



General Council Meeting of 1 February 2020: Annex to Billet

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

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Papers for the General Council Meeting on 1 February 2020

1 Formal communications from the University Court

The following Draft Resolutions have been received:

66/2019	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Machine Learning and Computer Vision
67/2019	Foundation of a Chair of Chemical Engineering Technology
68/2019	Foundation of a Chair of Infectious Diseases and HIV
69/2019	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Education
70/2019	Foundation of a Jason Reese Chair of Multiscale Fluid Mechanics
71/2019	Foundation of a Chair of Behavioural Sciences
01/2020	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Scottish Legal History
02/2020	Alteration of the title of the Chair of Geography
03/2020	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Computational Statistics
04/2020	Foundation of a Personal Chair of Fine Art

2 Report of the Academic Standing Committee

for the General Council Meeting on 1 February 2020

Convener of the Academic Standing Committee: Professor Stephen Hillier

The Academic Standing Committee's remit covers all matters relating to teaching and research and the provision of facilities that impinge on the academic life of the University. Top priorities this academic session are Education Technology, Ethnicity and Faith, and Student and Staff Wellbeing. These themes are self-evidently important to the University's academic mission, and map closely to Strategy 2030.

At its first meeting of the session on 12 November 2019, Professor Siân Bayne, (Assistant Principal Digital Education) addressed the Committee on recent developments in Learning Analytics and Digital Education. ASC learned that the University of Edinburgh leads UK research-intensive universities in the application of digital technology to education. The University has a major digital presence through its offer of MOOCs, which are currently accessed by approximately 2.5m students, worldwide. Also, one-third of our taught postgraduate courses are delivered on-line. It is intended to build on this extensive digital experience, to develop a values-based approach to the delivery of 'near future' education. The dystopia and 'uberification' of education portended by the 4th industrial revolution will be avoided by embedding core Edinburgh values into digital teaching and learning technology. Four essential values for near future teaching have been distilled from a

cross-College scoping exercise involving >300 PG students, staff and other stakeholders. These are 'Experience over Assessment', 'Diversity and Justice', 'Relationships First', and 'Participation and Flexibility'. It is intended that due regard to these shared values will allow successful, university-wide engagement with the near future era.

This revolution in teaching and learning technology will inevitably affect staff and student perceptions of University life: themes that will be addressed at future ASC meetings this session.

3 Report of the Constitutional Standing Committee

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Convener of the Constitutional Standing Committee: Professor David Munro

During 2019 the principle item on the agenda of the committee was a review of the *Constitutional Arrangements for the Working of the General Council and its Business Committee*. This had been prompted by changes being made to the University Ordinances arising from the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act of 2016, particularly in relation to the new arrangements for appointing General Council Assessors to the University Court. As the Constitutional Arrangements had not been updated since 2011, this was also an opportunity to review more fully and update the document, for example, with respect to the timing of Half-Yearly meetings of the General Council, the remits of Standing Committees and reference to recent legislation and the updating of relevant University Ordinances. In order to make it a more accessible and readable document, a section explaining the 'Legislative Context' was added at the beginning of the document, with five Appendices at the end detailing relevant primary legislation and University ordinances as well as the process for the appointment of General Council Court Assessors, the relationship between General Council Assessors and the Business Committee and guidelines for consultations between the General Council and the University. On 10th October 2019 the final draft of this 40-page document, along with two related motions, were presented to the Business Committee for approval in advance of these being presented to the General Council Half-yearly meeting on 1st February 2020.

In addition to the Constitutional Arrangements and associated motions, the Constitutional Standing Committee reviewed and updated an internal document about election processes approved by the Electoral Commission entitled *The General Council of the University of Edinburgh Regulations for General Council Elections*. This document was approved by the Business Committee on 10th October 2019. One further internal document entitled *Protocol for General Council Elections*, an aide memoire outlining the procedures and time frame to be followed for elections, was subsequently updated by the Committee and approved at the Business Committee held on 4th December 2019.

4 Report of the Finance and Services Standing Committee

for the General Council Meeting on 1 February 2020

Convener of the Finance and Services Standing Committee: Dr William Duncan

Like the other Standing Committees, the underlying structure to the work programme of the Finance and Services Committee (FSSC) is based on the main themes of the University's Strategy 2030, which are: People; Research; Teaching and Learning; Social and Civic Responsibility.

It was fitting and timely that **the first FSSC meeting this Session, on 14 November 2019, was with the HR Director, James Saville, given the then impending industrial action over pensions and pay.**

Staff dissatisfaction about proposed changes in their pension arrangements, especially the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), was recognised as a major factor in the dispute. The pensions difficulties are a complex national issue and not one that Edinburgh University can by itself resolve. Likewise the pay dispute, because Edinburgh University wants to remain part of nationally negotiated settlements and not engage in local pay bargaining.

On 13 December 2019, the Second Report of the Joint Expert Panel on USS appeared and made 16 inter-connected recommendations, including adopting a simpler valuation methodology and developing an approach to valuation governance that supports a clear and shared understanding of how the parties should together approach valuations. How these recommendations are acted upon could have a major bearing on how the dispute develops, but the prospect of further industrial action in 2020 remains high because staff concerns about pension and pay negotiations have become conflated at many universities.

At a more local level, mitigating the impact of industrial action on students is of particular concern to both sides of the dispute.

The other topic discussed with James Saville was the 2018 Staff Satisfaction Survey and the follow up work on that. He outlined what is being done to try to improve staff satisfaction and this is especially important at a sensitive time for staff pay and pensions. Encouraging and developing all the people involved in Edinburgh University is vital to its success; it is a major topic in its own right and underpins everything that happens.

Likewise finance and so **the second FSSC meeting, on 20 January 2020, is with the Director of Finance, Lee Hamill.** By then we will have seen the University's accounts for 2019. As a charity, the accounts have to conform to the rules that apply to charities, but these do not always make them comprehensible to a lay reader and it will be most helpful to be able to get behind the figures with the Director of Finance.

The third FSSC meeting, on the morning of 18 February 2020 will be with Anne Richards, Vice Convener of Court. This will be open to all Business Committee members.

Further meetings, to be arranged, will be with the Director of Estates.

5 Report of the Public Affairs Standing Committee

for the General Council Meeting on 1 February 2020

Convener of the Public Affairs Standing Committee: Ms Sophie Marshall

It's another busy year for the Public Affairs Standing Committee (PASC) with a packed agenda that sees a continuation of some of last year's themes including: community engagement, the integration of the University of Edinburgh into the city, alumni engagement and a consideration of the General Council's own Communication Strategy.

So far this session we've heard from Rosheen Wallace, EUSA Vice President Community, and received an input from Alumni Relations. Rosheen spoke to the Committee about her priorities which centre around three themes: the day-to-day experience of students living in Edinburgh (including housing and transport issues), sustainability and green living and engagement and integration of students into the local community.

A deep dive into these topics showed that students often faced issues in private accommodation and were often not empowered tenants. She spoke about the University's Guarantor Scheme which had been successful to date and that she would like to see this expanded. Rosheen also noted the success of the Edinburgh Co-Operative, stating that demand for this was always high and her desire would be for this model to be replicated in other parts of the city. She further spoke about her aim to ensure there was a more circular economy and the re-use schemes being driven by EUSA and the student body.

In our most recent December meeting with Kerry Balkwill and Grant Spence from Alumni Relations, we heard about the growth of Platform One (the alumni and current student networking platform that allows people to connect and share skills), the launch of the Sharing Things podcast which I can highly recommend and the re-launch of the alumni awards scheme. We were also heartened to hear about the continued success of the Insights Programme which connects students from widening participation backgrounds to alumni around the world for work and life experience opportunities.

I am happy to report that the June Half Yearly Meeting went very well and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our next event in February which includes the Principal's annual report and a tour of the Robotarium.

6 Report of the International Affairs Standing Committee

for the General Council Meeting on 1 February 2020

Convener of the International Affairs Standing Committee: Ms Krystyna Szumelukowa

Following the recommendation of a working group set up to consider the matter, at its meeting on 4th July 2019, the Business Committee approved the establishment of a new Standing Committee from the academic year 2019-2020 with the remit to consider and make representations or other observations to the Business Committee on key contemporary issues in the University's international engagement; international perceptions of the university; engagement with alumni networks; and the role of the General Council in supporting the international community locally within the city and region.

For its first meeting on 15th October 2019 the new International Standing Committee (ISC) welcomed Alan Mackay, the Depute Vice Principal International Relations and Director of Edinburgh Global. The University's Global Engagement Plan 2017-2020 and Strategy 2030 formed the basis of presentation and round table discussion. The UN Sustainable Development Goals are being taken as the strategic framework against which all policy and practice can be assessed in acknowledgement that the next ten years will see greater geopolitical changes including Brexit, the dynamics of climate change, global demographics and the increasing internationalism of higher education facilitated by the latest digital technologies. The opportunities for the University to continue to play a leading world class role will present themselves but will then demand more

resources to create effective, ethical and innovative international partnerships. The benefits of global outreach can be set alongside the need to increase support for the international community of students, academic and professional staff, which would also be a mutual gain to all directly or indirectly impacted within and beyond the University.

The ISC identified as its early priorities questions of support for international students and staff, identifying ways in which the alumni can support the University community. Understanding the impact of Brexit on recruitment and retention of staff and students, and its impact on future collaboration with European partners was identified as particularly important.

“We Belong We are Edinburgh” and “From Day One” slogans are symbolic of our determination to not only welcome all students to the University but also to sustain that welcome throughout their stay in Edinburgh and as future alumni. The International Standing Committee received presentations at its meeting on 9th December 2019 from Gavin Douglas, Deputy Secretary-Student Experience; Eleri Connick, Student Communities Project Officer-Sense of Belonging Task Group; and Daniel Mutia, Third Year Engineering student on a MasterCard scholarship from Kenya and EUSA International Participation Officer.

Student surveys have shown the importance of family and friends, the University and staff contributing to achieving a Sense of Belonging for all. Good information prior to arrival, the induction process, welcome events, “buddy” schemes, local family support, and EUSA projects are all good practice examples which can be spread further across the University both academically and socially. Resources to enhance a Sense of Belonging resulting in better academic outcomes for students are especially significant for the 40% of students who arrive at the University from overseas. Academic and professional staff are meeting students from diverse climates and cultures and with different levels of financial support. The challenge is set to spread good practice and eliminate bad practice. The ISC will add its support to improve the student experience through the international alumni network.

The ISC is now also looking ahead in 2020 and beyond to examine the University’s engagement in Europe and China and the General Council’s relationship with international alumni clubs of which there are many!

7 Meetings of the Business Committee

The Committee has met three times since its last Report was published, viz. 4 July 2019, 10 October 2019, 5 December 2019.

8 Deaths of Members of the General Council

The deaths of the following members of the General Council have been reported during the year from January 2019 to January 2020. Names have been listed by year of first graduation from the University of Edinburgh.

Arbuckle, Nora Agnes Mcllland, (née Aitken), MA of 1928, BCom of 1930, died 06/072019

Chossudowsky, Eugen Michael, BCom of 1936, died 2019

Shenkin, Miriam Leah, (née Epstein), BCom of 1937, died 22/10/2009

Devlin, Margaret Josephine, (née Cuddy), MA of 1940, died 19/09/2018

Menzies, Marjorie Elizabeth Keith, (née Gibson), MA of 1941, died 2019

Scott, Rhoda Margaret, (née Murray), BSc of 1941, MBChB of 1944, died 23/07/2018

Bradshaw, Rachel Elizabeth, (née Quinnell), BSc of 1942, died 2019

Bentinck, Margery Anne, MA of 1943, MA of 1977, died 2018

Dickson, John Munro, BSc of 1943, died 2019

Fraser, Donald Ian, BSc of 1943, died 2019

Hume, Elizabeth Margaret, (née Nicolson), MA of 1943, died 01/01/2019

Smith, Mary Stephanie, (née Dick), MA of 1943, died 2019

Crichton, Thomas Ingram, MBChB of 1944, died 01/02/2019

Powell, Henry Denis Whitwell, MBChB of 1944, died 2019

Smith, Thomas Deacon, BSc of 1944, died 2019

Sutherland, William Drummond, BSc of 1944, died 2019

Doyle, Ian Bruce, BD of 1945, PhD of 1956, died 2019

Guthrie, Vivian Mairi, MBChB of 1945, died 2019

Macnair, Margaret Elizabeth, MBChB of 1945, died 25/11/2019

Park, Thomas Harling, MBChB of 1945, died 2019

Wells, Geoffrey George, MBChB of 1945, died 2018

Cahalan, Beatrice Margaret, (née Campbell), BSc of 1946, died 01/12/2018

Fulton, David Cairns, BL of 1946, died 18/07/2019

Macaulay, Rosemary June, BSc of 1946, died 2019

Macnaughton, Catherine Paterson, (née McMillan), MA of 1946, died 2019

McMurtree, Robert Lindsay, BSc of 1946, died 01/01/2012

Meakin, Anne Boyd Michie, (née Scott), BSc of 1946, died 2017

Owen, Owen Elias, MBChB of 1946, died 2019

Sim, Charles Gordon, MBChB of 1946, died 2019

Torday, John, BSc of 1946, died 01/09/2019

Elsdale, Stella Margaret, (née Dare-Delaney), MA of 1947, died 2019

Finlayson, William, BSc of 1947, died 01/01/2019

Henderson, Ian Grant, BL of 1947, died 24/04/2019

Ross, Tomima Jessie, (née Slater), MA of 1947, died 2019

Savage, Isabella Catriona, (née Watson), MA of 1947, died 07/09/2018

Calder, Donald, BSc of 1948, died 2018

Cameron, Alexander Durand, MA of 1948, Dip Ed of 1949, died 09/08/2018

Gentle, William Ainslie, MBChB of 1948, died 2016

Goodman, George Barclay, MBChB of 1948, died 28/10/2019

Hay, Colin Paterson, MBChB of 1948, died 2019

Irvine, Margaret Rosemary, MA of 1948, died 01/01/2019

MacDonald, Simon Gavin George, MA of 1948, died 17/11/2019

Mayes, Brian Burton, MA of 1948, died 2019
Sanders, Moffatt, BSc of 1948, died 2019
Scott, Paul Henderson, MA of 1948, MLt of 1987, died 2019
Sheng, Ching Lai, PhD of 1948, died 23/06/2018
Walker, George Sanderson, BSc of 1948, died 2019
Watson, Dorothy Fyffe, (née Irving), MA of 1948, died 01/07/2016
Wylie, Elinor Pringle, MA of 1948, died 2019

Abbott, Walter Hugh Alexander, MA of 1949, Dip of 1951, died 20/12/2018
Bisset, Janet Margaret, (née Lamont), MBChB of 1949, died 28/07/2019
Carruthers, Alexander James, MA of 1949, died 2019
Clerk, Matilda Joanna, MBChB of 1949, died 27/12/1984
Coulson, Walter F, MBChB of 1949, BSc of 1954, died 2018
Cowan, Bevy Bruce, (née Mackenzie), MBChB of 1949, died 2019
Craighhead, Isobel Beatrice, MBChB of 1949, Dip of 1952, died 02/03/2019
Fisk, Isabel June, (née Lim), MBChB of 1949, died 30/05/2019
Foulstone, Michael Sydney, BSc of 1949, died 2019
Hutchison, Ruth Ormiston, (née Dabb), MA of 1949, Dip of 1950, died 2018
Knox, John Henderson, BSc of 1949, DSc of 1963, died 2018
Lorimer, John Thornton, BSc of 1949, died 01/12/2019
MacLaren, Iain Ferguson, MBChB of 1949, died 03/10/2019 (**Secretary of the General Council 1993 – 1997**)
McDonald, William James Gilmour, MA of 1949, BD of 1952, died 2016
McMillan, Joseph Hill, MBChB of 1949, MSc of 1979, died 2019
Reed, Donald, MA of 1949, BD of 1952, died 25/10/2019
Reid, George Hunter, BCom of 1949, died 2019

Grainger, Gerald Denis, BSc of 1950, died 2019
Hutchinson, Jean Edmonston, (née Swanney), MA of 1950, died 01/11/2018
Hutchinson, Richard, MBChB of 1950, died 14/10/2018
Leishman, Frances Evelyn Augustine, (née McVey), MBChB of 1950, died 07/10/2019
Maunder, Leonard, PhD of 1950, died 2019
McCombie, Alan Gordon, MA of 1950, died 2019
McPhail, Ian Austin Thomson, MA of 1950, died 13/12/2017
Smith, Donalda Matheson, (née Morgan), MBChB of 1950, died 13/02/2019
Somerville, Joan Meredyth, (née Lawrence), MA of 1950, died 22/12/2017
Taylor, Helen Rae, MA of 1950, died 2019
Taylor, James Robert Niven, MA of 1950, died 14/07/2019
Thomson, William Grimmitt, MBChB of 1950, died 22/06/2019

Bloxam, Thomas Wallace, BSc of 1951, died 23/01/2019
Cattle, Richard John, BSc of 1951, died 01/01/2019
Cooling, Rosalind Mary, (née Bentley), MBChB of 1951, died 22/12/2018
Crofts, Kenneth Harold McLintock, MBChB of 1951, died 2019
Crowther, Daphne Trotter, BSc of 1951, died 19/09/2003
English, Margaret Russell, (née Cowan), BSc of 1951, died 2018
Galloway, Robert William, MA of 1951, died 2019
Hay, Andrew Fotheringham, MA of 1951, died 01/01/2019
Lund, Frank James, BSc of 1951, died 2019

Mackenzie, James Hugh Alexander, BL of 1951, died 2019
Maxton, Ronald McNish, MA of 1951, died 07/06/2019
Mercer, Charles William, MBChB of 1951, died 01/01/2019
Sanderson, Stewart Forson, MA of 1951, died 14/10/2016
Skinner, Lydia Mary, (née MacKinnon), MA of 1951, died 2019
Stephen, Annie Kennedy, (née Seggie), MA of 1951, died 2019
Stone, Gillian Emily Custance, (née Sale), MA of 1951, died 02/03/2019
Vadgama, Audrey Lilian, (née Walters), MA of 1951, died 2019
Walker, Patricia Mary, (née Phillips), MA of 1951, died 27/02/2019
Wood, Kenneth, MBChB of 1951, Dip of 1964, died 15/06/2015

Adams, Roseann Gairn, MA of 1952, died 11/10/2019
Anderson, Phillip Algot, PhD of 1952, died 01/09/2018
Anderson, William Rutherford Turnbull, MA of 1952, died 2019
Arthur, David Sloan Coullie, MA of 1952, died 2019
Ayles, William McAlpine, MBChB of 1952, died 17/07/2015
Duncan, Charles Alexander, MA of 1952, died 30/05/2019
Harrington, Leslie Taylor, MA of 1952, died 01/01/2019
Harwell, John Cowper, MA of 1952, LLB of 1954, died 07/08/2018
Lawson, Robert Ian, BSc of 1952, died 17/03/2019
Macdonald, Duncan Maclennan, MA of 1952, died 2019
McCrostie, Atholl Iain, BCom of 1952, died 26/09/2016
McKee, Agnes Sheila, (née Hyslop), MA of 1952, died 2019
McKenzie, Alexander Ross, BSc of 1952, died 2019
Robertson, Ian William, BD of 1952, died 01/01/2019
Rodger, David Edward, MA of 1952, died 01/01/2019
Sinclair, Alastair William, BSc of 1952, died 24/02/2019
Somerville, David Frazer, MA of 1952, died 22/02/2019
Stewart, James Alexander, LLB of 1952, died 2018
Thin, Christian Gibson, PhD of 1952, died 2019
Walker, George Lumsden, MA of 1952, died 2019
Watson, Diane Nadine, MA of 1952, died 23/06/2019
Winton, Rosemary Olive, (née Irvine), MA of 1952, MA of 1954, died 2018

Brown, Fergus John MacBride, BL of 1953, died 2018
Christie, Margaret Steuart, MA of 1953, LLB of 1954, died 2019
Collier, Jean Mary, (née Vaughan), MA of 1953, died 2019
Duncan, Eleanor Anne, (née Spence), MA of 1953, died 2019
Ebbutt, Leslie Ian Kerr, BSc of 1953, died 2019
Gibson, James Nelson, BSc of 1953, died 2019
Greenway, Kenneth James, BMus of 1953, died 01/01/2019
Henderson, Richard John Alistair, BSc of 1953, died 2018
Henderson, John Fergus, BSc of 1953, MSc of 1970, died 2019
Jones, Elizabeth Craigie, (née Towers), MA of 1953, died 2019
Lothian, John James, BL of 1953, died 01/01/2019
Macaulay, Christina Merrilyn, MA of 1953, died 30/06/2018
Maclnnes, John, MA of 1953, PhD of 1975, died 2019
Mackenzie, Donald William Ross, BSc of 1953, PhD of 1958, died 2017
Miller, David, BSc of 1953, died 01/03/2019

Mycroft, Frank Hutchison, MA of 1953, died 2019
Neill, Alistair, MA of 1953, died 2019
O'May, Sarah Pitcairn, (née Handasyde), MA of 1953, died 2019
Panteli, Evangelos Stylianou, BL of 1953, died 2019
Scott, William Porteous, BSc of 1953, died 2019

Hamilton, Daphne Jean, MA of 1954, died 2019
Hay, Robert Colquhoun, MA of 1954, LLB of 1956, died 2019
Liddell, James Ralph, MBChB of 1954, died 01/01/2019
Osborne, Robert Graham Lyon, BSc of 1954, died 2019
Ritchie, Isabelle Morag, MA of 1954, MEd of 1961, died 01/01/2019
Robertson, Janet (née Buchanan), BSc of 1954, PhD of 1960, died 01/01/2019
Schanche, Leif, BCom of 1954, died 03/12/2016
Scott, John Clelland, MBChB of 1954, died 01/01/2019
Williamson, David Watson, MBChB of 1954, died 28/05/2017

Andrews, William Denys Cathcart, BL of 1955, died 01/07/2019
Braendlin, Hans-Peter, PhD of 1955, died 10/07/2019
Ducksbury, Christina Francis Joan, MBChB of 1955, died 2019
Gelly, Jane Leslie, MA of 1955, died 24/09/2018
Henry, Robert Falconer, BSc of 1955, died 24/01/2019
Imrie, Mary ANNE KING, MA of 1955, died 2019
Matheson, Norman Keith, PhD of 1955, died 2019
Nichol, Kenneth John, BSc of 1955, PhD of 1958, died 2018
Owen, David Lloyd, MBChB of 1955, died 01/09/2018
Palmer, Robert Emil, PhD of 1955, died 28/08/2019
Steel, Colin, BSc of 1955, died 26/08/2019
Thomson, Fergus Sinclair Mackenzie, MA of 1955, died 2019
Watt, Elsie Trotter, (née Ballingall), MBChB of 1955, died 2019

Charlesworth, William George, MBChB of 1956, died 2019
Coutie, Martin George, BSc of 1956, PhD of 1960, died 14/11/2017
Fernie, Alastair Stewart, MA of 1956, died 13/10/2014
Gilvray, Allister Campbell, MA of 1956, died 2019
Green, Marjorie Lois Marion, (née Mackenzie), MA of 1956, died 2019
Hogg, James Bell, BCom of 1956, MA Hons of 1958, died 04/06/2019
Macdonald, Donald Charles, BSc of 1956, MSc of 1959, died 24/02/2019
McDonald, Peter, PhD of 1956, DSc of 1967, died 2018
Moore, Diana Mary, (née Cockerill), MA of 1956, died 01/01/2019
Murray, Ian Kerr, BL of 1956, died 01/01/2019
Mutch, Robert Alexander, BSc of 1956, died 09/05/2019
Thomson, William James, MBChB of 1956, died 2019

Arbuckle, Patricia Eliza McHardy, (née Curran), MBChB of 1957, died 18/08/2019
Beale, Alfred James, MA of 1957, died 03/01/2019
Binning, Sydney Robert, MA of 1957, Dip of 1958, died 29/04/2019
Bruggen, Clarence Peter Leem, MBChB of 1957, died 20/09/2019
Eadie, Christopher James, BL of 1957, died 2019
Gray, George Gowans, BSc of 1957, died 2018

Hammond, Annemarie (née Eggleton), BSc of 1957, died 23/09/2019
Hartley, James Malcolm Whittaker, BDS of 1957, died 01/01/2019
Lang, Pamela Jean, (née Cousin), BSc of 1957, died 2019
Millar, Ian Abercromby, BSc of 1957, died 2019
Parker, Clive, MBChB of 1957, died 2019
Sachs, George, BSc of 1957, MBChB of 1960, died 12/11/2019
Schofield, Melville Frederick, MA of 1957, died 15/02/2019
Taylor, Jean Forbes, (née Orr), MBChB of 1957, died 01/03/2018
Trotman-Dickenson, Aubrey Fiennes, DSc of 1957, died 01/01/2016
Wallace, William Hamilton, MBChB of 1957, died 01/05/2019

Anderson, Thomas Young, MBChB of 1958, died 18/06/2018
Donaldson, Jean Patricia, (née Maule), MA of 1958, died 2014
Gilchrist, Eileen Mary, MA of 1958, died 06/11/2019
Hugh, James Edwin, MBChB of 1958, died 2019
Jenkins, Edward BURTON, MBChB of 1958, died 17/03/2019
Macdonald, Donald Peter, BCom of 1958, died 05/02/2019
Mutch, Rosemary Lindsay, (née Annand), MA of 1958, died 01/01/2019
Russel, Angus James Forrest, BSc of 1958, BSc of 1959, died 08/12/2018
Tribe, George William, BVMS of 1958, died 27/11/2013
Watt, James Affleck Gilroy, MBChB of 1958, MD of 1970, died 2019
Weeder, Raymond George, MBChB of 1958, died 2019

Barbour, Catherine Dummigan, (née Wilson), MBChB of 1959, died 18/12/2018
Bell, Graham Clark, BL of 1959, died 03/02/2019
Blackie, James Robertson, BSc of 1959, MSc of 1962, died 2019
Burns, Gerard, BSc of 1959, died 2019
Carew, Ada Janet, (née Webb), MA of 1959, died 2012
Herring, Elizabeth Beatrice, (née Deacon), MA of 1959, died 17/07/2018
Hulland, Thomas John, PhD of 1959, died 15/10/2018
Hunt, George Edward, BVMS of 1959, died 2019
King, Thomas Kwong Chen, MBChB of 1959, MD of 1963, died 25/05/2019
Lumsden, Keith Grant, MA of 1959, died 09/11/2019
McBride, Glenorchy, PhD of 1959, died 28/01/2018
Montgomery, David, BSc of 1959, died 26/11/2017
Russell, William Gordon, MBChB of 1959, died 2018
Stuart, Angus Erskine, PhD of 1959, died 12/03/2019
Tait, Isobel Anne, (née Ritchie), MBChB of 1959, MD of 1982, died 2019
Watson, Ewen Escombe Bennet, BVMS of 1959, died 2019
Wilson, John Gibb, BSc of 1959, PhD of 1986, died 2019

Aitken, Richard Gibson, BSc of 1960, died 2019
Blyth, Isabella (née Burns), BSc of 1960, died 2019
Broatch, Robert David, BSc of 1960, died 06/12/2018
Brydon, Pamela Ann, (née Batchelor), BMus of 1960, died 04/08/2018
Campbell, Peter Grant, BSc of 1960, died 2019
Card, Isobel Rintoul, MBChB of 1960, died 2019
Connor, Charles Edward Carson, BL of 1960, died 27/12/2017
Escott, Trevor Ernest, MBChB of 1960, died 01/01/2018

Flynn, David Michael, MBChB of 1960, MD of 1966, died 2019
Harvey, James Robert, MA of 1960, died 2018
Hunter, Norman John, MA of 1960, died 01/01/2019
Macintosh, Gilbert David, BDS of 1960, died 2019
Mackay, Bruce Irvine, BSc of 1960, died 2008
Mackenzie, Sheila Elizabeth Clare, (née McKail), MA of 1960, died 2019
McCosh, Andrew Macdonald, BSc of 1960, died 2019
Mcpartlin, Noel, MA of 1960, LLB of 1962, died 2019
Middleton, Nigel Trevor, BVMS of 1960, died 01/01/2019
Simpson, Leslie Ninian, BDS of 1960, died 14/11/2018
Smart, George Edward, MBChB of 1960, died 24/04/2019
Szabo, Kornelia, MA of 1960, died 09/09/2019
Weston, Iain Angus Graeme, MBChB of 1960, died 2019

Armour, Margaret-Ann, BSc of 1961, MSc of 1966, died 25/05/2019
Banks, David Noel, BSc of 1961, died 2019
Beattie, Hamish Roy Macbeth, BDS of 1961, died 27/02/2019
Blake, Buxton George, MA of 1961, PhD of 1966, died 2018
Drysdale, Nicol, MA of 1961, BSc of 1962, died 12/10/2019
Graham, Colin Macleod, MBChB of 1961, died 03/08/2017
Jackson, Stanley, BCom of 1961, BSc of 1961, died 2019
Morris, David, MBChB of 1961, Dip of 1965, died 24/03/2018
Noon, Michael John, BDS of 1961, died 2019
Seaborne, Alexander Eric Macintyre, MSc of 1961, died 01/01/2019
Steedman, Wilma Mary, (née Trail), BSc of 1961, PhD of 1965, died 11/08/2019
Thomson, James, PhD of 1961, died 2019
Young, Andrew Buchanan, MBChB of 1961, Dip of 1973, died 2019

Bhoyroo, Yves Andre, BSc of 1962, died 2019
Edwards, Roderick Vincent, BSc of 1962, died 09/08/2019
Goldsmith, George William Innes, BSc of 1962, died 14/11/2018
Kellas, David John, MA of 1962, BD of 1965, died 2018
McNab, James Melville, BSc of 1962, PhD of 1965, died 2019
Ross, Eric De Witt, PhD of 1962, died 15/01/2019
Spowart, Agnes Eileen Watson, (née Forrest), MA of 1962, died 2019
Stager, John Kimberley, PhD of 1962, died 10/10/2018
Tulley, Gavin George Fraser, BSc of 1962, died 17/09/2019
Walton, Kenneth James Gray, BL of 1962, died 09/09/2009

Brown, Ann McRae, (née Russell), MA of 1963, died 22/01/2019
Buchanan, Anderson Wood, PhD of 1963, died 2019
Coventry, William McLean, MA of 1963, died 2019
Dale, Stephen John, BVMS of 1963, Dip of 1971, died 09/06/2019
Emberson, Rowan Mark, BSc of 1963, died 06/10/2018
Hauxwell, Eric Roland, BDS of 1963, died 2019
Hemingway, Anne Elizabeth, (née Cameron), MA of 1963, died 2019
Hunter, Robert Leslie Cockburn, LLB of 1963, died 28/05/2018
MacDonald, Neil, MBChB of 1963, died 2019
Maratchi, Gerard Jacques, MA of 1963, died 2019

Mcintyre, Donald Campbell, MA of 1963, died 01/01/2019
Mukhopadhyay, Subhas, PhD of 1963, died 19/06/1981
Parkinson, Margaret Hunter, (née Gibson), MBChB of 1963, died 20/03/2019
Watt, Julie Margaret, (née Hamnett), MA of 1963, died 01/01/2019
Woodman, Henry Edgar, BSc of 1963, died 2019

Caves, Catherine Jane, (née Mattick), MA of 1964, died 07/05/2019
Gordon, Jane Taylor, (née Collins), BSc of 1964, died 28/03/2019
Hall, Paul Guy, BVMS of 1964, died 2018
Hasan, Ruqaiya, PhD of 1964, died 2015
Hoffenberg, Ronald Leon, MBChB of 1964, died 2019
Macdonald, Aonghais EWAN, MA of 1964, died 30/03/2019
MacPhee, Donald Graham, BSc of 1964, PhD of 1967, died 2019
Mactaggart, John Norman, LLB of 1964, died 02/09/2019
Martin, Alfred William, BDS of 1964, died 01/11/2019
Sellar, William David Hamilton, LLB of 1964, died 26/02/2019
Warren, Eleanor Grace, (née Manson), MA of 1964, died 2013
Watson, George ALISTAIR, BSc of 1964, MSc of 1966, died 11/08/2019
Whyte, John Nimmo Crosbie, PhD of 1964, died 24/11/2017

Balfour, Tom Wyles, MBChB of 1965, died 2019
Bradley, Patricia Anne Cullen, (née Hannon), MBChB of 1965, died 2019
Day, Diane Brash, (née Alexander), BSc of 1965, died 22/10/2019
Firth, Edmund Lester, BSc of 1965, died 2019
Gaffney, Michael Grant, MA of 1965, died 03/03/2018
Holland, Christopher John Stanley, MBChB of 1965, died 17/10/2018
Mackay, Alan Douglas, LLB of 1965, died 18/02/2019
Miller, James Edward, MA of 1965, PhD of 1970, died 01/01/2019
Ojo, Matthew Olapade, BVMS of 1965, died 15/06/2010
Read, Michael John Fairbourne, BDS of 1965, died 20/02/2019
Wallis, Timothy David, MBChB of 1965, died 2019

Allan, Ann Geraldine, (née Bearn), MA of 1966, died 07/05/2018
Archibald, Kenneth Nisbet, BSc of 1966, died 01/01/2019
Beck, Christine Glenyss, (née Lambert), BVMS of 1966, died 01/01/2019
Black, Cameron, BSc of 1966, died 19/03/2019
Campbell, Catherine Janet, BSc of 1966, MBChB of 1969, died 2018
Crabb, Michael James, BSc of 1966, PhD of 1970, died 2019
Eccleston, Donald, PhD of 1966, DSc of 1976, died 18/03/2018
Partridge, Judith, BSc of 1966, died 08/03/2019
Richardson, Gordon, MA of 1966, died 2019
Stevenson, Ronald Garfield, BCom of 1966, died 2019
Stewart, Ann Patricia, (née Dennell), MA of 1966, died 2018
Tinker, Gladys Mary, (née Purvis), BSc of 1966, MBChB of 1969, died 2019

Alexander, Charles Simpkins, LLB of 1967, died 18/11/2018
Broadwood, Charles Stewart, BSc of 1967, MBChB of 1970, died 31/05/2019
Edgar, James Ian, BSc of 1967, died 2019
Gladstone, David Ian, BSc of 1967, MBChB of 1970, died 2019

McGill, Morag Caldwell, (née Fotheringham), BSc of 1967, died 01/01/2019
Walton, David Winston Harris, BSc of 1967, died 01/01/2019
Wright, Thomas Bain Millan, BSc of 1967, died 2018

Barrett, Bernard Thomas, MSc of 1968, died 2019
Fancy, Ashraf Mohammed Ali Hassan Ali, BSc of 1968, died 2014
Galt, Joan Macconnell, PhD of 1968, died 24/09/2019
Gill, Kenneth James, BSc of 1968, MBChB of 1971, died 2019
Hair, Alistair James, BMus of 1968, died 27/01/2019
Knight, John Leslie, BSc of 1968, died 2019
Mcfadzen, David Brunton, BSc of 1968, died 2019
Moor, Alison Leslie, MA of 1968, died 01/01/2016
Murdoch, Brian Robert Peters, BSc of 1968, died 05/09/2018
Myers, Kenneth William, MBChB of 1968, died 01/01/2019
Ross, Michael Arthur, LLB of 1968, died 2019
Wood, William Matthew, MBChB of 1968, died 01/01/2019

Aitken, Robert, LLB of 1969, died 2019
Baines, Elizabeth Jean, (née McEwen), MA of 1969, died 01/01/2017
Borthwick, Alistair Jason, BSc of 1969, died 2019
Bryant, John Shiel, MA of 1969, died 01/01/2019
Fairbairn, Robert Godfrey, MA of 1969, MEd of 1982, died 07/09/2018
Garden, Edward James Clarke, DMus of 1969, died 2019
Hamilton, Eric James, BSc of 1969, died 01/01/2019
Hynd, Neil Robertson, BAr of 1969, died 2019
McGregor, Valerie Elizabeth Mary, (née Bell), BSc of 1969, MBChB of 1972, died 19/03/2019
Passmore, Charles, BSc of 1969, died 2019
Paterson, Samuel Muir, MBChB of 1969, died 2018
Sinclair, Douglas, MA of 1969, died 2019

Barbato, Margaret-Anne (née Gow), MA of 1970, died 01/01/2019
Branford, Margaret (née Harrison), BSc of 1970, MBChB of 1973, died 04/01/2019
Denton, Peter, BSc of 1970, died 2018
Duncan, Michael John, MBChB of 1970, died 01/01/2019
Pattison, Katherine Bruce, (née Dodds), MA of 1970, died 2019
Steele, Elizabeth Sandra, (née Falconer), BSc of 1970, MBChB of 1973, died 2019
Westhead, John Neil, MBChB of 1970, MD of 1983, died 01/01/2019
Wilson, Ian Maclean, BSc of 1970, died 01/01/2019

Gqubule, Theocritus Simon Noziweni, MTh of 1971, died 2016
Howarth, Richard Henry, BSc of 1971, died 08/10/2019
Macmillan, Mary, MA of 1971, died 12/02/2019
Renshaw, Anne Connell, (née Stirling), MA of 1971, died 2018
Watson, Derek, BMus of 1971, died 17/09/2018

Beach, William Gerald Hugh, MSc of 1972, died 2019
Buchanan, Alasdair Carson, BSc of 1972, died 2019
Duffield, Ian, PhD of 1972, died 11/04/2019
Filshie, John Harold, PhD of 1972, died 06/10/2017

Freddi, Fiona Hester, (née Butters), BSc of 1972, died 2019
Gupta, Patricia, BAr of 1972, died 2019
Lowry, John Richard, BMus of 1972, died 09/05/2019
Macandrew, William, MA of 1972, died 01/01/2019
Neubauer, Fritz, MA of 1972, MA of 1974, died 08/05/2019
Orbell, Brian Geoffrey, BVMS of 1972, died 08/08/2019
Owen, Edward Edwin, PhD of 1972, died 20/04/2015
Peden, Alistair Harkness, MEd of 1972, died 01/01/2019
Scott, David Jonathan, BSc of 1972, died 01/01/2019
Sissons, John Brian, Hon DSocSc of 1972, died 20/01/2018

Al Gailani, Larnia, MLt of 1973, died 2019
Calcutt, John, MA of 1973, died 2018
Gray, Robert John Murray, BDS of 1973, died 2019
Mungall, John Tennant Kay, BSc of 1973, MSc of 1978, died 21/12/2018
Roberts, Ann (née Duncan), MA of 1973, died 10/11/2018

Ahlqvist, Anders Eric Olof, PhD of 1974, died 2018
Arthur, Jillian (née Hood), MA of 1974, died 2019
Edwards, Rosalind Margaret, (née Foulds), MA of 1974, died 2019
Gordon, Michael John Caldwell, PhD of 1974, died 22/08/2017
Goss, Alister John, BD of 1974, died 2019
McGhee, Charles Joseph, BSc of 1974, died 01/01/2019
Peters, Gordon Grieve, PhD of 1974, died 01/01/2019
Robertson, Graeme James, BSc of 1974, died 2018
Shilling, Roger, BDS of 1974, died 2019

Burns, James O'Niel, BD of 1975, died 04/07/2019
Crosby, Michael Noble, BSc of 1975, died 2019
Laidlaw, David, BDS of 1975, died 26/06/2019
Meyjes, Diane Gillian, (née Patten), LLB of 1975, died 22/05/2018
Morrison, Isobel Ann, (née Reid), BEd of 1975, died 26/03/2019
Rennie, Graham Scott, BAr of 1975, died 10/07/2019
Thomson, June Elizabeth, BSc of 1975, died 2019

Esparza-Leon, Manuel Miguel, MPHIL of 1976, died 2019
Hart, John, LLB of 1976, died 2019
McNair, William John Murdoch, PhD of 1976, died 12/06/2019
Walker, Antony Trevor Tennant, MA of 1976, died 14/09/2019
Wallace, Euan William, BCom of 1976, died 2019

Gray, William Nelson, BD of 1977, PhD of 1981, died 08/04/2019
Honore, Antony Maurice, Unknown of 1977, died 2019
Jacobsen, Michael, PhD of 1977, died 01/01/2017
Maitland, Thomas Peter, BSc of 1977, died 01/05/2019
Powell, Michael Roland, BD of 1977, BD of 1978, died 11/03/2019

Dunlop, William John Charles, BA of 1978, Dip of 1985, died 2019
Findlay, Grant McDowall, LLB of 1978, died 25/02/2017

Kerr, John Neilson, LLB of 1978, died 2019

Dunne, John Joseph, MPHIL of 1979, died 2019

Hopkin, Janina Elizabeth, MSc of 1979, died 2009

Smith, Michael Stephen Francis, MPHIL of 1979, died 2017

Stephen, John Erlend, BSc of 1979, died 23/12/2014

Tait, William, MEd of 1979, died 01/01/2019

Baxter, Ian Ronald, BSc of 1980, died 01/01/2019

Dickson, George Alan, BSc of 1980, died 2019

Boyle, James Campbell, MA of 1981, died 2019

McGrath, Brian John, BDS of 1981, died 2019

Nicholson, William GRAHAM, MA of 1982, died 2019

Paton, John Harris, BD of 1982, died 06/05/2019

Wat, Henry Yung Hing, MBA of 1982, died 17/06/2019

Lewin, Susan Marjory, (née Thom), BSc of 1983, died 24/11/2013

Mardon, Edmund Gregory, MA of 1983, died 01/01/2019

Richardson, Susan Philippa, BVMS of 1983, died 2019

Wilson, James Newlands, PhD of 1983, died 01/01/2019

Atiyah, Michael Francis, Hon DSc of 1984, died 11/01/2019

Cameron, Stephen Alan, PhD of 1984, died 2019

Mcowan, Peter William, BSc of 1984, died 29/06/2019

Munro, Archie Neil, BDS of 1984, died 2019

O'Dwyer, Bernard Terence, PhD of 1985, died 10/11/2017

Pate, Valerie Ruth, (née Kneale), BVMS of 1985, died 2019

Raemaekers, Jeremy John, MPHIL of 1985, died 01/08/2019

Shield, Janice (née Reid), BSc of 1985, died 2017

Barrington, Charles William Harcourt, BD of 1986, died 04/09/2018

Gilmour, Graham Stanley James, MA of 1986, died 2018

Henderson, Diana Mary, PhD of 1986, died 10/04/2019

Cameron, Catherine Mary, MA of 1987, died 01/01/2019

Catto, Iain Stuart, NGU of 1987, LLB of 1988, died 09/12/2019

Patrizio, Anne Katharine, BEd of 1987, died 2019

Preston, Robert Sheffrey, MBA of 1987, died 30/12/2018

Lang, James Brown, BSc of 1988, died 12/06/2017

McCulloch, Kenneth Hyslop, Dip of 1988, PhD of 2002, died 2019

Winterburn, Peter Alan, PhD of 1988, died 21/06/2019

Forbes, Marion Noble, MSc of 1989, died 2019

Jarvie, David Gray, NGU(LLI) of 1989, NGU of 2005, died 2019

Kershaw, Esme, MSc of 1989, died 2018

Apple, James Glenn, LL.M of 1990, died 22/01/2019
Fenoulhet, May Clark, MLt of 1990, died 12/05/2019
Gardner-Roberts, David Gwilym, BSc of 1990, died 2019
Muthoka, Patrick Nthusi, MSc of 1990, died 2018

Norman, Jessye, Hon DMus of 1991, died 30/09/2019
Ruiz, Janet Elizabeth, MA of 1991, died 2019

Govan, Fiona Macleod Wylie, MBA of 1992, died 13/06/2015
Hinde, Robert Aubrey, Hon DSc of 1992, died 23/12/2016

Aye, Omma, MBChB of 1993, died 2019

Flemming, Mhairi (née Peddie), BSc of 1994, died 2017
Muller, Marius Alexander, MA of 1994, died 01/01/2019
Smith, David Cecil, Dr hc of 1994, died 29/06/2018

Krantz, Daniela Katharina, LL.M of 1995, died 2018
Meyer, Jon Rennie, MSc of 1995, died 2019
Roy, Rachel Madeline, (née Hunt), BSc(H) of 1995, died 2016

Bax, Stephen James, MLt of 1996, died 2019
Katan, Hamidon, MBA of 1996, died 09/12/2018
Mccarroll, Gregory Edgar, BSc(H) of 1996, died 2019
Ralph, Terry Jane, MSc of 1996, died 2019

King, Anne Elizabeth, BSc of 1997, died 2019

Anson, David, MA(H) of 1998, died 01/01/2019
Morris, Albert, MA of 1998, died 2019
Ramsay, Donald Alexander, MPhil of 1998, died 20/07/2018
Webb, Caroline Jane, BSc(H) of 1998, died 2019

Davies, Alun Ceri, MBA of 1999, died 27/01/2019

MacKay, Alexander, BNG(H) of 2000, died 01/01/2019
Thomson, Ross James, BCOM(H) of 2000, died 2019

Betz, Christian Michael, BSc(H) of 2001, died 2019
Macari, Martin Ricardo, LLB of 2001, died 17/02/2017

Leung, Chung Yin, MSc of 2002, died 2018

Ogilvie, Lloyd John, Hon DD of 2003, died 05/06/2019
Waddington, Guy George, MA(H) of 2003, died 15/10/2018

Reilly, Annabelle, BSc(H) of 2005, died 2014
Wood, Donna, MSc of 2005, PHD of 2008, died 13/03/2019

Grant, Gordon Gordon, PhD of 2006, died 2019
McSweeney, Sara Jane, BSC(H) of 2006, PHD of 2010, died 2018

Fernie, Raymond, BED(H) of 2007, died 01/03/2019
Singerman, Alex William, MA(H) of 2007, died 2017

Rees, Elmer Gethin, Hon DSc of 2008, died 04/10/2019
Stewart, Malcolm Alister Carle, MA(H) of 2008, MSc of 2009, died 01/01/2019

Dyer, Curtis-John, BSC(H) of 2009, died 2019

Mastropaolo, Enrico, PHD of 2011, PGC of 2018, died 2019

Hamp, Eric PRATT, Hon DLetters of 2012, died 17/02/2019
Musy, Ryan Michael, MBCHB of 2012, died 22/07/2018

Young, Pua (née Hershlag), MCOUNS of 2014, died 2019

Crawley Peck, Hero, MA(H) of 2015, died 01/01/2019

Hall, Carole ann (née Morrell), LLM of 2016, died 01/01/2019
MacDonald, Rory, MA(H) of 2016, died 01/01/2019

Williams, Andrew James, BSC of 2017, died 2019
Wilson, Ana-maria, MA(H) of 2017, died 2018

Papers from the General Council Meeting on 15 June 2019

A Presentation of the Report of the Business Committee

at the General Council Meeting on 15 June 2019

Convener of the Business Committee: Professor Stuart Macpherson

Chair: I would like to welcome everyone to this General Council meeting and will invite the Chaplain to open the meeting with a moment of reflection.

Chaplain: So this is an opening reflection and it's always an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on our common purpose as we come together and as we come and deliberate together about the health and future of the University. Today we're focusing in a lovely and important way with the University's relationship with Africa, past and present, and the various textures of that relationship, uncovering what's been hidden; reflecting and anticipating the richness of past, present and future collaborations with African colleagues, students and partners. Each year we give thanks to all that have made and continue to make this University a house of fruitful study and endeavour. We ask for wisdom to follow all that is best in their example and for imagination to carve out our own paths. We ask for diligence and cheerfulness, with good courage and

discernment in our business today and as we play our part in shaping the University and its service in the world.

Chair: Thank you very much. For those who haven't met me before I'm Ann Henderson, the Rector of the University, and it's a pleasure to be here with you all. I'm looking forward to the whole day and the interesting programme later on as well.

The minutes of the 16th February 2019 have been circulated in advance. I'd like to ask the meeting to approve the minutes. Thank you very much. There are no formal matters arising but I'm happy to ask if anyone in the room has any matters of business arising from the minutes that are unlikely to be covered under any of the agenda items? No. Okay, thank you very much.

We're going to move on now to take the Report of the Business Committee. Convener, Stuart Macpherson, will present the Report of the Business Committee.

Convener: Rector, members of the General Council and Guests.

It is my task today to give a brief report of the Business Committee since our Half Yearly meeting in the refurbished Law School in Old College on the 16th of February. Although it was a privilege to see the beautifully modernised accommodation, particularly the library, and at the subsequent lunch to hear from Professor John Cairns on the history of the Old College site, the highlight for me was the fact that the meeting was transmitted simultaneously to General Council members in a number of European countries, and moreover, that members from London and Belgium had taken the trouble to join us on the day in person. As you all know, General Council members are spread across the world and I hope we can engage with more and more as time passes.

Since February we have appointed two new General Council Assessors to the University Court. Members will remember that we approved a new process for such appointments and I am pleased to say that this has worked well. Following an advert we received ten fully qualified applications. Shortlisting and interviewing was carried out by a panel of six individuals, three from the General Council Business Committee – myself, the Secretary, Professor Ann Smyth and Professor Andrew Miller and three representing Court, the Principal, the University Secretary Sarah Smith and Anne Richards the Vice-Convener of Court. Four candidates were shortlisted by a democratic process and I am delighted to say that following interview Sarah Wolffe and Jock Millican were appointed.

From the beginning of next session they will join Doreen Davidson as our three General Council Court Assessors. This of course means that Alan Brown and Ritchie Walker will stand down. In addition we lose Kristin Hannesdottir from the Business Committee. All have been committed and valued contributors to our work and I would like you to join me in thanking them for their important input.

Later in this meeting the Secretary will be informing you of upcoming elections for membership of the Business Committee. At this stage I simply wish to encourage any of you who have the time and interest to consider standing for membership. Involvement in the Committee allows one to keep in very close touch with all the interesting matters going on in your University. We currently have a splendid membership, diverse in age and experience and I very much hope that that will continue.

As I have explained before the majority of our work is carried out by the Standing Committees led by their four diligent Conveners and since February they have undertaken much interesting and worthwhile work. I have asked each of them to provide me with a synopsis of their work.

Steve Hillier reports that his Academic Standing Committee's priorities this half year have been equality and liberty including physical disability across the campus. They saw the Edinburgh University Student Association Vice-Presidents most closely involved in their recently launched liberty and diversity campaigns. A perceived institutional strength of Edinburgh is performance in the Athena Swan scheme which recognises advancement of gender equality. However Steve asks us to note that the University has no Equality and Diversity Committee and Vice-Principal Jane Norman who took responsibility for this area is leaving. The Committee has decided to keep a continuing close eye on this topic.

The Constitutional Standing Committee chaired by David Munro has had a very busy few months. They have spent much time reviewing the regulatory arrangements for the working of the General Council and its Business Committee. These have not been updated since 2011 and account required to be taken of University Ordinances in compliance with the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.

Jock Millican's Finance and Services Standing Committee met with James Saville the Director of Human Resources. The topics covered included service excellence, pensions and pay, Brexit and its effect on staff and issues arising from the staff experience survey. Mr Saville stressed the importance of better communication across the University on HR issues. A subsequent meeting was with Gary Jebb, the Director of Estates. He provided an overview of the issues in developing and maintaining the estate. The main vision for his 10 year programme is to enhance the student experience.

The Public Affairs Standing Committee is chaired by Sophie Marshall. They have heard from the EUSA Vice-President (Community) Georgie Harris, Grant Spence and Rachelle Norry from Development and Alumni on alumni engagement and recently Theresa Merrick the University's Director of Communications and Marketing on her extensive plans for the future.

I have previously reported that considering the University's global reach we decided to set up a Working Party to consider how the Business Committee scrutinises international matters. This working party has continued its work chaired by Vice-Convener Gordon Cairns and will shortly present their conclusions to the Business Committee and I will report to you in February.

Rector. That concludes my report

Chair: Thank you very much. Does anyone have any questions for the Convener?

I take it that General Council members are happy with the work that's been described?

Thank you for that Stuart and for the work that committee members and chairs are doing.

I'm going to move on now to agenda item no. 4 and ask Secretary, Ann Smyth, to give us the dates of the next General Council meetings and to give notice of elections and so on.

Secretary: The next Half-Yearly Meeting will take place on Saturday 1st February 2020. This will be in the Bayes Institute followed by lunch in the Informatics building, so we will be very forward

looking next February. Any motions for discussion at that meeting should be received in the General Council office by 12 November 2019.

The following statutory Half-Yearly Meeting will be held in Edinburgh on Saturday 13th June 2020 at a venue as yet to be confirmed. Details will appear in the next issue of Billet. Any motions for discussion at the meeting on 13 June should be received in the General Council office by 25th March 2020.

For those of you who have picked up on our wish to know about your preferences for receiving information by paper or by electronic means, I do want to reassure those of you who we may have alarmed, that we will be continuing in the foreseeable future to send printed Billet to those who have requested it. It is simply that as our numbers grow and our international reach extends, it is helpful for us to send information about these meetings and these key dates for motions electronically where we can.

Unusually for the next diet of elections, there will be places for seven members of the Business Committee in February 2020. Nomination forms are available and need to be received in the General Council office by 12 November 2019. There will also be information on the website and we would strongly encourage those of you who may be interested in joining the committee to seek nomination, and if that is not what you want to do, we would nonetheless encourage you to take an active part in the elections.

Chair: Does any member have any questions or comment on the Secretary's report?

Linda Hendry, MA 1971: I'd love to get stuff by email but the two times I've tried to work my way into the system have failed. Is there a way we could just give you our email address without having to be on the University system? Thank you.

Secretary: I think there are a few things to separate out. The issue of emailing to the General Council office direct shouldn't be any more difficult than emailing anyone else, using the General Council's email address which is General.Council@ed.ac.uk. The thing that I am aware is difficult, particularly for many of our active General Council members who come to these events that antedate the days of being given a University email address for life, is that you have to come into the University's secure systems through EASE into MyEd and that is the means by which we, with appropriate security, run e.g. General Council elections.

You will be aware that last February we made a heroic attempt to make that easier for members and there was a hitch at the last minute in the collating of all the information. There are perhaps more University departments involved in getting Billet out to you than we may have realised. It is my intention that we try to get that information out to you again, with step by step personalised instructions, so bear with me, we will try again.

The third piece of information is that you should, more readily, be able to access the General Council's website for information. For that you don't need to go through EASE, you can google that in the same way as you would to get information about other websites. Alison and I are in the process of discussion with University Information Services to have the General Council website migrate into the University's wider EdWeb system, and we will do that in as simple a fashion as we can to start with. But we are also very keen to explore with them, and this would be in phase 2 I think, because we all know about IT projects that have gone over time and budget and we don't

want to be one of those. So we'll start simply with a migration. But we are very keen to explore more user friendly ways for our members to be able to communicate and access things securely. We appreciate the difficulties and we're doing our best in a phased manner to deal with it. The best I can do for the coming elections will be to try to get those personalised instructions to you. But in the meantime, do please email and please do use our website.

Chair: Does anyone else have any other competent business that they would like to raise at this point in the meeting? No. So in that case I'm going to ask the Chaplain to close the General Council meeting with a benediction.

Convener: Thank you Chairman. For the purpose of considering matters which may be transmitted to the General Council by the University Court or of any other business of a competent nature the Business Committee be empowered to act on behalf of the General Council and this meeting be adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Business Committee.

Chaplain: We ask God's blessing upon us that we may go out from here with wisdom, courage and vision using our gifts wisely to build a just and compassionate world. Amen.

B The University of Edinburgh and Africa: Past, Present and Future

The formal proceedings were followed by excellent presentations from Professor James Smith, Vice-Principal International, and the team behind UncoverEd, a project uncovering the history of some of Edinburgh's forgotten graduates from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas. The audience also enjoyed an interactive panel discussion with senior academics whose work is focused on the University's engagement in and with Africa.

Music was provided by Alla Leake, percussion musicians from Guinea and the Gambia, and members were entranced by the beautiful recital given by Ifeanyichukwu Ezinmadu, a classically trained pianist and a Mastercard Scholar currently studying at the University of Edinburgh.

A buffet lunch in the auditorium gave participants the opportunity to engage with an array of exhibits and learn about the range of the University's important projects in Africa. The event ended with a film about the Mastercard Scholars initiative.

A video capturing some highlights from the day can be viewed by accessing the following link:
<https://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/video/half-yearly-meeting-and-africa-event-15-june-2019>

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