

UET meeting

Tue 11 January 2022, 10:00 - 12:00

Committee room/MS Teams

Attendees

UET members

John Vinney (Chair), Tim McIntyre-Bhatty, Jim Andrews, David Reeve

In attendance

Sarah Hutchings (Present at: 2.1), Jane Forster

Meeting minutes

1. Minutes and Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 6 January 2022


Approval
Chair

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

None noted.

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2. Finance discussion

David Reeve

2.1. Cash flow update

Discussion
Sarah Hutchings

SH noted that the cashflow had now been updated to reflect the forecast. This has improved the position in April 2022. Overall the cashflow was now better than the BU2025 position. There were some ongoing matters to resolve, such as the deferred decision on the OfS capital allocation. The sale of Royal London House was not reflected. The five year OfS forecast and the updated forecast and cashflow would be shared and discussed with EULT on 26th January. It was important that EULT were aware that there were some challenges - although the bottom line has improved there were still gaps in the transformation savings, the vacancy factor and RKE income, for example. Other savings, linked to the pandemic, have compensated for these, but these were ongoing matters and we needed a sustainable budget.

Present: Sarah Hutchings

2.2. Bid approvals

Approval
David Reeve

-RED ID: 12793 – “MaGe- Mass Grave Engagement: a comprehensive, universal human rights framework”, European Research Council – Melanie Klinkner

-RED ID: 12861 – “Self-maintaining intelligent video game”, Innovate UK – Simant Prakoornwit

-RED ID: 12897 – “Co-invading parasites in native communities: how parasite dynamics and eradication programmes drive disease emergence”, NERC – Demetra Andreou

The three proposals were approved. It was noted that the EU one should be renegotiated if possible when granted to reduce the negative cashflow impact in 2026.

2.3. Budget process

We would discuss the budget process with EULT on 12th January. There would need to be a discussion about assumptions, including those mentioned above but also student numbers. The paper outlining options would be discussed and then there would be a more detailed discussion about process on 26th.

 EULT Budget Process 2022-23.pdf


3. Standing item: OfS and Government Reporting

Discussion
Chair

- Reportable events update
- Regulatory reporting tracker

ULT paper attached as a reminder. The paper was noted. UET agreed there were no issues to flag under this process at the moment.

 ULT Paper Reportable Events Jan 22.pdf


 OfS Regulatory Advice 16 Reportable Events.pdf

4. Future Meetings and Items

Note
Chair

- ULT agenda - 12 January 2022
- ULT agenda - 26 January 2022

The agendas were noted and there was also a brief discussion of the agenda for the Student Voice and Engagement Committee on 13th January. It was agreed that a mapping was needed of the various committees and requirements for the new board Student experience and Quality and Standards Committee.

 SVEC agenda Jan 2022.pdf

 EULT 26th January 2021.pdf

 EULT 12th January 2022.pdf

5. AOB

Chair

JV updated UET on developments relating to UHD and DHUFT. It was noted that UHD had asked about the plans for development of a medical school and JV had confirmed to the UHD CEO that there were no current plans and that this was not included in the current BU strategic plan. It is important that there are no mixed messages to potential stakeholders or partners.

JV noted that he had not signed the MOU with DHUFT as he was waiting for a discussion about engagement with the CEO.

