



Strategy 2020

University Leadership Team

University News

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Colleagues,

I hope you are all well and getting used to the darker nights... winter is well and truly on its way. There are as always a number of developments since my last newsletter that I would like to update you on.

People

In my last newsletter I told you about the University Leadership Team's commitment to getting out to work in different areas of the University, so that we can get a better understanding of the work of staff. Earlier in October I spent the day working in the mail room.

I really enjoyed the day as members of the team showed me what they do and how they support the work of the University. I was particularly struck by the ethos and real sense of camaraderie amongst the team which includes staff with a variety of career paths and backgrounds. My visit to each campus delivering mail allowed me to meet many staff who I don't usually see on a day to day basis, and this was also particularly useful for me. I'm also happy to report that despite the mail arriving slightly late I was offered a job at the end...well at least on probationary basis!



The rest of ULT will be working in different areas in the run up to Christmas and they will tell you about their experiences in their own newsletters.

I am delighted to announce that the University Secretary's Office achieved the Customer Service Excellence (CSE) Award - a government driven accreditation. This is a significant achievement and validates the high standard of work undertaken in this office and I would like to personally congratulate Gerry Webber and his team. It was also great to see colleagues in IDEA win the gold

award for best internal publication for **Newsfeed magazine** at the Chartered Institute for Public Relations PRide awards earlier this month.

Campus Conversations

I'd like to thank all staff who joined me in my recent round of campus conversations both in person and through the live web stream. For those of you who weren't able to make it a recording of my presentation is available on the **campus conversations intranet page**. As always there was a wide ranging discussion and I and my ULT colleagues appreciated your contributions both through textwall comments and your insightful questions. The next set of campus conversations will take place in January.

Autumn Graduations

I can't quite believe that our Autumn graduation ceremonies have come around again - July doesn't seem that long ago. Nearly 1,000 students received their awards at the Usher Hall this week. It is a real privilege and pleasure to preside over graduations with our chancellor Tim Waterstone; I particularly enjoy the opportunity after the ceremony to mingle with graduates and their families along with the staff.



Of course it is the staff behind the scenes that make the graduations so special for our graduates and I would like to thank everyone who is involved at making these events run so well.

Research and knowledge exchange

I am delighted to note the official launch of the £9m Construction Scotland Innovation Centre (CSIC), which took place on 7 October in Glasgow. This is a great example of collaborative research, links to business and the bid was initiated by our Institute for Sustainable Construction (ISC). It was formally launched by Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon with 300 attendees from industry government and the 11 HEI partners.

Edinburgh Napier is the only modern university to be administering one of the eight innovation centres and we will lead one of the five key industry themes (advanced construction). In the same month the UK government commission for employment and skills awarded the University one of the five UK strategic training hubs for offsite construction.

Get in touch

I am always interested in hearing your feedback and views on University matters (no matter how small or large!) and I would be particularly interested to hear your thoughts on the live web stream. There are a number of ways you can contact me including emailing **principal@napier.ac.uk** or via my office team on ext. 6401.

Between now and Christmas I will be available on the following dates to meet with you and would be happy to speak to you individually or feel free to bring a colleague with you. Please email **principal@napier.ac.uk** to book a time slot. I look forward to seeing you then.

Craiglockhart Campus

Tuesday 18 November - 2.30 - 3.30pm

Merchiston Campus

Monday 8 December - 11.30am -12.30pm

Sighthill Campus

Tuesday 2 December - 1.30 - 2.30pm

Kind regards



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