

UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE**UNIVERSITY COURT**

A meeting of the University Court was held on 7 September 2005.

(Note: this brief business meeting constituted part of the annual Court Retreat.)

Present: Mr J R Milligan (in the Chair), Principal Sir Alan Langlands, Dr R J Abboud, Ms C A Bain, Professor A Burchell, Dr J R Elliott, Dr A Goligher, Mr B W M Johnston, Dr J Lowe, Dr H Marriage, Professor A F Newell, Ms A Newton, Ms E A Robertson, Dr A M Roger, Mr E F Sanderson, Mr W Sutherland, Dr M R Ward and Mr W Wilson.

In Attendance: Vice-Principals Professor D H Boxer and Professor J Calderhead, Secretary, Deputy Secretary & Clerk to Court, Director of Information Services, Director of Strategic Planning and Deputy Director of Finance.

81. CENTRE FOR POPULATION GENETICS AND PHARMACOGENOMICS

The Court received a project authorisation proposal for the establishment of a Centre for Population Genetics and Pharmacogenomics, utilising existing space at Ninewells which was currently vacant. The total estimated capital cost of the project was £1.24m, plus £688k for equipment. Most of the funding was to be obtained from external sources, including a public appeal. The proposed University contribution was £250k, which was already factored into the capital programme approved by the Court at its previous meeting. Staff in the new Centre would be recruited against external income, in accordance with the business plan. It was emphasised in discussion that the expertise of existing University staff involved in this initiative was world class and significant external investment could be expected.

The Court decided: to give full authorisation for the project to proceed, as recommended by the Finance & Policy Committee.

82. PRINCIPAL

The Chairman intimated that a five-year review of the Principal's appointment was contractually required and he would be writing to members of Court individually on this matter.