

## NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

## COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 2.00 pm in ST102/103

## Present:

Ms Gayle Ditchburn	Vice-Chair of Council and Acting Chair for the meeting.
Mr Christian Black	President, Newman Students' Union
Dr John Carlisle	
Rev Canon David Evans	
Ms Deirdre Finucane	
Ms Karan Gilmore	
Mr Colin Harris	
Mr Phillip Lennon	
Ms Leoarna Mathias	
Mr Richard Wallace	
Mr Glen Alexander	
Miss Elizabeth McGrath QC	

## In Attendance:

Ms Andrea Bolshaw	Registrar and University Secretary and Clerk to the Council
Ms Jackie Flowers	Minute Secretary

*For item 6*

Dr Paul Gentle	Academic Director, Invisible Grail Limited.
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The meeting opened with prayers led by Canon David Evans

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Professor Peter Childs, Mr Jonathan Day, Archbishop Bernard Longley, Mr Stephen Kenny, Ms Julie Jones, Professor Femi Oyeboode, and Mr Tony Sharma.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (UC 3M/19)

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were agreed to be a correct record of the meeting subject to the following amendment: to delete the second sentence of paragraph 8 on page 6.



- Article 8.3: extend the list to be in conformity with the Equalities Act so that it includes all 9 protected characteristics.

The Clerk reported that the revised Articles would be circulated with an accompanying special resolution and notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be scheduled in the new academic year. She noted that should Council members have any further concerns or queries, these should be raised before the general meeting, as the resolution to change the Articles would be considered in full at the EGM without opportunity for further amendments.

Action Clerk to the Council

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Action: Clerk to the Council.

On culture, members considered it important to create a sufficient and convincing critical mass of staff who believed in positive change to enable the culture change needed. It was noted that whilst there was resistance from some staff, the majority were committed to change and had felt that The Big



was not an indication of the total number of complaints received internally at these institutions.

Action Clerk to the Council

The President of NSU noted that, in addition to the complaints listed in the report, there had been a significant increase in the number of students seeking help from the student advice centre in respect of complaints and that this help had stopped many complaints progressing beyond the informal stage.

## 9. Any Other Business

### 9.1 Canonisation of John Henry Newman

A paper was circulated which gave the draft itinerary for the proposed visit to Rome for the canonisation of John Henry Newman in October 2019. The University Chaplain had asked for expressions of interest from staff and students who might wish to travel to Rome. The trip would be self-funded. Council members who were interested were asked to notify the Clerk to the Council.

The Clerk to the Council reported that

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The Council  
Action Plan from the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Minute	Agenda Item	Action to be Taken	Person Responsible
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