



AGENDA SEN24-A3

Notice of meeting

A meeting of Senate will be held on Wednesday 12 June 2024, at 10am, IN-PERSON ONLY in the University Stadium Conference Space.

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 10 June 2024.

2 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 (**SEN24-M2**), 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.

SECTION A – Items for Discussion

4 University Strategy

SEN24-P42

4.1 Update on the Higher Education External Environment

To consider an update on the Higher Education external environment.

SEN24-P43

4.2 Strategic Themes

To consider an update on the Strategic Themes.

SEN24-P44 (to follow)

4.3 Opportunities for Loughborough University in Saudi Arabia

To consider and comment on an update.

SEN24-P45

4.4 Sporting Excellence and Opportunity Core Plan

To recommend to Council for approval the Sporting Excellence and Opportunity Core Plan.

SEN24-P46

4.5 Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Core Plan

To recommend to Council for approval the Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Core Plan.

SEN24-P47

4.6 Sport Committee – Composition and Terms of Reference

To recommend to Council for approval revised Composition and Terms of Reference for Sport Committee, including the repositioning of the Committee as a Joint Committee of Senate and Council.

5 Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act

SEN24-P48

- 5.1 To note the University's planned response to the above legislation.
- 5.2 To recommend to Council immediate approval of the following:
 - (i) A new Ordinance XLVI on Freedom of Expression (Annex 3)
 - (ii) Amendments to other Ordinances, policies and Codes of Practice as set out in Annexes 1 and 2), except where these relate to HR matters.
- 5.3 To note that the proposed amendments to Ordinances, policies and Codes of Practice relating to HR matters are subject to consultation and negotiation with the campus trades unions and to recommend approval to Council in principle, subject to these discussions. Should any substantive changes be made, the relevant details will be brought back to Senate.

6 LSU Constitution Review

SEN24-P49

To recommend to Council for approval:

- (i) An immediate update to the Loughborough Students' Union Constitution and
- (ii) Proposed Composition, Membership and Terms of Reference for an LSU Constitution Working Group to be established to undertake a more thorough review during 2024-25.

7 Health, Safety and Environment Committee

SEN24-P50

- *7.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Health, Safety and Environment Committee on 15 May 2024.
- *7.2 To approve a minor amendment to the composition of Health, Safety and Environment Committee to add a second co-opted member.

SEN24-P51

- 7.3 To consider Health and Safety Bulletins for March - May 2024.

8 Access and Participation Plan 2025-26

SEN24-P52

To consider and recommend to Council for approval the Access and Participation Plan 2025-26.

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

SEN24-P53

To consider a report.

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

SEN24-P54 (to follow)

To consider a report.

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

SEN24-P55

To consider a report.

12 Matters for Report by the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor

SEN24-P56

To consider a report.

13 Honorary Degrees and University Medals

SEN24-P57 (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.

14 Matters for report by the Vice-Chancellor

SECTION B – Starred Items for Approval

***15 Strategic Portfolio and Resources Committee**

SEN24-P58

To recommend to Council for approval Terms of Reference and Composition of Strategic Portfolio and Resources Committee.

***16 Loughborough University London: Restructuring of the Institutes**

SEN24-P59

To approve a restructuring of the Institutes in the Loughborough University London School.

***17 Learning and Teaching Committee**

SEN24-P60

*17.1 To receive minutes of the meetings of Learning and Committee on 25 January, 28 February, and 18 April 2024.

SEN24-P61

***17.2 Amendments to Regulation XX (Undergraduate Awards)**

To approve amendments relating to Pass Marks and Capping of Level 7 Modules.

SEN24-P62 (to follow)

***17.3 Minor Amendments to Regulation XVIII (Academic Misconduct)**

To approve minor amendments relating to regard to Minor Academic Misconduct Panel decision-making.

SEN24-P63

***17.4 Validation of Business-related Higher Education Provision at Loughborough College**

To approve the validation of two business-related degrees delivered by Loughborough College for a period of three years from the academic year 2024/25.

SEN24-P64

***17.5 Minor Amendments to Regulation XI - Diplomas in Industrial Studies, Professional Studies, International Studies and Professional Development**

To approve minor amendments to remove references to assessment methods for the 2023/24 academic year.

***18 Human Resources Committee**

SEN24-P65

*18.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Human Resources Committee on 22 May 2024.

SEN24-P66

*18.2 On the recommendation of Human Resource Committee, to approve an amendment to Ordinance XLIII (Policy and Procedure on the Use of Fixed Term Contracts).

***19 Research and Innovation Committee**

SEN24-P67

*19.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Research and Innovation Committee on 23 April 2024.

SEN24-P68

*19.2 On the recommendation of Research and Innovation Committee, to approve new PhD Programme Specifications for 2024:

Offshore Wind Energy Sustainability and Resilience PhD
Dual PhD award with Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Dual PhD award with Institut Teknologi Bandung

SEN24-P69

*19.3 On the recommendation of Research and Innovation Committee, to approve new PhD Programme Specifications for 2024, following recent UKRI calls for Centres for Doctoral Training and Doctoral Training Programmes.

***20 Student Discipline Committee**

SEN24-P70

*20.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Student Discipline Committee on 24 May 2024.

SEN24-P71

- *20.2 On the recommendation of Student Discipline Committee, to recommend to Council for approval amendments to Ordinance XVII (Conduct and Discipline of Students).

***21 Arts Committee**

SEN24-P72

- *21.1 To receive minutes of the meeting of Arts Committee on 14 May 2024.

SEN24-P73

- *21.2 On the recommendation of Arts Committee to approve a minor amendment to the composition of Arts Committee.

SECTION C – Starred Items for Information

***22 Appointment of Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

SEN24-P74

To note the appointment of Professor Rachel Thomson as Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor for a term of 5 years from 1 August 2024.

***23 Appointment of Deans**

- *23.1 To note the appointment of Professor Rebecca Cain as Acting Dean of the School of Design and Creative Arts from 1 August 2024, until a full, external selection process is completed during the 2024-25 academic year.
- *23.2 To note the appointment of Professor Lauren Sherar as Acting Dean of the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences from 1 August 2024, until a full, external selection process is completed during the 2024-25 academic year.

***24 Appointment of Associate Deans**

To note the following appointments/reappointments:

- *24.1 Louise Holt as Associate Dean (E&SE) for the School of SSH for a further year from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025.
- *24.2 David Sibley as Associate Dean (E&SE) for the School of Science until 31 July 2025 (no longer on an acting basis).

***25 Appointments to the Academic Staff**

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To note appointments to the Academic Staff.

***26 Student Complaints Annual Report 2022-23**

SEN24-P76

To receive the Student Complaints Annual Report for 2022-23.

***27 Programme Proposals**

To note the action of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience), on behalf of Senate, in approving the following:

(i) New programmes

MSc Accounting and Finance (from October 2025)
MSc/PGDip/PGCert Engineering Hydrogen Net Zero - *Exit awards for Engineering Hydrogen Net Zero (EnerHy) PhD programme* (from Sept 2024)

(ii) Major changes

From September 2024

MSc Automotive Engineering (full-time only)
MSc Finance and Management
MSc International Business
MSc Management
MSc Marketing

From January 2025

All LU London programmes – Introduction of Grand Challenge Module

From October 2025

BSc Accounting and Financial Management (including title change to BSc Accounting and Finance)
BSc Business Analytics
BSc Business Economics and Finance (including title change to BSc Economics and Finance)
BSc Economics
MSc Economics and Finance (including title change to MSc Economics)
BSc Economics and Management
BEng/MEng Electronic and Electrical Engineering (title change to BEng/MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering)
MSc Finance
MSc Finance and Global Trading
BSc Finance and Management (including title change to BSc Finance)
MSc Finance and Management
BSc International Business
MSc International Business
MSc International Management (title change to MSc International Business Management)
BSc Management
MSc Management
MSc Marketing
BSc Marketing and Management (including title change to BSc Marketing)

(iii) Minor changes

From September 2024

BA History
BA History and International Relations
BA History and Politics
BA International Relations
BA Liberal Arts
BA Politics
BA Politics and International Relations
BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics

(iv) Confirmation of LU London Programmes with a January 2025 Intake

MA/MSc Design Innovation
MSc Digital Finance
MSc Digital Marketing
MSc Diplomacy and International Relations
MSc Diplomacy, International Business and Trade
MSc Diplomacy, International Politics and Trade
MSc Security, Peace-building and Diplomacy
MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management
MSc Entrepreneurship, Finance and Innovation
MSc Digital Entrepreneurship
MSc International Human Resource Management
MSc International Management
MSc International Management and Emerging Economies
MSc Risk, Governance and International Management
MSc Sustainable Management
MA Global Communication and Social Change
MA International Development
MSc International Sustainable Development
MA Media and Creative Industries
MSc Sport Marketing
MSc Sustainable Sport Business
MSc Diplomacy and Sport

(v) Suspension of programmes

Executive MBA (BSPTM1) (Last intake to programmes: Oct 2023; Proposed next intake: Oct 2025)

Postgraduate Diploma Business Administration (BSPTM2) (Last intake to programmes: Oct 2023; Proposed next intake: Oct 2025)

***28 Membership of Senate 2024-25 (thus far determined)**

SEN24-P77

To note the membership of Senate for the 2024-25 academic year, thus far determined

***29 Action under Statute V (The Vice-Chancellor)**

To note that the Vice-Chancellor has taken action under section 4 of Statute V to refuse to admit a person as a student on the basis of documented unacceptable behaviour.

***30 Reports from Committees**

To receive reports from the following Committees:

- *30.1 **SEN24-P78** EDI Committee on 28 February 2024.
- *30.2 **SEN24-P79** Finance Committee on 15 March 2024.
- *30.3 **SEN24-P80** Infrastructure Committee on 21 February and 17 April 2024.
- *30.4 **SEN24-P81** SPaRC Part B: Resources on 11 March, and 9 and 29 April 2024.
- *30.5 **SEN24-P82** Sport Committee on 2 May 2024.

***31 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).

***32 Dats of Meetings in 2024-25**

Wednesday 25 September 2024, 12.30pm, Convention Room, Burleigh Court (**STRATEGIC AWAY DAY**)

Wednesday 6 November 2024, 10am, Convention Room, Burleigh Court

Wednesday 22 January 2025, 10am, Convention Room, Burleigh Court (***IF REQUIRED***)

Wednesday 12 March 2025, 10.30am, LDN104 (London campus)

Wednesday 11 June 2025, 10am, Convention Room, Burleigh Court

***33 Any Other Business**

Any member wishing to raise an issue is asked to notify Dr J C Nutkins by noon on Monday 10 June 2024.

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