NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 18th 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 ElizabethMcGrath 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.

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 Oyebode, and Mr Tony Sharma.

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

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th 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

The regular report updating Council members on OfS matters was presented by the Clerk to the Council. The University's Access andParticipation Plan had been submitted to the OfS by the deadline. The OfS had carried out an initial check and had made some comments. Intelligence from within the sector indicated that some other institutions had received more comments than Newman. Over the next few weeks, the OfS would conduct a more detailed review and Council would be advised of the response from the OfS. Fortunately, a relationship had already been established (including a visit to Newman) with the OfS Officer who had been assigned to review the University's APP

Other recent publications from the OfS were noted: the OfS's 2018/19 r annual alns(v)-2 (iu4.4 (l)G a.2e)1.3 (r)-1.7 0.003 T-4.4 (y)].seicnwonsthh19 Aissssscldg(fS)

was not an indication of the total n umber 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.

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The Council Action Plan from the meeting held on

18th July 2019

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