

Items for note

"That the Council approve the action taken by the Officers and Members in affixing the University Seal to documents sealed since the last Ordinary Meeting of the Council and authorise the Seal of the University to be affixed to the documents to be sealed as now reported."

21/04 Disclosure of Interests (Item 4.2)

The Council received a list of members' interests and members were asked to notify the University Secretary of any amendments as necessary.

Main items of business: strategic and governance matters for discussion

21/05 Presentation by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International New Students)

4. Moving to country-focussed student recruitment strategies and establishing Country Groups to bring together University researchers and professional staff already working in priority countries
5. Opening offices in overseas regions
6. Launching marketing and branding campaigns using the University's world-leading research reputation
7. Investing further in the Global Partnership Office
8. Launching a number of offshore transnational education partnership hubs
9. Developing a menu of branded University-wide Global Engagement initiatives, promoted and managed by the International Study and Language Centre
10. Developing distance and/or blended learning programmes, building on the experience of delivering learning in the pandemic and of delivering free online non-credit programmes

university'. The University's bars and casual dining were seen as sector-leading and were a significant asset in its student recruitment campaign. The operation was committed to providing exceptional student satisfaction, together with financial and environmental sustainability. To this end, the team had looked internationally for examples of good practice, and had adopted the 24 principles for healthy and sustainable menus promoted by Menus of Change, an association of North American universities which leveraged academic research to improve practice and advance culinary literacy. As a consequence, the dining team at Reading had rewritten some 3,500 recipes, embraced plant-based cooking, and increased the use of local suppliers. The University was now self-sufficient in respect of beef and lamb, which

lobby of the government for students affected by the pandemic, changes to the assessment process to mitigate the impacts of Covid on students' performance, and additional investment

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consult Council members following the group's next meeting, and, in due course, would invite comment on its emerging proposals from the University Executive Board.

The President reaffirmed the Council's commitment to continuous reflection on, and improvement of, its practices, and looked forward to the group's report.

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