

Council

18 May 2023

1700-1900

Shilling Building Seminar Room 0-04



Agenda

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| 1. APOLOGIES | | | |
| To NOTE any apologies received | Chair/PM | Oral | |
| 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS | | | |
| To invite members to indicate if they have a conflict of interest, not previously declared, with an item on this agenda | Chair | Oral | |
| 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING | | | |
| To APPROVE minutes of the meetings held on 16 February 2023 (M23/01-23/074) | Chair | Attached | |
| 4. MATTERS ARISING | | | |
| To NOTE a paper addressing matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda | Chair | Paper | |
| 5. REPORT OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL | | | |
| To NOTE a decision taken by the Chair regarding Rusham Park | Chair | Paper | |
| 6. UN-STARRING OF ITEMS | | | |
| To NOTE the un-starring of any starred item. Members wishing to un-star items must notify the Secretariat, including detail of the reason(s) for the un-starring, by 10.00am on Tuesday 16 May 2023 | Chair/PM | Oral | |

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| 7. VICE CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE | | | |
| 7.1 To RECEIVE a report from the Vice Chancellor and Principal | JS | Paper | |
| 7.2 To RECEIVE an update regarding Freedom of Speech | JS/MJ/SS | Paper | |
| 8. STRATEGY | | | |
| 8.1 To CONSIDER and APPROVE the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and KPI's, Pillar 6 of the three-year strategy | JS/KD | Paper | |
| 8.2 To RECEIVE the annual report on Pillar 4 implementation: Enabling the success of our strategy through simplification and digitisation | MW/AW | Paper | |
| 8.3 To NOTE the update on the Strategic Plan | JS/AW | Paper | |

9.	FINANCE		
	To NOTE Budget preparation for 2023/24	MW	Paper
10.	COMMITTEE REPORTS		
	To NOTE reports from the following Chairs of Council committees:		
10.1	People Committee	MF/TB	Oral
10.2	Students Education and Research Committee	GO'H/MH	Oral
10.3	Strategy & Governance Committee	DMH	Oral
10.4	Audit Risk and Compliance Committee	BV/MW	Oral
10.5	Finance Committee	IW/MW	Oral
10.6	Remuneration Committee	AW	Oral

STARRED ITEMS FOR REPORT AND FORMAL APPROVAL

11.*	REPORTABLE EVENTS		
	To RECEIVE a note of any reportable event under OfS condition 3(i)	MW	Paper
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A claim in the French Courts • Addition of a doctoral teaching partnership to the university's UKVI sponsor licence • Freedom of Speech and the RHSU Debating Society's decision to cancel a speaker at an event (see item 7.2). 		
12.*	REPORT OF DECISIONS AGREED BY CIRCULATION		
	To NOTE any matters agreed by circulation (<i>if any, a paper will be provided</i>)	Chair	None
13.*	GOVERNANCE		
	Report on the planned recruitment process and reappointments.	Chair/MW	Paper
14.*	EXTERNAL AUDIT		
	To APPROVE the appointment of the External Auditors	RB	Paper
15.*	FINANCIAL REGULATIONS		
	To APPROVE amendments to the Financial Regulations following the annual review	MW	Paper
16.*	HILDA MARTINDALE TRUST		
	To APPROVE the appointment of a Trustee	GP	Paper
17.*	SEALING OF DOCUMENTS		
	To NOTE the use of the College seal as below:		
	16 February 2023: Omnidrone Building and enabling works, contract between RHUL and TRIAGG Ltd.		
	27 April 2023: Contract document for Wettons terrace at Egham Hill Campus, TW20 0EX, between RHBNC and T&B (Contractors) Ltd.		
	27 April 2023: Engroissement Contract for sale and transfer of property Re: Sale of Settrington, Bakeham Lane, Englefield Green, Surrey, TW20 9TU (The Property)		

OTHER MATTERS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Peter Saraga OBE CBE FEng CPhys Hon.FInstP 1942-2023



We were saddened to hear of the death of Professor Peter Saraga, member of Council, on 23 February 2023. Peter had vast knowledge, experience and insights into research in higher education and the relationship between industry and higher education in this area. He made valuable contributions to the work of Council and its committees.

Peter spent his working life in research at Phillips and led their Research group. He was a past president of the of the Institute of Physics and had a distinguished career in applied physics research. He was also a Vice-President at the Royal Academy of Engineering. He was a member of the HEFCE Board from 2002 to 2008 and chaired their Advisory Group on Strategically Important and Vulnerable Subjects, and their assessment panel for the UK Research Partnership Innovation Fund. He went on to chair research bodies for the European Commission; he was an assessor for relevant REF subjects and he undertook work for a number of Government bodies.

Peter was a visiting professor at Imperial College London, a member of the Loughborough University Council, of the Council of Royal Holloway, University of London since 2019 and a Vice-Chair of the University of Sussex Council from 2005 to 2011, Peter also chaired advisory boards at the University of Surrey, where he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2002. He was also Vice-President and Honorary International Secretary of the Royal Academy of Engineering from 2003 to 2009.

The funeral was held on Thursday 23 March at Golders Green Crematorium and was followed by a reception at The Royal Academy of Engineering, Prince Philip House, 3 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DG.

Professor Stephen Hill 1946-2023



We are sad to advise that Professor Stephen Hill, former Principal at Royal Holloway, passed away on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

Professor Hill was an assistant lecturer in Sociology and Industrial Relations at Bedford College from 1968-70. He spent much of his career at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), where he was made professor in 1991 and was then Principal of Royal Holloway from 2002-2009.

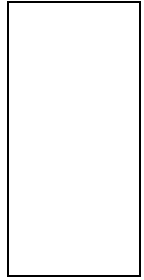
As former Principal of Royal Holloway, Stephen was a valued member of our community. His contributions were wide-reaching and touched all parts of our community, not least students and colleagues. During Stephen’s time as Principal, Royal Holloway achieved many successes in research and education and there are major legacies to be seen and appreciated on our estate from student accommodation to the Windsor Building.

19. OTHER BUSINESS

20. Dates of next Council meetings

On Campus unless indicated otherwise:

- 6 July 2023, 17.00-19.00
- 5 October 2023, 17.00-19.00
- 22 November 2023, Council Strategy Day, Cumberland Lodge
- 23 November 2023, Strategy day 2 and Council meeting finishing 14.00



RESERVED BUSINESS – Confidential

Any observer and those in attendance may be asked to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Chair of Council and the Vice-Chancellor.

21.	To APPROVE minutes of the reserved business addressed at the meeting on 16 February 2023 (RES23/01-23/12)	Chair	Minutes attached
22.	An item of reserved business will be addressed after discussion of any unstarred items, and any non-members of Council have left the meeting at the discretion of the Chair and the Principal.	MW	Oral

THE EXHIBITION BOOK

Committee minutes are provided in the Exhibition Book as a separate document.