

Electronic Senate

Report of Electronic Business of Senate conducted between Tuesday 11 May and Wednesday 19 May 2021

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2021 (e-S 20/21 3 A)**
The minutes were approved.

ITEMS FOR NOTING OR FORMAL APPROVAL

2. **New Members**
Senate noted the new members.

3. **Resolutions (e-S 20/21 3 B)**
Senate considered the draft Resolutions presented by Court below,

Draft Resolution No. 2/2021: Undergraduate Degree Programme Regulations

Draft Resolution No. 3/2021: Postgraduate Degree Programme Regulations

Several comments were received on the Draft Resolutions, requesting additional contextual information on the changes proposed for 2021/22. An updated paper with key changes noted was circulated to Senate members and added to the Senate website on Thursday 13 May. These Resolutions are presented to Senate annually, and in future contextual information will be included in the paper.

One comment was received on Draft Resolution No.2/2021, regulation 9. This will be passed to Court.

The full comments submitted by Senate members can be viewed at
<https://edin.ac/2DYSYJT>

4. **Senate Exception Committee – call for volunteers (e-S 20/21 3 C)**
Senate members were invited to nominate themselves for the vacancy on the Senate Exception Committee.
5. **Conferment of the title of Professor Emeritus / Emerita (e-S 20/21 3 D)**
Senate agreed to confer the title of Professor Emeritus / Emerita on those professors listed in the paper
6. **Communications from the University Court (e-S 20/21 3 E)**
Senate noted the report of the University Court from its meeting held by videoconference on 22 February 2021.
7. **Senatus Academicus (Senate) Election Results 2021 – Academic Staff (e-S 20/21 3 F)**
Senate noted the election outcome of the Senate Elections for Academic Staff members 2021.
8. **College Academic Management Structure 2021/22 (e-S 20/21 3 G)**
Senate noted the College Academic Management Structures for 2021/22
9. **Report of the Knowledge Strategy Committee (e-S 20/21 3 H)**
Senate noted the Reports of the Knowledge Strategy Committee meetings held by videoconference on 26 January and 22 March 2021.

10. **Report of the Senate Exception Committee (e-S 20/21 3 I) CLOSED**

Comments were received on the Report of the Senate Exception Committee. The comments noted that in the report from the Senate Exception Committee, degree awards may be rescinded if a student has unpaid tuition fee debts. Senate members recommended that the University be as flexible as possible in supporting students who have been financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

For information, in response to these comments: the Student Fee Collection Policy is under the remit of the Income Section in Finance. Students who are facing financial difficulties related to their fees are encouraged to contact the Income Section at the earliest opportunity, and are encouraged to contact the Students' Association Advice Place and the Scholarships and Student Funding team for support. Some limited funding is also available to support students experiencing challenging circumstances. Further information can be found on the websites below:

- [Student Fee Collection Policy](#)
- [Financial difficulties](#)
- [Scholarships and Student Funding](#)

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11. **Dates of Meetings of Senate 2021/22**

Senate noted the dates of the Senate meetings in 2021/22