

## AGENDA SEN25-A2

### Notice of meeting

A meeting of Senate will be held on Wednesday 11 June 2025, at 10am, IN-PERSON ONLY in the Convention Room, Burleigh Court.

Dr J C Nutkins, Secretary

### 1 Business of the Agenda

Any member wishing to speak to a starred item is asked to give notice to Dr J C Nutkins by noon on Monday 9 June 2025.

### 2 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2025 (**SEN25-M1**), and, subject to any correction, to sign them.

### 3 Matters arising from the Minutes

- 3.1 Any matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the Agenda.

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## SECTION A – Items for Discussion

### 4 University Strategy

#### SEN25-P39

- 4.1 Update on the Higher Education External Environment

To consider an update on the Higher Education external environment.

#### SEN25-P40

- 4.2 Strategy Review

To consider the work underway to review the university strategy's trajectory in response to the external environment, and to endorse the approach and timeline for progressing the review, including the re-working of the 5-year financial forecasts to be submitted for approval in the autumn to reflect the outcome of the review.

## **SEN25-P41**

### **4.3     KPI Review**

To recommend to Council for approval new trajectories for KPIs for international students, research awards and research students.

- i) To agree revised (interim) trajectories for the three KPIs relating to research awards, research student population and international student population and to note that the annual milestones are aligned to the current assumptions in the 2025-26 and 5-year financial forecast.
- ii) To note that further revisions to these, or other KPI trajectories, may come forward for approval in the autumn 2025.

## **5        Freedom of Speech**

### **SEN25-P42**

To note the implications of the recent Office for Students findings in relation to the University of Sussex and the next steps for implementation of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023; and to recommend to Council an amendment to the Freedom of Expression Code of Practice to reflect the provisions of the Act which will be implemented.

## **6        Loughborough Students' Union Constitution Review**

### **SEN25-P43**

To note progress in relation to the LSU Constitution Review.

## **7        Discontinuation of Infrastructure Committee and Establishment of Two New Committees**

### **SEN25-P44**

On the recommendation of Governance and Nominations Committee, to recommend to Council for approval the discontinuation of Infrastructure Committee, and the establishment of a new Information Technology and Governance Committee and an Estates Management and Sustainability Committee, with effect from 2025/26.

## **8        Health, Safety and Environment Committee**

### **SEN25-P45**

\*8.1 To receive minutes of the meetings of Health, Safety and Environment Committee on 5 February and 14 May 2025.

### **SEN25-P46**

8.2 To consider Health and Safety Bulletins for March, April and May 2025.

## **9        Matters for Report by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience)**

### **SEN25-P47**

9.1 To consider matters for report by the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Education and Student Experience.

### **SEN25-P48**

9.2 To approve changes to the length of the Semester 1 assessment period in 2025/26.

## **10 Matters for Report by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation)**

### **SEN25-P49**

To consider a report.

## **11 Matters for Report by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Sport)**

### **SEN25-P50**

To consider a report.

## **12 Matters for Report by the Chief Operating Officer relating to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**

### **SEN25-P51**

To consider a report.

## **13 Matters for Report by the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

### **SEN25-P52**

To consider a report.

## **14 Honorary Degrees and University Medals**

### **SEN25-P53 (to be tabled)**

Pursuant Statute XVIII and with the advice of the University Honours Committee, to make a recommendation to Council regarding persons to be invited to receive Honorary Degrees and University Medals at future Degree Congregations.

## **15 Matters for report by the Vice-Chancellor**

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## **SECTION B – Starred Items for Approval**

### **\*16 Appointment of Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellors**

To approve the following appointments, both for 4 years from 1 August 2025 until 31 July 2029, covering the REF submission window:

Karen Coopman (AACME): APVC Research & Innovation – Excellence and Focus

Ksenia Chmutina (ABCE): APVC Research & Innovation - Impact and Internationalisation

### **\*17 Appointment of Chair of Prizes Committee**

#### **SEN25-P54**

On the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, to approve the appointment of a new Chair of Prizes Committee.

### **\*18 Education and Student Experience Committee**

#### **SEN25-P55**

- \*18.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Education and Student Experience Committee on 28 February and 10 April 2025.

#### **SEN25-P56**

- \*18.2 Amendments to Regulation IX (Registration, Attendance, Leave of Absence, Withdrawal and Transfer) and Regulation XVI (Tuition Fees and Payments for Other University Services)  
To approve amendments to Regulations IX and XVI.

#### **SEN25-P57**

- \*18.3 Amendments to Regulation XIX (Hall Committees)  
To approve amendments to Regulation XIX.

#### **SEN25-P58**

- \*18.4 Amendments to Regulations (Programme Board Viva-voces, Review Boards, Carrying Forward Marks, MArch and Pass Lists)  
To approve amendments to Regulations VII, XIV, XVII, XX, XXI, XXII, XXV and XXVIII.

### **\*19 Human Resources Committee**

#### **SEN25-P59**

- \*19.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Human Resources Committee on 21 May 2025.

#### **SEN25-P60**

- \*19.2 To recommend to Council for approval amendments to Ordinance XXXV (Staff Disciplinary Policy and Procedure)

### **\*20 Student Discipline Committee**

#### **SEN25-P61**

- \*20.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Student Discipline Committee on 13 May 2025.

#### **SEN25-P62**

- \*20.2 To approve minor updates to the Alcohol, Drug and Substance Misuse Policy for Students.

#### **SEN25-P63**

- \*20.3 To recommend to Council for approval amendments to Ordinance XVII (Conduct and Discipline of Students).

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## **SECTION C – Starred Items for Information**

### **\*21 Appointment of Associate Deans and EDI Principals**

To note the following appointments/reappointments (all from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2028, except where otherwise stated):

i) Associate Deans (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion):

- \*21.1 Rebecca Higginson as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for the School of AACME.

- \*21.2 Karen Blay as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for the School of ABCE.
- \*21.3 Lorraine Young as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for the School of DCA.
- \*21.4 Sarah Barnard as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for Loughborough Business.
- \*21.5 Burce Celik as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for Loughborough London.
- \*21.6 Atish Vadher as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for the School of Science.
- \*21.7 Daniel Rhind as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for the School of SEHS.
- \*21.8 Abigail Davis as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for the School of SSH.
- \*21.9 Laura Justham as Associate Dean (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) for the Wolfson School.

ii) Associate Deans (Education and Student Experience):

- \*21.10 Nicola Jennings as Associate Dean (Education and Student Experience) for the School of Science.
- \*21.11 Allan Watson as Associate Dean (Education and Student Experience) for the School of SSH.

ii) Associate Deans (Research and Innovation):

- \*21.12 Crispin Coombs as Associate Dean (Research and Innovation) for Loughborough Business for a further year until 31 July 2026.

iii) EDI Principals:

- \*21.13 Hayleigh Vasey as EDI Principal for the Registry/Student Services/Library/Doctoral College cluster.
- \*21.14 Laura Crawford as EDI Principal for the VCO/OD/HR/Health and Safety cluster.
- \*21.15 Stuart King as EDI Principal for the M7A/ RIO cluster.

## **\*22 Student Complaints Annual Report 2023-24**

### **SEN25-P64**

To note the Student Complaints Annual Report for 2023-24.

## **\*23 Appointments to the Academic Staff**

### **SEN25-P65**

To note appointments to the Academic Staff.

## **\*24 Programme Proposals**

To note the action of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (E&SE), on behalf of Senate, in approving the following:

- (i) New programmes  
*From Sept 2025*  
 MSc Electrical and Electronic Engineering (p/t version)  
 MSc Engineering Management (p/t version)  
 LLM Law  
  
*From Sept 2026*  
 MSc Accounting and Finance – *LU London version*

MSc Computer Science – *LU London version*  
MSc Design and User Experience – *LU London version*  
LLB Law\*

\* *Subject to resolution of outstanding issues*

(ii) Major changes

*From Sept 2025*

*Current students and new entrants*

BEng/MEng Automotive Materials

BEng/MEng Biomaterials Engineering

BEng/MEng Materials Science and Engineering

*New entrants only*

MSc Clinical Exercise Physiology

MA Strategic Communication (title changed to MA Digital Media and Communication)

(iii) Suspension of programmes

MA Storytelling (online versions only) (Last intakes: F/T: none; P/T: Oct 2022; Next intake: Sept 2027)

MA Theatre (Last intakes: F/T: Oct 2023; P/T: Oct 2022; Next intake: Sept 2027)

*Part-time versions of the following programmes:*

MSc Civil Engineering

MSc Construction Management

MSc Construction Project Management

MSc Construction Project Management with Building Information Modelling

MSc Net Zero Building Services Engineering

(Last intake: Sept 2024; Next intake: Oct 2027)

(iv) Termination of programmes

MArch Architecture - *Practice Pathway* (Last intake: Sept 2024)

MArch Architecture – *Research Pathway* (Last intake: Sept 2024)

MSc Data Science (p/t only) (Last intake: Sept 2024)

MSc International Project Management (Last intake: September 2024)

MSc Information Systems and Digital Innovation (p/t only) (Last intake: October 2023)

## **\*25 Reports from Committees**

To receive reports from the following Committees:

\*25.1 **SEN25-P66** Arts Committee on 20 May 2025

\*25.2 **SEN25-P67** EDI Committee on 26 February 2025

\*25.3 **SEN25-P68** Finance Committee on 14 March 2025

\*25.4 **SEN25-P69** Infrastructure Committee on 25 February 2025

\*25.5 **SEN25-P70** Research and Innovation Committee on 1 April 2025

\*25.6 **SEN25-P71** SPaRC Part B: Resources on 10 March, 7 April and 28 April 2025

## **\*26 Waiver of Regulations**

To note that the Academic Registrar has approved waivers to Regulations in relation to individual students. (Further details are available from the Secretary).

## **\*27 Dates of Meetings in 2025-26**

Wednesday 24 September 2025 - 12:30pm – Strategic Away Afternoon, Convention Room, Burleigh Court, Loughborough Campus

Wednesday 5 November 2025 - 10:00am, University Stadium, Loughborough Campus  
Wednesday, 21 January 2026 - 10:00am, University Stadium, Loughborough Campus (if required)  
Wednesday, 11 March 2026 - 10:30am AM – LDN1.04, Loughborough University London  
Wednesday, 10 June 2026 - 10:00am, University Stadium, Loughborough Campus

## **\*28 Any Other Business**

Any member wishing to raise an issue is asked to notify Dr J C Nutkins by noon on Monday 9 June 2025.

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