NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC BOARD

There will be a meeting of Academic Board on Wednesday, 15 May 2019 at 1pm in the Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building.

Dr John Hogan
Registrar
JVH/SM
8 May 2019

A G E N D A

1. NOTES OF THE 16 MAY 2018 MEETING

The notes of the meeting of Academic Board held on 16 May 2018 are available at: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/executive/governance/academic/minutes.htm

2. NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY AWARDS 2020

2.1 Honorary Degrees

The Honorary Degrees Committee invites nominations in writing for next year’s Congregations. Any member of Academic Board, Court, Council and the alumni present at meetings of Convocation at which the request for nominations is tabled, may make a nomination and support for nominees for honorary degrees should be sought only from members of these bodies. Where several members make a joint nomination, one should be shown as the nominator and the others as supporters. The grounds on which the nomination is made should be clearly stated.

Principles for the award of Honorary Degrees can be found at: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/congregation/honorary/nom_hongrad/

Proposals should be sent by email marked ‘Confidential – Honorary Degrees’ to Dr John Hogan, Registrar (Email: John.Hogan@ncl.ac.uk) by Monday 3 June, 2019.

2.2 Honorary Fellowships of the University

Court invites nominations in writing for the award of next year’s Honorary Fellowships of the University. Any lay member of Academic Board, Court, Council, and the alumni present at meetings of Convocation at which the request for nominations is tabled may make a nomination. Where several members make a joint nomination, one should be shown as the nominator and the others as supporters. The grounds on which the nomination is made should be clearly stated.

Principles for the award of Honorary Fellowships and Nomination Forms can be found at: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/congregation/honorary/nom_honfell/

Proposals should be sent by email marked ‘Confidential – Honorary Fellowships’ to Dr John Hogan, Registrar (Email: John.Hogan@ncl.ac.uk) by Thursday, 27 February 2020.
Please make it clear whether the nomination is for an Honorary Degree or an Honorary Fellowship.

When making a nomination for an honorary degree or honorary fellowship, this should be done in the strictest confidence and must not be discussed with the potential recipient. Successful nominations will be publicised following approval by the awarding body (i.e. Senate or Court respectively) in advance of the relevant honorary ceremony.

3. MEMBERS OF COURT APPOINTED BY ACADEMIC BOARD

To report that:

The term of appointment of the following members of Court appointed by Academic Board will terminate on 31 July 2019:

Professor Dame Louise Robinson
Professor Mark Shucksmith
Professor Phil Taylor

All three have served two terms and are eligible for re-appointment.

Members of Academic Board are invited to submit nominations in writing by not later than Friday, 14 June 2019 to Dr J V Hogan, Registrar, (Email: John.Hogan@ncl.ac.uk) together with confirmation that the nominee is willing to be nominated. Nominees should be members of Academic Board.

4. REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

To receive an update on the University’s Vision, and an introduction to the Engagement and Place Strategy.

5. QUESTIONS

The Vice-Chancellor and President will be pleased to answer questions at the meeting from members of Academic Board and would be grateful to receive notice of these, as far as possible.

6. CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY STATUTES

To consider proposed changes to the University Statutes, available at: https://newcastle.sharepoint.com/hub/executive/Documents/TrackChangesforAcB.pdf


7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF SENATE AND COUNCIL

Nominations are invited from any member of academic staff on Grade E and above to stand for election to Senate, and from any member of professorial staff to stand for election to Council. There are 7 vacancies on Senate (5 professorial, 2 non-professorial) and 1 vacancy on Council (1 professorial).

Further details of this year’s elections can be found at: https://newcastle.sharepoint.com/hub/executive/Pages/governance.aspx
Nominations should be sent to the Governance Office, by email (governanceoffice@ncl.ac.uk) marked ‘Confidential Senate Membership’ or ‘Confidential Council Membership’, to arrive by not later than noon on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

[Note: Hard copies of the agenda papers are available, on request, from Simon Meacher in the Governance Office, ext 86071 or email simon.meacher@ncl.ac.uk.]