

UNIVERSITY BOARD FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

21/ 11 A meeting of the University Board for Research and Innovation was held on Wednesday 10 June 2021 at 9am on Microsoft Teams

Present

Dominik Zaum Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Chair)

Parveen Yaqoob Pro-Vice Chancellor

21/ 14 Actions from the previous meeting [item 3]

There were no actions

This was a pilot year, with the potential for future outcomes to inform knowledge exchange funding. There was a potential for the exercise to be adjusted in future iterations.

The outcomes provided a useful opportunity for the University to reflect on its strengths and weaknesses, for example inform how it could prioritise its local and regional engagement activity with reference to other institutions' narratives and performance

21/ 18 THE Impact Rankings 2021 overview [item 5bii]

The Board received a report on the University's performance in the THE Impact Rankings in 2021, the first year in which the University had participated, and the second year of the rankings. The rankings are based on a combination of standard contextual metrics (size and shape) specific data (for example energy usage) and evidence of the existence of policies, procedures and engagement. Overall, the University was ranked in the 100200 bracket of the 1115 participating institutions, performing particularly strongly in the following of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): Decent work and economic growth (21 of 685), Reduced inequalities (28/669) and Responsible consumption and production (13/503). Research ~~into~~ were generally strong across all the SDG.

The preparation of the submission had involved colleagues from MCE, Estates and the Planning and Strategy Office. The University would reflect further on the learning from its participation this year to inform preparations for next year's ranking.

21/ 19 QS World University Ranking [item 5biii]

The Board received a summary of the outcomes for the University in the QS World University Rankings. The University was ranked at just outside the top 200, maintaining its position of 27th of

fellowships were highlighted along with success in other (not KRI) schemes it was suggested that t

The Board received an update on activity relating to the Concordia Progress has been made across

~~Research Travel Grants~~The Board received the annual report from the Subcommittee on Research Travel grants. The Board noted that the travel fund had had limited use as a result of a reduction in overseas travel. Increasingly, funds were being vired to line payments for conferences. It was recognised that the approach should be mindful of environmental concerns and alignment with the overall University travel policy in the future.