



Colleagues,

As we move swiftly into Spring, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on some projects that are ongoing around the University.

### Internationalisation

I am currently in China, where I have been meeting with some of our partners to discuss Edinburgh Napier's strategy for the future. We share similar ambitions with some of our partners and on the back of these meetings, we plan to develop more broad-based strategic partnerships with a small number of universities that will help us deliver our 2020 goals, while also supporting our partners' development.

### Strategy update

We are making our final amendments to the Strategy 2020, which will be presented to the University Court for approval at the end of March. I would again like to thank everyone who took the time to get involved and to feedback their ideas for the future of the University.



I am confident that we have developed a strategy that everyone can feel part of. The hard work will of course begin as we commit to plans that will deliver our strategy once it is approved. I will be holding more campus conversations in May, to discuss with you the headline plans against each of our strategic objectives for the year ahead.

### Actions for Change project

I am sure you will now be aware that Iain McIntosh, Brian Webster and Chris Pinder have established the **Actions for Change project** as a result of feedback from staff. This project has been discussed in detail at Senior Managers Forum and I appreciate the time that our colleagues

have committed to moving a range of projects forward.

We are keen to keep this dialogue going across the University; we want to hear your views, receive constructive feedback on the work issues that affect you and hear your ideas to improve what we do and how we do things.

## Hong Kong Graduations

I will be in Hong Kong this weekend to attend the graduation ceremonies with our partners. This will be my first graduation in Hong Kong and I am looking forward to it.

Graduations are always special and I am keen to meet our Hong Kong students and their families and friends and hear of their experiences as Edinburgh Napier students, their ambition and plans for the future.



As we implement our new strategy, I welcome discussion and consideration of how we and our colleagues in the Napier Students' Association (NSA) might connect our student groups around the world and support their engagement with each other in learning. I know this will be challenging, but I believe such interactions could really enrich the learning experience for everyone.

## 50th anniversary and the campaign

I hope you have all had the chance to read the **weekly blogs about our 50 year history**. I have particularly enjoyed reading about the success of our graduates over the years and I was intrigued to read about **three-time medal winning paralympian Stephen Payton** for the first time. The varied accomplishments of our alumni are very impressive.

Campus information sessions were held in February with staff at each campus which produced some excellent input and suggestions for the University wide fundraising campaign which will be launched at the end of 2014. If you are interested in being involved you are not too late - there is plenty of time. You can find out more by visiting the **campaign intranet pages**.

If you would like further information about any of the items above or wish to comment on any issues, please drop me an email at **principal@napier.ac.uk**.

Kind regards



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