316th Statutory Meeting of the General Council

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Principal and Vice-Chancellor

11 June 2022
Aberdeen 2040
Aberdeen 2040 Interdisciplinary Challenges

- Energy Transition
- Social Inclusion and Cultural Diversity
- Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing
- Data and Artificial Intelligence
- Environment and Biodiversity
Recent highlights

• Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Soil Science

• Fifth in the UK for overall student satisfaction – NSS 2021

• UK rankings in the current academic year:
  • QS - 27th
  • Times Higher - 22nd
  • Guardian - 20th
  • Times and Sunday Times - 20th

• UK University Strategy of the Year – Higher Education Strategic Planners Association 2021
Challenges and priorities for the year ahead

• Global economic & political uncertainty
• Inflation
• Flat-cash budget for the Scottish Funding Council for the next five years
• International student recruitment
• Rebuilding research capacity
• Regional and global partnerships
• Recruitment of extra academic and professional service staff
• Investment in physical and digital infrastructure
Investment in a number of buildings on campus to modernise our teaching and learning spaces, including construction of a new £37m Science Teaching Hub.
Student population

Student Fee Region Distribution

- SCOT On Campus: 51%
- EU On Campus: 20%
- INT'L On Campus: 20%
- ONLINE: 8%
- RUK On Campus: 10%
- TNE: 4%

2021/22
Total Revenue for 2017 - 2022

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£219.5m 2017/18 46%
£228.5m 2018/19 48%
£233.8m 2019/20 51%
£235.9m 2020/21 55%
£255.5m 2021/22 (Forecast) 56%

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King’s Quarter Project

General Council Meeting

Project Manager: Claire Akparanta

11th June 2022
Introduction

• Background
• Proposals
• Key benefits and challenges
• Questions
• Tour
Context

• Initiated January 2019

• Key objectives:
  • To improve the student experience and to help facilitate planned growth in the student population, notably at PGT level and particularly the international student cohort.
  • To markedly enhance and repurpose buildings in key parts of campus, particularly the historic core.
“To deliver transformational teaching and learning spaces in Old Aberdeen, providing a modern, adaptable, interdisciplinary, high quality teaching environment suitable for multiple Schools to use in the delivery of both UG and PGT teaching. The Project must lead to enhanced teaching capacity to support objectives for growth, while revitalising historic buildings at the heart of King’s Campus. Specifically, this overarching aim must be delivered through the innovative modernisation of Cromwell Tower, the Book Stack, and the Old Senate Wing.”
Proposed Ground Floor Plan
Proposed Third Floor Plan
Key Benefits

• 3420 m2 of new teaching, learning and social space.
• Over 500 m2 of enhanced teaching space.
• Brings to life under-utilised space in the historic core.
• A teaching environment which supports diversified approaches to pedagogy.
• Enhanced student experience and reputation.
• Ability to attract and retain staff and students.
Challenges

- Geo-political issues
- Local demand
- Historic buildings
Schedule

• Technical design stage commenced – May 2022
• Tender main contractor – Autumn 2022
• Commence construction - Summer 2023
• Target building opening - Start of 2025 academic year
Thank you

• Please meet at the main entrance following the meeting for a tour of the buildings in scope.

• Questions