**Annual Meeting of Convocation**

**Council Chamber, Lanyon Building**

**Thursday 15 November 2018 at 6pm**

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A wine reception with nibbles will welcome guests from 5.30pm

Members of Convocation are asked to PRINT their names, degrees, date of graduation and address on the attendance record provided at the entrance.



The lecture will follow the formal business of the meeting.   
The 2018 guest speaker is:

**Keith A Lippert,**

**Deputy Chief Information Security Officer for the Allstate Enterprise**

Mr Lippert will speak on

*“Building skills for the future. A look at the change in Insurance and Cybersecurity.”*



**AGENDA**

**(1) APOLOGIES**

A list of apologies received will be made available by the Clerk on request.

**(2) MINUTES**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 16 November 2017 are published on the Convocation website; copies of the full minutes are available for inspection.

**(3) IN MEMORIA**

A list of members of Convocation who passed away since the Annual Meeting of 2017 can be made available upon request.

**(4) ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Candidates for Committee representatives

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Murray Power | BSc (1972), PhD (1975) | | | David McKillen | BSc (1983) | | | | Brian Roulston | LLB (2008), PGCert (2010) | | | | Mark Wallace | MSCI (2012) | | | | Carolyn Forster | BA (2003), CertEd (2004), DipEd (2005) | | | | | Feargus McCauley | BSc (1996) | | Erin Early | BA (2015), MRes (2016) | | Stephen McCrystall | LLB (2016) | |  |

**(5) REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION**

**5.1 Meetings**

Standing Committee of Convocation held five ordinary meetings in 2018 and attending two special meetings (GDPR/Strategy). The table below shows the attendance of elected and co-opted members:

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| **Date of**  **Election/**  **retirement** | **Name** | **SCC Attendance**  (Apology) | **Special Mtng Attendance**  (Apology) |
| 17/21 | Eoin McMullan (Chair) | 5 (0) | 2 (0) |
| 17/21 | Jonathan Hill (Deputy Chair) | 3 (2) | 2 (0) |
| 14/18 | Dr Murray Power | 5 (0) | 2 (0) |
| 14/18 | David McKillen | 5 (0) | 2 (0) |
| 14/18 | Brian Roulston | 3 (2) | 0 (1) |
| 14/18 | Carolyn Forster | 5 (0) | 2 (0) |
| 18/18 | Feargus McCauley (co-opted Jan 18) | 4 (1) | 1 (0) |
| 18/18 | Stephen McCrystall (co-opted Jun 18) | 1 (2) | na (na) |
| 18/xx | Fergal McFerran (QGA representative) | 3 (1) | 2 (0) |
| 18/xx | Erin Early (QGA representative) | 4 (1) | 2 (0) |

**(6) Chair’s Remarks**

The Chair will deliver his remarks.

**(7) Use of Delegation of Authority**

To conduct day-to-day business, Standing Committee seeks a formal renewal of its delegated authority and it is therefore recommended:

*That Convocation authorises Standing Committee to act on its behalf in accordance with Statutes until the next Annual Meeting of Convocation, and that notice be given of any new Statutes adopted by the Senate.*

**(8) THE HISTORY OF CONVOCATION PROJECT**

**(9) NOTICE OF MOTIONS 2018**

**9.1 Amendments to Standing Orders**

(Proposed by Murray Power, Seconded by Eoin McMullan)

***Convocation hereby resolves to amend Standing Orders, subject to the approval of Senate, as follows:***

1. ***Amend Section 9 by replacing ‘fifty’ with ‘thirty’ in the first and second lines.***
2. ***Amend Section 9 by inserting the words ‘(apart from elections)’ between ‘business’ and ‘shall’.***
3. ***Amend Sevtion 47 by replacing the clause after ‘four years’ with ‘The Chairperson shall be ex officio a member of Senate.’***

*The Motion seeks to update Standing Orders to enable Convocation to operate more effectively.*

*Part (1) would reduce the quorum at Meetings from 50-30, reflecting the attendance trend at recent General Meetings*

*Part (2) would remove any quorum for elections, as was the case when ballots were conducted by post*

*Part (3) would update Standing Orders to reflect Senate’s decision to make the Chairperson the sole representative of Convocation*

**9.2 Boycott Divestment and Sanctions against Israel**

(Proposed by Paul Loughran, Seconded by Mohammed Samaana)

***Convocation notes the call from Palestinian Civil Society, including academics and academic institutions, for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions until equal rights are afforded to Palestinians and Israel practices/respects International Law, including the Right of Return for Palestinian refugees.***

***Therefore Convocation supports the call for Boycott Divestment and Sanctions against Israel.***

*Convocation notes the current violence directed against peaceful demonstrators in Gaza and the ongoing occupation, sustained by Israeli state institutions. Convocation notes the role of Israeli academic institutions in the arms trade and subjugation of Palestinian rights. Convocation notes the system of apartheid discrimination practiced by the state of Israel against indigenous peoples of Palestine.*

**(10) DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

The next Annual Meeting of Convocation will be held in **November 2019** in the Council Chamber / Canada Room, Lanyon Building

NB (ii) Members not attending the meeting who wish to receive copies of the Minutes

should apply to the Clerk of Convocation (address below). Alternatively, Minutes will

be available on the Convocation website https://daro.qub.ac.uk/convocation in due

course.

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