



Colleagues,

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. I want to let you know about recent developments within the University Leadership Team.

### **Assistant Principal roles**

In my December newsletter I told you that the University Court had agreed to establish three new Assistant Principal roles. The interviews for these roles took place at the end of last week and I am delighted to tell you that the following appointments have been made.

#### ***Assistant Principal, Internationalisation – George Stonehouse***

George will lead delivery of the internationalisation strategy. This includes recruitment of international students (including online), promoting an international student experience, developing and advancing partnerships and collaborations and maximising engagement of staff in internationalisation. George will also be responsible for building innovation, enterprise and citizenship through the development of strategic international partnerships.

#### ***Assistant Principal, Student Experience – Sandra Cairncross***

Sandra will lead development and delivery of the Student Experience strategy, focusing on all elements of the student experience out with formal teaching and assessment. Sandra will also be responsible for building enterprise, innovation and citizenship, through promoting and facilitating work-related experiences for all students.

#### ***Assistant Principal, Organisational, Corporate & Partnership Development – Iain McIntosh***

Iain will provide strategic leadership to deliver Strategy 2020 through cultural transformation, embracing organisational change and development. He will ensure innovation underpins delivery of professional services and our approach to continuous improvement. He will also lead our work on corporate social responsibility partnership development and public relations.

George, Sandra and Iain will take up their new positions on 1 February but will also continue as Deans until the 31 July when the faculties become disestablished. I know that they are all keen to get started in their new roles and they intend to get out and about and meet with colleagues as part of their new roles.

### **Director of Human Resources and Development**

Following her recent period of sick leave Margaret Cook, Director of Human Resources & Development has decided to leave the University. As many of you will know Margaret suffered a sudden bereavement last year. She has come to the conclusion that she needs a break from working life. The University has supported her in reaching that decision and has agreed to release her from the end of this month. I am grateful to Margaret for her significant contribution over her period with the University and wish her well for the future.

Kind regards



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**Principal & Vice-Chancellor**