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## College Council Minutes – Approved

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<b>Date</b>	03 June 2019, 15:00
<b>Location</b>	By teleconference and in Room SW1.09, Somerset House, East Wing, Strand Campus
<b>Present</b>	Lord Geidt (Chair); Baroness Morgan of Huyton (Vice-Chair); Professor Edward Byrne (President and Principal); Mr Paul Goswell; Professor Brian Holden Reid; Ms Ros King; Mr Ahad Mahmood; The Right Reverend and Right Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally; Mr Andrew Summers; Dr Ian Tebbett, and Mr Michael D’Souza
<b>Apologies</b>	Dr Angela Dean; Sir Nigel Sheinwald; Professor Evelyn Welch, Professor the Baroness Alison Wolf and Ms Nhuoc Lan Tu
<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Secretariat:</b> Ms Irene Birrell, College Secretary

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### 1 **Welcome, apologies and notices**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He noted that this meeting had originally been called as a meeting of the Chairs’ Committee with any members of Council who were able to attend welcome to participate. In the event, a sufficient number of members of Council were present to make this a quorate meeting of Council and he so declared it to be.

### 2 **Approval of agenda**

Council approved the agenda.

### 3 **Report of the Fellowship & Honorary Degrees Committee – Review of the Award of the Honorary Degree to the Sultan of Brunei**

The Chair reported that at the request of the President & Principal, the Fellowships & Honorary Degrees Committee had reviewed the award of an honorary degree to His Majesty, the Sultan of Brunei in light of His Majesty’s recent announcement that Sharia Law would be fully implemented in Brunei, including imposition of extreme penalties, particularly against members of the LGBTQ community. It was the Committee’s recommendation that the Council rescind the honorary degree.

In coming to its recommendation, the Committee considered that:

- [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

The President & Principal confirmed that currently the university receives no funding of any kind from Brunei.

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Decision: That Council approve the recommendation of the Fellowships & Honorary Degrees Committee that the honorary degree awarded to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah on 14 April 2011 be rescinded.

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**4 Any Other Business & Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 15:25.

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**Irene Birrell**  
College Secretary  
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