

SUNWAY UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

Meeting held on Friday, 26th February 2021 between 3.00pm and 4.00pm
via Microsoft Teams while observing Malaysia's Conditional Movement Control Order.

Present:			
Prof. Graeme Wilkinson [Chair]	GW	Prof. Yau Kok Lim	YKL
Prof. Elizabeth Lee	EL	Prof. Yeah Kim Leng	YKL
Ng Beng Lean [Secretary]	NBL	Prof. Yuka Fujimoto	YF
Prof. Abhi Veerakumarasivam	AV	Wong Sook Jean	WSJ
Prof. Alvin Ng Lai Oon	AN		
Prof. Angela Amphawan	AA	By Invitation:	
Prof. Bradley Carl Freeman	BCF	Assoc. Prof. Dr Cheah You Sum	CYS
Prof. Chaiporn Vithessononthi	CV	Assoc. Prof. Dr Kenneth Alan Feinstein	KAF
Prof. Crispin Nicholas Bates	CNB	Assoc. Prof. Dr Lin Mei-Hua	LMH
Prof. Datin Dr Chia Yook Chin	CYC	Assoc. Prof. Dr Mayco Axel Santaella	MAS
Prof. David Bradley	DB	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sim Tze Ying	STY
Prof. Donald William Bowyer	DWB	Assoc. Prof. Dr Tommy Tong	TT
Prof. Edward Tiekink	ET	Chan Lay Guat	CLG
Prof. George John Hess Jr	GJH	Dr. Jane Teh Kimm Lii	TKL
Prof. Glenda Mariam Crosling	GMC	Dr Paul Linus Andrews	PLA
Prof. Gopalasamy Rueben Clements	GRC	Izah Isa	II
Prof. Hew Gill	HG	Prof. Andrew James Abbott	AJA
Prof. Ho Chee Kit	HCK	Siti Fariza Mohd Dahlan	SMD
Prof. Hwang Ha Jin	HHJ	Chan Yue-Yheng (Student Rep.)	CYY
Prof. Jarlath Ronayne	JR	Chuah Cindy (PG Rep.)	CC
Prof. Jeff Tan Kuan Onn	JTKO		
Prof. Khatijah Abdullah	KA	Absent with apologies:	
Prof. Dr. Lau Sian Lun	LSL	Prof. Dato' Dr Woo Wing Thye	WWT
Prof. Mahendhiran Sanggaran Nair	MSN	Prof. Lee Chien Sing	LCS
Prof. Marcus Lee Stephenson	MLS	Prof. Leong Choon Heng	LCH
Prof. Matthew James Sansom	MJS		
Prof. Mayeen Uddin Khandaker	MUK	In attendance:	
Prof. Michael M. Dent	MDM	Dr Sukhdev Singh	SS
Prof. Mohamed Ariff Syed Mohamed	MASM		
Prof. Mohammad Khalid	MK		
Prof. Mohammed Kheireddine Aroua	MKA		
Prof. Patrick Siau Chi Yin	SCY		
Prof. Peh Suat Cheng	PSC		
Prof. Perry Hobson	JPH		
Prof. Peter Heard	PH		
Prof. Poh Chit Laa	PCL		
Prof. Pua Eng Chong	PEC		
Prof. Raymond Mcnamara	RM		
Prof. Sabine-Salima Chaouche	SSC		
Prof. Saidur Rahman	SR		
Prof. Serge Demidenko	SD		
Prof. Shandre Mugan Thangavelu	SMT		
Prof. Sibrandes Poppema	SP		
Prof. Stephen Hall	SH		
Prof. Steve Williams	SW		
Prof. Susela Devi K.Suppiah	SDS		
Prof. Teo Kok Lay	TKL		
Prof. Wong Chin Huat	WCH		
Prof. Wong Koi Nyen	WKN		

The meeting commenced with a note of welcome from the Chair.

Item		Action		
1.0	Introductions and Apologies			
	<p>The Chair congratulated the following on their new appointments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Sibrandes Poppema – President of Sunway University 2. Prof. Elizabeth Lee – Professor 3. Prof. Lau Sian Lun – Professor 4. Prof Perry Hobson– Professor of Tourism and Special Adviser on Tourism Education 5. Prof Matthew James Sansom – Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Assoc. Dean, School of Arts 6. Prof. Abhimanyu Veerakumarasivam – Dean, School of Medical and Life Sciences 7. Prof. Goplasamy Rueben Clements - Assoc. Dean (Research), School of Medical and Life Sciences (first time joining as a member) <p>The Chair also welcomed the following new members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Mahendhiran Sanggaran Nair – Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Engagement and Impact) 2. Prof Khatijah - Head – Department of Nursing <p>By Invitation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assoc. Prof. Dr Lin Mei-Hua - Head - Department of Psychology 2. Assoc. Prof. Dr Tommy Tong Yuh Koon - Head - Department of Biological Sciences 3. Chan Lay Guat -Acting Head - Department of Actuarial Science and Risk <p>Appreciation was recorded to Prof. Zaharin Yusoff Apologies were noted as above.</p>	INFO		
2.0	Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting			
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3.0	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes			
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4.0	Consideration of the Agenda:			
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	5.2	<p>The University has received news of the new QS World Ranking by subject for 2021. Sunway University's Business and Management Studies has climbed up 50 places to its current rank, 401 – 450 in the latest QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021.</p> <p>The Chair congratulated Sunway University Business School on this great achievement.</p>	INFO
Section A: Recommendations from Steering Committee for Confirmation			
6.0	Appointment of External Examiners		
		Senate approved the above appointments for the period 1 Jan. 2021 – 31 Dec. 2023.	INFO
7.0	Proposal for Special Admission into Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Science		
		Senate approved the proposal.	INFO

8.0	School Research and Enterprise Committee (SREC) Terms of Reference – Add PGR Representative	
	Senate approved the proposal.	INFO
Section B: Matters for Discussion		
9.0	Sunway University – Lancaster University Partnership Review 2021	
	<i>Restricted information.</i>	
10.0	Analysis of December 2020 Examination Results and Approval of Awards Confirmed by Programme Assessment Boards	
	Senate endorsed the recommendations for the awards.	
Section C: Reports Received for Noting		
11.0	Status of Programme Approval and Accreditation <i>Restricted information.</i>	INFO
12.0	Academic Senate Sub and Standing Committee Reports received for noting:	
	<u>Reports of Award Classifications Confirmed by Programme Assessment Boards (PAB)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Arts - School of Engineering and Technology - School of Hospitality and Service Management - School of Mathematical Sciences - School of Medical and Life Sciences - Sunway University Business School 	INFO
	<u>School Board of Studies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Arts – Meeting held on 7 Dec. 2020 - School of Hospitality – Meeting held on 15 Dec. 2020 - School of Interdisciplinary Studies -Meeting held on 10 Dec. 2020 - School of Mathematical Sciences - Meeting held on 19 Aug. 2020 - School of Science and Technology -Meeting held on 1 Dec. 2020 - Sunway University Business School – Meetings held on 23 Oct. 2020, 16 Nov. 2020 and 25 Jan. 2021 	INFO
	<u>Academic Standards and Policy Committee (ASPC)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval via circulation on 19 Nov. 2020 and meeting held on 26 Jan. 2021 	INFO

12.4	<u>Partner and Programme Approval Committee (PPAC)</u> - Meeting held on 16 Dec. 2020	INFO
12.5	<u>University Research Degrees Committee (URDC)</u> - Meeting held on 9 Feb. 2021	INFO
12.6	<u>University Teaching Learning Committee (UTLC)</u> Meeting held on 5 Feb. 2021	INFO
13.0 Any Other Business		
	SP reminded all senior citizens to register for the Covid-19 vaccination on the MySejahtera app. He added that university staff are also front liners and therefore may be considered for earlier vaccinations.	INFO

The meeting ended at 4.00pm with a note of thanks from the Chair.