Agenda

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 unstarring, by 10.00am on Tuesday 16 May 2023
Chair/PM            Oral

MAJOR BUSINESS

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
- 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 (if any, a paper will be provided)  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: Engrossment 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 FREng 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 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.