

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF CONVOCATION

**to be held on Saturday 16 June 2012, at 3.00pm
in the Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building.**

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To receive:

The Minutes of the Fifty-fourth Ordinary Meeting of Convocation held on 18 June 2011. **DOCUMENT A**

2. MATTERS ARISING

3. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT 2011-12

To receive:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chris Brink.

4. INTERNATIONALISATION

To receive:

An oral report from the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ella Ritchie.

5. ALUMNI CONSULTATIVE GROUP

To receive:

An oral report from the Chair of the Alumni Consultative Group (ACG), Mr Ian Forster and a written report by Jane Clubley, Director of Development. **DOCUMENT B**

6. HONORARY DEGREES 2011-12

To report:

Honorary degrees were conferred on the following individuals at the Honorary Degree Ceremony held on 13 and 14 July 2011:

- DLitt** **Mr David Almond**, award-winning writer who specialises in children's literature.
- DCL** **Mrs Olivia Grant OBE DL**, retiring Chair of the University's Council and Pro-Chancellor.
- DCL** **Mr Ian Gregg**, retired Executive Chairman and Managing Director of Greggs the Bakers.
- DCL** **Ms Dianne Nelmes**, award-winning investigative journalist and media executive.

7. HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS 2010-2011

To report:

Honorary fellowships were conferred on the following individuals at a ceremony held on 10 October 2011:

Sir Peter Carr

Chairman of NHS North East, Sir Peter has an involvement with NHS organisations dating back to the 1990's. An active member of the University's Court, Nominations Committee and the Newcastle University Business School Advisory Board, Sir Peter has long-standing links with the Faculty of Medical Sciences and central to the strategic partnership between the University and the NHS.

Mrs Margaret Levy

From 1986 Margaret held a number of positions at the University which included the role of Secretary in the Department of Primary Health Care, followed by similar jobs in Population and Health Sciences, the Institute for Health & Society and Medical Education Development. Margaret became Chair of the Trustee Board of the Retirement Benefit Plan (RBP) in 2008.

Mr Mark Scrimshaw

Mark graduated from this University with a BA History (1976) and served as deputy president in the Union Society from 1974-75. He has produced and directed over 80 documentary features for the BBC, winning several regional, national and international awards for his work. Former Chair of the Alumni Consultative Group (ACG) for six years, Mark is still a 'member' of the ACG after successful re-election.

Mark is also a member of the University's Court.

8. DEATHS AND OBITUARIES

A list of deaths is available on the Alumni website and hard copies available at the meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To report:

The date of the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Meeting of Convocation is 14-15 June 2013.

Mr Antony Jones
Chair of Convocation
08 June 2012