

**MINUTE OF THE STATUTORY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL
COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 10.30AM IN
PARLIAMENT HALL, SOUTH STREET, ST ANDREWS**

The Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sally Mapstone, was in the Chair. Welcoming 37 members to the meeting, she gave apologies for the Chancellor, Lord Campbell of Pittenweem, and welcomed Fiona Barnard, Honorary International Students Chaplain, to her first General Council meeting.

1. Minute of the last ordinary half-yearly meeting of the General Council held on 29 June 2019

The minute was agreed as a correct record.

2. Announcement of the result of the nomination of General Council Assessor to serve on the University Court – Registrar and Clerk to the General Council

The Registrar and Clerk announced that, following the nomination and interview process undertaken in late Summer, Mr Jonathan Hewitt has been appointed as General Council Assessor to the University Court.

Referring members to a short biography for Jonathan Hewitt included in the billet (p 14), the Vice-Chancellor welcomed Jonathan Hewitt to the meeting and invited him to say a few words by way of introduction.

Mr Hewitt informed members that he was a student at St Andrews from 1988 to 1992, and now lives in nearby Dunfermline. He has a warm place in his heart for the University of St Andrews and was thrilled and excited to have been appointed to the University Court. Over his tenure, he is keen to meet as many General Council members as possible and encouraged members to introduce themselves at the end of the meeting. He referred to his contact details being available in the billet (p 14) and to being keen to set up as open and frequent communication as possible to help him in his role.

3. Report by the Convener of the Business Committee – Ms Wendy Russell

Meetings of the Business Committee and Committee Membership

Three Business Committee meetings are scheduled each year - in January, April and September – coordinated, where possible, to fall on the Saturday morning following meetings of Court, to make it easier, potentially, for *ex officio* members of the committee to attend. The Convener invited members to note the minute of the Business Committee's April meeting, which can be found in the billet (pps 15-18).

The Convener reported that, since the last General Council meeting in June, there had been one meeting of the Business Committee in St Andrews on 18 September. The September meeting saw the six newly elected, and one re-elected, members of the Committee take up their roles. The Convener emphasised the increasing importance of being able to connect with Committee members across the world. The Committee aims to represent the diversity of St Andrews alumni and adopt more sustainable practices, using video-conferencing technologies to support this and enable members to attend meetings either in person or remotely. Full details of the current Business Committee membership are listed in the billet (p 2).

Current Business Committee members bring a range of professional expertise to the committee in the areas of: accounting, business development, corporate governance, entrepreneurship, equality and diversity, fundraising, investment management, IT, law, marketing, publishing, public sector administration, risk management, and secondary and higher education. As a result of members demitting office before the end of their term, there are currently ten members on the Business Committee. A decision will be made at the January 2020 meeting of the Committee as to whether to co-opt two further members to bring the Committee up to its full strength of 12, or leave the vacancies until elections take place in 2021. In filling any vacancies the Committee would also seek to identify any skills gap where additional support would be helpful. The Convener urged any member of the General Council with an interest in serving on the Business Committee, and/or becoming more involved with General Council and the University generally, to contact her via the General Council Office.

General Council Assessor

In June, Mr Ken Cochran had resigned as General Council Assessor, and the University Court had appointed his successor under the new process for nomination and appointment following the changes to Ordinance.

Referring to her report to the last General Council meeting, the Convener reminded members that Court had engaged with the Business Committee and a working group had been established to develop a nomination process which would reflect the change of wording in Ordinance 132 which removed the requirement for General Council Assessors to be nominated following an election process. The outcome of the process was based on the principles agreed by the Business Committee but did not fully reflect the Business Committee's recommendations in relation to the detailed composition of the selection panel. This outcome was fully discussed by the Business Committee at its September meeting (the first time it had convened since the approach was approved by Court) and the Committee had decided to take no further action in relation to the matter, nor to request that the General Council did so. In response to a specific question from the floor, the Convener confirmed that

the Business Committee had concluded that the process for appointment agreed by Court was acceptable and fulfilled the nomination requirement.

On behalf of the Business Committee, the Convener warmly welcomed Jonathan Hewitt's appointment, and looked forward to him working with Nigel Christie, the continuing General Council Assessor, to bring the perspectives of General Council to Court discussions and engage with the General Council.

Work being undertaken by the Committee

The Convener advised that the Business Committee is reviewing General Council Standing Orders. The Committee will table any proposed changes for approval by General Council at its meeting in June 2020.

A working group of Business Committee members is also preparing a paper looking into how engagement with the General Council can be improved. This will encompass participation at and engagement with General Council meetings, and identify other opportunities for members to engage with the University. It will also consider how new graduates, in June and December, can be informed that they have become members of General Council. Proposals will recognise the diversity of geographies, culture and age. They will be explored and discussed with key University stakeholders in the new year and the Convener will report back to a General Council meeting in 2020.

Looking ahead to meetings and events next year, the Spring Business Committee meeting has been arranged to coincide with the Alumni Weekend in April 2020. The Convener encouraged General Council members to visit St Andrews at that time. The Business Committee has previously run a drop-in centre for General Council members on the Saturday afternoon following the meeting of the Business Committee, but to date these have been poorly attended. The Committee will consider how to publicise these better in future years before making any hasty decision to abandon them.

The Convener continues to attend meetings of the General Council Business Committee Conveners of the Universities of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews which usually meet annually. While no meeting had been scheduled during 2019, a meeting is planned, to be hosted by Aberdeen, to take place in May 2020. Queens University Belfast has also been invited to join this meeting. Meeting with counterparts has proven useful in past years e.g. in contributing to the debate on the Higher Education (Scotland) Governance Bill, 2016. The Convener will report on the meeting at the June meeting of the General Council.

Closing remarks

The Convener ended her report by expressing gratitude to fellow elected members for their willingness to step up and contribute to the work of the Business Committee, and for their commitment to support and add value to the University, its strategy, wellbeing and prosperity. Reminding members that the Business Committee can be contacted via the General Council Office (c/o Development), she also thanked Alumni Relations and other Development staff for their ongoing support of the General Council, both at these meetings and throughout the year. The Convener was delighted that Professor Garry Taylor had agreed to present at this meeting and looked forward to his presentation. Finally, the Convener extended warm thanks to fellow General Council members for demonstrating their continued interest in General Council affairs through their attendance.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Convener for her informative and valuable report, asked members to note the report, and to note the dates for the Alumni Weekend for their diaries: 3-5 April 2020.

4. University Address – Professor Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

The Principal was pleased to report that the University is in very good shape. Being named University of the Year in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide* in September had consolidated a calendar year of strong successes in national and international league tables. St Andrews was ranked first in the National Student Survey for student satisfaction in the UK for the fourth consecutive year, and has been ranked either first or second twelve times in the past fourteen years. As previously reported, St Andrews was ranked second in the UK in the *Guardian University Guide* for 2020, behind only the University of Cambridge. In international tables, the University was placed within the top 100 institutions in the world in two league tables – the *QS* and the *Nature Index* – and in the top 200 in *The Times Higher Education* world rankings. Such successes are key to the University maintaining its reputation as a destination of choice for both students and staff. Undergraduate applications for the next academic year were up by 9% for UK and Overseas applicants, and by 3% for EU applicants. Within Scotland, applications from individuals with an access marker continued to increase. Research awards were also growing, standing at £9.8 million in the first quarter of the 2019/20 academic year, 10% higher than the average for this quarter in the past three years.

Senior Lay Member

The Principal informed members that University staff and students recently voted to elect the new post of Senior Lay Member to the University Court; the election results were due to be announced the following Monday. This new role, required by Scottish Higher Education Governance Act 2016, will replace the existing role of Senior Governor when Dame Ann Pringle's term ends in 2020. The candidates,

Adrian Greer (MA) and Catherine Stihler (MA, MLitt, Hon DLitt), were both Scottish-born alumni of the University. Adrian spent 35 years of his career working for the British Council, including in the role of Chief Operation Officer, and was currently the Chancellor's Assessor on the University Court. Catherine was a member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2018 and Rector of the University between 2014 and 2017. The Principal said both candidates exhibited impressive qualities and a clear commitment to ensuring that the University of St Andrews was governed in the interests of all stakeholders.

Fundraising

The Principal informed members that a feasibility study entitled 'a New Light for St Andrews' was under way in preparation for the launch of a new campaign. A questionnaire had been sent by email to circa 10,000 stakeholders who had expressed an interest in supporting the University. The results would be used to set campaign aspirations ahead of a formal campaign launch in 2020, informed by the University's Strategy for 2018 to 2023. Central to its goals would be the new University College on the Madras site focusing on social sciences, and the development of STEM facilities on the North Haugh. The Principal had visited New York this semester to meet with prospective donors and confirmed that the desire significantly to support the University was still very much alive after the close of the 600th Anniversary Campaign. Between now and the next General Council meeting, the last major projects enabled by the 600th Campaign – the Laidlaw Music Centre and the Wardlaw Museum extension – would reach completion; both were expected formally to open in April 2020.

In October, the Principal had been pleased to sign a fourth philanthropic agreement with Santander. This new agreement was equivalent to £330,000 of investment over the next three years, with an additional £20,000 per annum to support the Santander Internship programme. In this new cycle, Santander had reshaped the nature of its support to focus increasingly upon widening access and participation schemes. Santander's support now totalled over £1 million.

Appointments

The Principal reminded members that social responsibility, which sits at the heart of and underpins the University Strategy 2018 to 2023, continued to inform all that the University does. At the time of the last meeting, Lesley Caldwell had just assumed the newly created position of Community Engagement and Social Responsibility Officer. Over the past six months, Lesley had met widely with individuals and organisations from around St Andrews and Fife and her efforts were clearly bearing fruit, including a more positive community response around Raisin Weekend. The student body had become highly proactive in climate change politics, founding St Andrews Climate Action and organising a series of successful demonstrations, including the 'Line in the Sand' climate strike on Friday 20 September, which saw

hundreds of members of the St Andrews community gather on West Sands to form a long line in protest.

The Principal reported that an Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) had been established, with a view to meeting the Scottish Government's net-zero emissions target by 2045, as set out in the Climate Change Bill of September 2019. The Board would be chaired by Professor Sir Ian Boyd, a Professor of Marine Biology at the University's Scottish Oceans Institute, and previously Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government on Food and the Environment; he was knighted this year for his contributions to climate policy and science.

Out of Hours

The Principal was pleased to report that enhanced access to urgent primary care at the St Andrews Community Hospital had been announced – representing a success for the many community members and students who joined together and advocated for this extension. The timescale and capacity to meet the needs of the diverse township, however, remained unclear. The University would continue to monitor the local NHS provision and advocate for the interests of all in St Andrews.

Research

The University continued to be world-leading in both research and teaching, as indicated by its capacity increasingly to attract research funding and students from around the world, despite an austere funding environment and the institution's small size.

In September, the First Minister came to St Andrews for the opening of the new Scottish Oceans Institute, which replaces the Gatty Marine Laboratory. The new building enabled researchers to seek insight and solutions into the challenges faced by marine systems in the modern world, including loss of biodiversity, sea-level rise, and over-exploitation of marine resources, in addition to providing state-of-the-art facilities for students to develop into the next generation of climate and marine scientists.

October saw the launch of the Budongo Research Unit – a new facility developed in partnership with Edinburgh Zoo for use by students and researchers in the School of Psychology and Neuroscience. This would be covered in Professor Taylor's presentation.

BMS Fire

The Principal was also pleased to report that a purpose-built modular building had been installed on the North Haugh to provide laboratory facilities for researchers and students affected by the Biomedical Sciences Building fire in February 2019. The

new building, to be formally opened the following week, had been named after the late Willie Russell, a previous Emeritus Professor of Virology at the University.

Seminar highlights

The semester had also seen the celebration of past accomplishments, with the School of International Relations hosting a 25th Anniversary Symposium for the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (Handa CSTPV). The Principal commented that it a significant achievement for a research centre to survive and flourish over a quarter of a century, and Handa CSTPV was acknowledged as one of the foremost terrorism study centres in the world.

The Handa CSTPV symposium was timed to coincide with the University's seventh Andrew Carnegie lecture, generously supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. It was delivered by Professor Bruce Hoffman, co-founder and inaugural Director of CSTPV, who was joined at the conference by all other living Directors of the Institute, as well as terrorism studies experts from across the world. In October, the sixth Carnegie lecture was delivered by alumnus and honorary graduate, Dr David Nott – a celebrated war physician, philanthropist, and author. The Principal had also been pleased to host Professor Mark Johnston, Henry Putnam University Professor of Philosophy at Princeton University, who delivered the 2019 St Andrews Gifford Lectures.

Global

Inherently an international university, the University of St Andrews' current student cohort of around 9,200 originates from 133 countries across the world and speaks to to an impressive global scope. The Principal acknowledged that continuing to compete on this scale was not without significant challenges, including uncertainty over Brexit and reductions in real-term funding for universities, particularly when other countries, such as China and Germany, increasingly invest in their higher education sectors. Where the University cannot compete financially, it must make use of its people and resources to strengthen its international alliances and safeguard its standing into the future.

To this end, the Principal was pleased to report that a good number of engagements with international entities had taken place since the last General Council meeting. She had recently returned from a week-long visit to Russia as part of a British Council delegation of Vice-Chancellors and senior civil servants, with a view to exploring future opportunities for collaboration between higher education institutions. Earlier in the semester, in September, the University welcomed a delegation of over 20 staff members from the University of Bonn – a key European partnership for St Andrews. A return delegation was planned for 2020, and much discussion was happening electronically in the interim.

Other activities included a St Andrews delegation to India in October, led by Professor Brad MacKay, Vice-Principal for International Strategy and External Relations, during which the University held two alumni events and worked to deepen its relationships in the country. In November, the University welcomed the Vice-Provost from Tufts University, who worked with colleagues in developing the Laidlaw Scholars programme. The previous week, the Principal had attended the Europaeum Special Conference in Geneva, entitled *Europe in the age of Xi and Trump* and also attended a board meeting there in her capacity as a trustee of this important European HE network. In the same week, the Ambassador from the Republic of the Maldives, Dr Farah Faizal, had delivered the School of International Relations' annual Imber Award lecture, entitled 'The Maldives' Role in Climate Change Diplomacy'.

Industrial Action

Eight days of strike action were planned by the University and College Union regarding pay and pensions. The Principal explained that this was a national dispute which could only be resolved on a national level. Over 50 institutions were affected. The Principal would continue to represent the views of staff and students to the relevant bodies, assisted by her role as a board member of Universities UK. She assured members that all reasonable steps would continue to be taken to minimise the impact of this industrial action on the student experience. A strike support desk had been established in the Advice and Support Centre, and the University was working closely with student representatives to support the student body.

Brexit

The Principal acknowledged that the General Election on 12 December exacerbated the challenging situation that Brexit presented, with the planned date rescheduled to 31 January 2020. The University continued to operate a Brexit help desk, offering support to staff and students, and the Vice-Principal for International Strategy and External Relations, continued to monitor the situation via the Brexit Preparedness Group.

Other

In November, the Principal had spoken as a panellist at Wonkfest, the annual conference organised by the HE policy thinktank, WonkHE, in a discussion entitled 'Has Britain blown it?'. The Principal had expressed the University's view that the HE sector must be constructive and optimistic in spite of the political challenges it was facing, and must embrace reinvention and rediscovery. The University of St Andrews would do so, and it would persevere and flourish as a result.

In conclusion, the Principal mentioned the four Winter Graduation ceremonies taking place the following week, during which degrees were to be conferred upon 980 graduands from 73 countries. The previous week, holiday celebrations had

begun with the Thanksgiving Parents' Reception, hosted by Development. The Principal extended an invitation to members to both the Alumni Carol Service in St Salvator's Chapel and the University Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church.

The Principal finished by wishing everyone all the very best for the festive period and for 2020. She then invited questions from the floor.

The Principal was asked whether she was concerned that climate change and, in particular, the role of aviation travel might be a risk factor in terms of being able to continue to attract students and staff from all over the world. The Principal acknowledged the importance of travelling responsibly, a matter which the University was taking very seriously, not only in terms of reviewing the need for travel, how often, where and by what means, but also in terms of offsetting its carbon footprint. A key area of responsibility of the Environmental Sustainability Board the Principal had mentioned earlier was carbon counting and offsetting. The Board would be looking at everything the University does, not just air travel, and would draw upon Ian Boyd's expertise in this area to take a holistic and informed approach. The University intended to publish its plans in the next few months.

A second question from the floor concerned investment in climate damaging technologies. The Principal confirmed that the University does not actively invest in fossil fuel companies, whilst acknowledging that where relationships do still exist, it was on the basis of striking a balance, based on the fact that very significant research into the future of biofuels is often necessarily carried out by the well-funded energy companies.

There being no further questions, the Vice-Chancellor called upon Professor Garry Taylor to deliver his presentation entitled: "Evolution of Music and Apes at St Andrews: the new Laidlaw Music Centre and the Edinburgh Zoo Budongo Research Unit". A short biography for Professor Taylor is included in the billet (pps 18-19).

5. Presentation by Professor Garry Taylor, former Deputy Principal and Master of the University, entitled "Evolution of music and apes at St Andrews: the new Laidlaw Music Centre and the Edinburgh Zoo Budongo Research Unit"

Professor Taylor explained that his presentation would cover the Laidlaw Music Centre and Budongo Research Unit projects, of which he had been the main sponsor.

The Budongo Trail was named after a forest in North West Uganda, where a population of chimpanzees has been studied since the 1960s. The research unit was formally opened on 7 October 2019 by the Principal and Dame Anne Glover, President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Professor Klaus Zuberbuehler of the School of Psychology and Neuroscience is the research unit's Scientific Director.

Professor Josep Call, also of the same School, a Spanish primatologist and world authority on the study of behaviour and cognition in apes, was recruited a few years ago from a Max Planck Institute in Leipzig and had established a magnificent research group.

Professor Taylor explained that the chimpanzee is one of our closest relatives and that the last common ancestor would have been some 6-7 million years ago. There was a huge similarity in our genetic make-up – our genomes are 99% identical. However, genomes are 3 billion nucleotides long so 1% difference represents 30 million differences in our nucleotides, and the interest lies in where those differences are.

The Budongo Research Unit had both internal and external enclosures. The chimpanzees are free to enter or leave between 9am and 1pm. As they are rewarded for the tasks they do, they often queue up to enter the facility. They can choose whether to interact with, or to ignore, the various studies the psychologists have set up. The researchers have to be incredibly patient and allow the chimpanzees to engage at their own pace. The research is completely non-invasive and the chimpanzees are not handled. The questions being tackled by the research concern how chimpanzees think, learn and communicate, how they associate with each other, and how they interact with their physical environment. These are important questions not only to understand the chimpanzee's society, but also to learn about how human behaviour and cognition have evolved.

Professor Taylor drew attention to the opportunity for public engagement the facility offers, alongside Living Links, another St Andrews research facility studying primates, which opened about eleven years ago. Together they offer a wonderful way of enabling the public to see how research is carried out and also to see that the animals are not being harmed and are free to come and go as they please. Inside the Budongo Research Unit, the researchers can look at how the chimpanzees interact e.g. using cameras to track eye movements to analyse how the chimpanzees interact with puzzles, such as pulling out sticks to be rewarded with an edible treat, or using touch screens displaying images of familiar objects to study them as they pattern match.

The Budongo Research Unit built on a long tradition of studying the behaviour and cognition of primates in Psychology at St Andrews. Researchers were also looking at behaviour in neonates and there was a strong cross-over with how young children and apes discover things. Professor Taylor highly recommended that members visit the Budongo Research Unit to see for themselves the fantastic external enclosure, where the chimpanzees are content exploring in a forest-like environment and react very positively to the extra interactions they are afforded by being part of the research.

Turning from the evolution of apes to the evolution of music at St Andrews, Professor Taylor acknowledged that music had been part of University life at St Andrews throughout its 600-year history. While the University no longer offered a degree in music - and had no plans to re-establish a full music degree - it did recognise the many extremely talented musicians amongst the student body and in the town. This represented a great opportunity for the University to interact with the town in terms of music performance and lessons.

Music had been based in the Younger Hall for many years, but the Hall had not been built as a Music Centre and the Centre had expanded into Beethoven Lodge next door. There were currently 700 Music Centre members, 80% from the University and 20% from the community. Each week 251 one-to-one lessons took place, with 30 associated teachers of musical instruments or vocal training; 40 scholarships were awarded each year (vocal, choral and instrumental studies); and there were 25 choirs, groups and orchestras, from beginner to expert level. Professor Taylor mentioned the famous St Salvator's Chapel Choir, which goes on international tours and produces well-reviewed CDs, and the Byre Opera, which tours nationally. In 2018-19, there were 95 public events, excluding the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and St Andrews Voices, with over 6,500 attendees between them. The Music Centre was open seven days a week, four days until 10pm, and was used extensively by children and other community users taking lessons and coming in for orchestral rehearsals.

Given this growth in activity, there was simply not enough space in the existing facilities. While there was no longer a full degree in music, the number and popularity of academic music modules had increased over the years and currently involved around 200 students. Professor Taylor was delighted to announce that, in 2020, a new Masters in Sacred Music would be launched – an interaction between the School of Divinity's Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts and the Music Centre.

Moving on to the new purpose-built building, Flanagan Lawrence Architects had competed successfully to design and build the new Laidlaw Music Centre and have built other music centres, notably in Cardiff. This was a £12.5m project for the building itself, with an additional £1.3m for a moveable floor. Professor Taylor acknowledged the hard work of Development in raising a total of £8.7m in donations so far - from Lord Laidlaw, the McPherson Trust and many other donors - a magnificent achievement in terms of the proportion of the funding by donations.

The ground-breaking ceremony took place on 24 July 2018. Eight months later, the topping-out ceremony took place on 29 March 2019, when the Principal signed a

stone which would be put on display in the building. Professor Taylor paid tribute to Michael Downes, the Music Director, and to his very talented staff.

Professor Taylor highlighted several features of the building, including the retention of the existing mature trees (protected by a preservation order), and the beautiful stonework echoing the stone of the adjacent buildings. The double height entrance provided a space which could also be used for small performances. There would be a glazed area for storing musical instruments and offices for Music Centre staff and visiting peripatetic music teachers. The main rehearsal/performance room had a reverberation chamber, designed by a world-famous acoustician, which allowed this space to be tuned to suit varying acoustic needs, ranging from an 80-piece orchestra and a solo pianist.

The moving floor had 88 moveable segments and, from a fixed position, could be lowered by 30cms or raised by 75cms, making it a fantastically flexible performance space. An 1860 organ by T J Lewis, a famous 19th century organ builder, was being installed, perfect for a small performance space with room for an audience of about 160, and there were acoustically isolated rehearsal rooms, each to have its own piano. A library of music was also planned.

Professor Taylor predicted that the Laidlaw Music Centre would soon become the primary place in Fife where musicians would want to come and perform. While it had been challenging to build such a complex building in such a tight space and keep within budget, it represented a magnificent concert hall for both the University and the town. Sponsorship opportunities remained, including providing new pianos for each of the ten small and three large rehearsal rooms.

Professor Taylor concluded that the University would have access to the new building from the end of the year, and an official opening was planned for the beginning of April.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked Professor Taylor for his fascinating presentation and for the elegant way in which he had combined talking about the Budongo Research Unit and the Laidlaw Music Centre, before inviting questions or comments from the floor.

A member, who had been an undergraduate in the late 1940s and early 1950s, commented that while music had been important in the University in his time under Cedric Thorpe Davie, it had been on a very small scale. He was delighted and grateful to see how it had blossomed. Another member, who had also studied music under Cedric Thorpe Davie and remembered the 1970s with great joy and affection, wondered if the music collection in the University Library could be sorted and made available in the new Laidlaw Music Centre. Professor Taylor confirmed that there were plans for a music library in the new Laidlaw Music Centre.

In reply to a question relating to how the late Jean McPherson's seminal contribution to the Laidlaw Music Centre would be recognised, Professor Taylor confirmed that the rehearsal space was being named after her and added that it was thanks to the Trust that the moving floor project had become a reality.

A final question asked whether humans experience music in the same way as apes and how the impact of music on apes was measured. Whilst not an expert on the subject, Professor Taylor said that the impact seemed to be gauged by whether or not apes chose to stay and listen to the music or move away, thereby demonstrating a preference for silence. In terms of their preference for certain types of music over others, research suggested that tonal differences and the number of beats per minute might play some part.

There being no further questions, the Vice-Chancellor thanked Professor Taylor once again before calling upon the Registrar and Clerk to intimate any motions to be considered.

6. Any Other Competent Business

The Registrar and Clerk confirmed that no motions had been tabled.

There being no further questions or other competent business, the Vice-Chancellor brought the meeting to a close and asked members to rise for the benediction.

Alastair Merrill

Registrar and Clerk to the General Council