Constitution of the Centre in Mathematics Applied to the Life Sciences as endorsed by Senate and attached to the replacement report.

Members added their congratulations to Professors Hough and Vousden on their recent election as
Fellows of the Royal Society.

Court otherwise noted the Communications from Senate.

83 report from management group

83.1 Freedom of Information

Court approved the recommendations that a University Freedom of Information Implementation Group be established which would report routinely through the Information Strategy Committee. Court approved the remit and membership as follows:

Remit  

i) To monitor the Freedom of Information (Scotland) 2002 legislation and the associated Codes, the Model Action Plan and the Model Publication Scheme, to assess their impact on the University and to contribute to the development of the Scottish implementation framework, through the FoI Group of Universities Scotland.

ii) To inform and advise the Court and the University Management Group about FoI and to ensure dissemination of information about FoI within the University.

iii) To oversee the production and implementation of a University action plan for the University’s compliance with the FoI and to monitor implementation.

iv) To develop a University Publication Scheme by the due date (to be determined).

v) To produce a Draft Policy Statement on Openness and Access and a Draft Records Management Policy.

vi) To identify areas where interim advice is needed about records management and to arrange for the production and promulgation of such advice.

vii) To propose costed arrangements for the management of FoI access requests and to ensure that such arrangements are integrated with, and compatible with, the requirements of the Data Protection Act and the procedures for data subject access requests under that legislation.

viii) To keep under review the University’s continuing compliance with the FoI legislation and its eventual Publication Scheme.

Membership  
Academic Secretary (Convener)  
Senior Records Manager  
Head of Internal Audit  
Data Protection Officer  
Director of Information Services  
Head of the Senate Office
Acting Director of Research & Enterprise
Director of MIS or nominee
A Faculty Secretary
A member drawn from Faculties at Divisional or Departmental level
Academic expertise on FoI from the Faculty of Law and Financial Studies
and/or Faculty of Social Sciences
Junior Records Manager (Secretary)

83.2 Glasgow-Strathclyde School of Social Work

Court approved the draft Memorandum of Understanding attached as an appendix to the Report from Management Group.

83.3 Report from Review of Research and Enterprise

Court noted the minute of the Management Group discussion. Copies of the full report of the Review of Research and Enterprise were tabled with it being intended that Court discuss both it and the implementation plan in October. In the meantime, Court agreed that the Performance-Related Pay Scheme for R&E staff be wound up as soon as was practicable.

Court otherwise noted the report from Management Group.

84 report from the secretary of court

84.1 Appointments

84.1.1 Deanship of various Faculties

At its last meeting Court agreed to establish Committees of Recommendation in the Faculties of Biomedical and Life Sciences; Information and Mathematical Sciences; and Social Sciences. Court noted that the Secretary of Court, acting under delegated authority on behalf of Court, had appointed the Members of Court to the Appointing Committees so that the memberships now stand as follows:

**Biomedical and Life Sciences**
Territorial VP: Professor Peter Holmes
Two members of Court (SAs and/or Lay): Professor David Bennett and Mr Ronald Graham
Cognate Dean: Professor David Saxon (Faculty of Physical Sciences)
Two members of staff: to be nominated and, if necessary, elected

**Information and Mathematical Sciences**
Territorial VP: Professor Robin Leake
Two Members of Court (SAs and/or Lay): Dr Jocelyn Dow and Mr Michael Sandford
84.1.2 Headship of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Court approved the recommendation of its Appointing Committee that Professor Harvie Ferguson be appointed to the headship of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology for a period of two years in the first instance, from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2006.

The reason for the delay in the appointment was to allow Professor Ferguson to undertake a Visiting Professorship to Japan, which was approved prior to his candidature for the headship. Court therefore also approved the appointment of Professor David Frisby as Head of Department in the interim period ie 1 August 2003 to 31 July 2004.

84.1.3 Naming of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Applied Social Sciences

In addition to the appointment of the new Head of Department (and the interim Head) Court agreed the change of the name of the existing Department of Sociology and Anthropology to “Sociology, Anthropology and Applied Social Sciences” (SAASS). This flowed from the review of Social Policy (see Appendix 7 to the Secretary’s Report) that led to the transfer of the Strathclyde Centre for Disability Research and the Glasgow Centre for the Child and Society into the Department.

Court noted that the transfer of these two Research Centres left Social Work as a separate Unit at the University in anticipation of the proposed merger of Social Work with Strathclyde. Court therefore also agreed to appoint Prof Joan Orme as Acting Head of the “Department of Social Work” for the interim period of 1 August 2003 to 31 July 2004.

84.1.4 Acting Headship of the Department of Adult and Continuing Education

Court recalled that, at its meeting in November 2002 (Minute 25.1.3 refers) it had approved the appointment of Dr Martin Cloonan as Acting Head of DACE for the period 1 January 2003 to 31 July 2003. The Department was currently engaged in discussions on a possible structural re-organisation within the Faculty of Education.
and Court therefore **approved** the continuation of Dr Cloonan’s acting headship until such time as these discussions were complete and any subsequent definitive proposals come forward for changes in departmental structure within the Faculty. If no change was proposed then the Appointing Committee would be reconvened.

### 84.1.5 New Professorial Appointments (For Information)

Court **noted** the following appointments:

- Dr Colin Craig Kidd had accepted the Chair of Modern History with effect from 1 May 2003 (previously a Reader in History at the University of Glasgow).
- Dr Lynn Carole Abrams had accepted the post of Personal Professorship and had asked to be known as the Professor of Gender History with effect from 1 May 2003 (previously a Senior Lecturer in History, University of Glasgow).
- Professor Gerard John Graham had accepted the post of Personal Professorship and had asked to be known as the Professor of Molecular and Structural Immunology with effect from 1 April 2003 (previously Senior Scientist and Group Head, Beatson Institute for Cancer Research and Reader, University of Glasgow).

### 84.1.6 Visiting Professorship

Court **noted** the re-appointment of Professor Juozas Vaitkus as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy for the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2006 following his nomination by the Dean of Physical Sciences and the Department.

Court **noted** that Professor Vaitkus' collaboration had been most successful in helping forge links between the University and the University of Vilnius, Lithuania.

### 84.1.7 Honorary Professorship

Court **noted** that the Principal, acting under delegated authority, had approved the appointment of Professor Alan Rodger, Director Designate of the Beatson Oncology Centre, as an Honorary Professor of the University until the end of his Directorship.

### 84.1.8 Heads of Various Divisions and Departments in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Court **agreed** the following interim appointments from 1 August 2003 until such time as the new Faculty Structure is implemented (expected to be in 2003-04):

- Preclinical Studies: Prof Peter O’Shaughnessy
- Clinical Studies: Prof Martin Sullivan (Acting Headship)
- Pathology: Prof David Taylor (Acting Headship)

### 84.1.9 Heads of Various Departments in the Faculty of Arts
Court agreed the following recommendations of its various Appointing Committees:

- **Department of Archaeology**
  That Prof Bill Hanson be re-appointed to the Headship for two further years from 31 July 2003 to 31 July 2005;

- **English Language**
  That Prof Mike MacMahon be re-appointed to the Headship for two further years from 30 September 2003 to 31 July 2005;

- **Theatre, Film & Television Studies**
  That Prof Jan McDonald be re-appointed to the Headship for one further year from 31 July 2003 to 31 July 2004. Court noted that Prof McDonald has agreed to the re-appointment for one further year to allow the recently appointed Prof Christine Geraghty a slightly longer lead time before she puts herself forward for the headship.

Court also noted that the other Headship which was under consideration in the Faculty of Arts was that of the Department of Hispanic Studies but this has been overtaken by the dissolution of the language departments as separate resource units.

**84.1.10 SUERC Management Committee**

Court noted that Prof David Saxon, the Dean of Physical Sciences had been identified as the replacement for Prof Geoff Webb on the Management Committee of the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC).

**84.2 Repatriation of Human Remains**

Court noted that the Secretary of Court, acting under delegated authority on behalf of Court, had approved the Policy on Historical Human Remains in University Collections attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

**84.3 Gifts Benefactions and Bequests**

Court noted the following bequest and approved the use of the funds in the first instance for student scholarships for those attending Universitas 21 Institutions in the coming two academic years:

The late William Pirie - £35,253 plus shareholdings (value approximately £15,000) to the University.

**84.4 Calendar of Actions**
Court noted the report.

84.5 Amendments to the Constitution of the Queen Margaret Union

Court agreed the amendments to the Constitution of the Queen Margaret Union as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.

84.6 Amendments to the Constitution of the Student Representative Council

Court noted that the volume of changes amounted to a virtual rewriting of the Constitution and a number of Bye-Laws and it had not been possible to assess the proposed changes in detail in advance of the meeting of Court. Court agreed that the Secretary of Court be given delegated authority to consider and approve the new constitution on Court's behalf.

84.7 Postgraduate Research Fees in the Department of Accounting and Finance

Court noted that the earlier decision to raise the Postgraduate Research tuition fees in the Department of Accounting and Finance fee by £4,110 for the Home/EU students and by £1,385 for overseas students had been considered by the Department to be untenable. For this reason the Secretary of Court, acting under delegated authority on behalf of Court, approved a change in the postgraduate Research tuition fees charged by the Department of Accounting and Finance for session 2003-04 to:

- Home/EU £3,470 and
- Overseas £7,795

This change would have a neutral effect from a budgetary point of view.

84.8 Resolution of Court

Having received no major amendments from Senate or the General Council Court agreed the following Resolution:

- Resolution 499 – Degree of Doctor of Education (EdD)

84.9 General Council Fees

At its meeting on 15 May 2002 Court noted that, from June 2002, B.Arch students would graduate at a GSA ceremony rather than at a University of Glasgow ceremony and agreed that they would not be charged a General Council Membership fee on graduation in 2002 (Minute 67.13 refers). This was to avoid the anomaly of B.Arch students attending the GSA ceremony being required to pay a registration fee to become General Council Members while others attending the same ceremony would have the opportunity to elect to pay that fee. Court agreed that those students graduating with a B.Arch at the GSA ceremony in June 2003 would also not be charged a General Council membership fee.

In order to address this matter on a long term basis the University would need to amend
various Ordinances relating to the General Council and it was expected that this would be progressed once the new Clerk to the General Council took up his post in September.

84.10 Car Parking Charges

Following the discussion on 16 October 2002, and noting that the level of increase was a matter of concern for some members, Court agreed the following annual charges for car parking for the year 2003-04.

Gilmorehill £120
Garscube £70

At its meeting in October Court noted that the University was seeking to move towards a more environmentally conscious approach to vehicle use by staff and students by discouraging private cars being brought to its campuses and by encouraging the use of public transport. In that light, Court noted that it was intended that charges be increased to £150 and £100 on a phased basis between 2003-04 and 2005-06. The current proposal reflected that position.

It was intended that the University would move quickly towards developing a “green” transport policy, which was being required of it as a Condition of the planning permission for the two biomedical research buildings in the Western Court triangle. This policy would be developed under the aegis of the Amenities Committee with Dr Willinson, as a Senate Assessor, being involved in its development.

84.11 School of Modern Languages

At the last meeting of Court it had been agreed that a School of Modern Languages be established with single departmental status with the Head of School being appointed in the same way as a Head of Department, with the caveat that the Vice-Principal (Staffing) be involved in the initial appointment, bearing in mind the Synergy implications of the proposals.

Court noted that the Secretary of Court, acting under delegated authority on behalf of Court, had established the following Appointing Committee to seek a Head of School:

- Vice-Principal (Staffing) (Convener)
- Professor John Caughie (Dean)
- Professor Chris Corrin (Senate Assessor)

A Deputy Head of School would be sought as part of the same process.

84.12 Review of the Department of Philosophy

The Committee of Review of the Department of Philosophy reported to the meeting of Court held on 20 November 2002 (Minute 25.10 refers) with a series of recommendations for the future of the Department. At that meeting Court agreed, inter alia, to establish a Restructuring Group to meet on a regular basis to allocate responsibilities to individuals, or groups, within the department with the aim of producing the new strategies and working practices required. The Restructuring Group reported to an Implementation Group. The
Committee of Review had considered the reports of the two Groups and Court noted the final report of the Committee of Review, attached as Appendix 6 to the report, and approved the following recommendations taken from that document:

• It was the view of the Committee that monitoring of progress towards achievement of all of the above noted issues should be the responsibility of the Restructuring Group, which should continue to meet throughout next session, under the leadership of the Dean.

• The Implementation Group should be disbanded and the Restructuring Group report to the territorial Vice Principal.

• The Committee recommended release of the Chair of Moral Philosophy, to be filled from August 2004 or as soon as possible thereafter. This would be conditional on continuation of the effective and constructive commitment of staff towards resolution of the outstanding matters identified above.

Court also noted that the final report was considered by the University Management Committee its meeting held on 16 June 2003 and that an update report on the Department would be submitted to its meeting in June 2004.

Court joined the Principal in thanking Professor Geoff Webb, the Convener of the Committee of Review of the Department of Philosophy, for his efforts in completing a difficult process.

84.13 Informal Review of the Department of Economics

Court agreed that, following a series of mostly senior staff resignations, an informal review of the Department of Economics should be conducted by a Sub-Group on its behalf and report its findings in due course.

The remit of the informal review would be broadly defined and forward looking in its perspective, with a view to considering the appropriate mechanisms to support the department to maximise opportunities for the future and consider appropriate staff investment strategies, with regard to public policy research areas, and their appropriateness to cognate departments such as Urban Studies, Accounting and Finance and Business & Management. Additionally, the Sub-Group would consider any appropriate leadership issue to support the department as the present Head demits office early in 2004.

84.14 Starting Time of Meetings of Court

In the past, meetings of Court commenced at 2:30pm but, due to circumstances prevailing at the time, it had been agreed that meetings from October 2000 should begin at 4:00pm. The current arrangements allowed for a meeting of the Lay Members Advisory Committee to be held at 3:00pm immediately prior to Court but there had been problems with Members feeling the meeting was not always able to give full and proper consideration to issues because of the need to finish the meeting timeously to allow Court to begin. Court noted that, over the summer, it was intended that discussions would be held between the Chancellor’s Assessor
and the Secretary of Court regarding the most appropriate time to start meetings of Court and the best arrangements for meetings of the Lay Members Advisory Committee.

Should members of Court have any views on the future start time of meetings or meetings of the Lay members Advisory Committee they were asked to pass them in the first instance to the Court Office.

84.15 Review of Social Policy in the Faculty of Social Sciences

Court noted the proposals set out in the paper prepared by the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Financial Studies, Professor Noreen Burrows attached as Appendix 7 to this report.

85 FINANCIAL FORECASTS TO JULY 2006

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with consideration of the IDRM and University Budget for 2003-04 (see minute 80.1.2).

86 GIFT FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND LADY DAVIES

On behalf of the University Court thanked the Principal and Lady Davies for the gift of the magnificent Urn sited in Professor Square made from the same slates used to tile the roofs of the University and resting on a commemorative honey sandstone plinth; the same colour as the walls of the University when it was constructed in 1870.

87 THANKS AND FAREWELLS

In recognition of this being the last meeting of Court in the current session the Chancellor’s Assessor expressed her thanks to the members of Court for the very professional way they had dealt with matters before them in the current year and the collegiate fashion in which business had been conducted.

The Chancellor’s Assessor also informed Court that this was the last meeting of Court to be attended by the Principal who was due to demit office in September and, in recognition of his enormous contribution to the University, particularly in the area of research, Court agreed that the new buildings which will complete the biomedical triangle on University Avenue be named after Sir Graeme Davies.

Court also noted that it was the last meeting of Mr Ben Zielinski the outgoing SRC President and Councillor Eamon Fitzgerald, the Glasgow City Council Assessor on Court. Court wished Mr Zielinski well on his return to his studies and thanked Councillor Fitzgerald for his support during his term of office.

88 Dates of meetings for 2003/2004

The meetings of Court in the next session will be held on the following days at a time to be confirmed:

Wednesday 1 October 2003
Wednesday 12 November 2003
Wednesday 17 December 2003
Wednesday 11 February 2004
Wednesday 24 March 2004
Wednesday 5 May 2004
Wednesday 23 June 2004