

# UNIVERSITY OF YORK

## COURT

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2010

The meeting was attended by 51 members and 38 apologies for absence were received.

### **09-10/15 Vice-Chancellor's Report**

The Court **received** an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor covering the following matters:

- University achievements and values;
- main objectives of the new University Plan;
- planning measures to deal with government cuts;
- other aspects of the current external environment;
- building on University strengths, reputation and brand quality.

In response to a query on the University's approach to imminent additional funding cuts, the Vice-Chancellor confirmed that this was being factored into the budgetary measures currently being considered by the Senior Management Group prior to submission to the University Council in July. The current expectation was that the University would be able to absorb the cuts while still supporting its strategic investment programmes and continuing to post strong surpluses and cash flow figures.

### **09-10/16 Presentations on Sustainability**

The Court **received** the following presentations on sustainability research being conducted at the University:

- Professor David Rafaelli (Head of Environment Department):  
Managing Yorkshire and the Humber's Natural Assets
- Dr Lisa Emberson (Stockholm Environment Institute):  
Atmospheric pollution, food security and climate change: Can science aid integrated policy development?
- Dr Jane Hill (Biology): Designing landscapes to promote biodiversity

### **09-10/17 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was **noted** as Friday 10 December 2010.

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Note: Following the meeting, Morrell Fellowship awards were presented to the following University benefactors:

- Susan Joyce (citation delivered by Elizabeth Heaps, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Estates & Strategic Projects)
- Gordon and Francesca Horsfield (citation delivered by Professor Brian Cantor, Vice-Chancellor)