

Web update from Senate

The following issues were discussed at the meeting of Senate on 7 October 2020:

Vice-Chancellor's report

The Vice-Chancellor presented his report on key issues facing the University; see report at: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/vice-chancellors-reports-to-senate-2020-21/>

He particularly thanked everyone in the University community for their hard work on responding to the Coronavirus pandemic.

COVID-19 Arrangements

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching) gave a report on COVID-19 arrangements in the second semester of 2019/20, and Professor Tim Ibell reported on the work of the Resilient Curriculum Project team, regarding teaching in this Academic Year 2020/21.

Student Surveys

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching) gave an update on the National Student Survey and Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey.

REF 2021

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) gave an update on preparations for the [REF 2021](#) exercise.

Career Progression in the Education and Research Job Family document

Senate approved amendments to the [Career Progression in the Education and Research](#) Job Family document (CPER), to accommodate a number of previously agreed changes in University policy and practice. The relevant web page will be updated.

Honorary Degree Conferment arrangements

Senate resolved to permit the virtual conferment of honorary degrees during the academic session 2020/21. It agreed that live virtual conferment was preferable but that pre-recorded speeches could be accepted as a backup.

Regulations

Senate approved amendments to University [Regulations](#), including Regulation 8 (Student Discipline) and Regulations for Apprentices. The relevant web pages will be updated.

Committee names

Following the Senate Effectiveness review, Senate approved new names for three Senate Committees, with immediate effect:

- change of name from Equality and Diversity Committee to 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee';
- change of name from University Research Committee to 'Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee';
- change of name from University Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee to 'Education, Quality and Standards Committee'.

Terms of reference are also being considered.

Committee memberships

Senate approved appointments to vacancies on Senate Committees, including [Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee](#), [CSSU](#) and [Senate Appeals Committee](#).