



Council of Military Education Committees of the Universities of the United Kingdom

Executive Committee Meeting

to be held on Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 1100hrs to 1230hrs using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

Apologies for absence should be sent to the COMEC Secretary Jason Norris at secretary@comec.org.uk

1. Apologies

- To Receive: Apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

- To Confirm: The Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 14th May 2020 (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_A1)

3. Matters Arising

- Matters and action points arising (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_A2)

4. Chairman's Report

- To Receive: A report from the Chairman

Reserve Forces 2030 Review

The enterprising and visionary review aims to establish how to harness and unlock the potential of the specialist knowledge and expertise of reservists.

I have had interesting exchanges with Wg Cdr Andrew Walters and his RF30 review team (Cols David Mogg and Darin Gray) looking at recruitment, training and retention, and also at how they might use some modern networking technology to keep in touch with USU graduates to maintain their interest and benefit from their ongoing non-military experiences.

5. Treasurer's Report

- To Receive: A report from the Treasurer (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_B)

- To Consider: A number of MECs are in default with their subscriptions. These are due in the year to which they relate, and MECs which have paid are entitled to be represented at general meetings and vote. Those in arrears forfeit these rights until payment is made. However, the Committee might consider whether any indulgence should reasonably be allowed for such payment before representational and voting rights are lost.

6. Reports from the Service Staff Officers

- To Receive: A report from each of the Service Staff Officers:
 - a. Royal Navy (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_C1)
 - b. Army (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_C2)
 - c. Royal Air Force (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_C3)
 - d. Defence People (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_C4)

7. OFSTED Welfare and Duty of Care Inspections

- To Consider: The outcomes of the OFSTED reports following visits to USUs. (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_C5)

8. COMEC Prize

- To Report: The COMEC Prize Winner 2019 is APO F Hoppé of Glasgow & Strathclyde Universities Air Squadron. The runners up are Deputy Snr Mid Z Ferguson of Liverpool URNU and SUO A Wilson of Manchester & Salford UOTC.

9. Membership of the Executive

- To Note: There are five vacancies on the Executive occasioned by the completion of term of office for Roddy Livingston (Chairman, not standing for re-election), Bryden Ritchie (former Vice-Chairman, following earlier resignation), Patton Taylor (Treasurer, eligible for re-election), Hugh Hamilton (not eligible for re-election), Jim Castle (eligible for re-election).
- To Note: Nominations have been received by the due date in respect of the following:

Chairman

Mr Jim Castle (Glasgow & Strathclyde MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D1)
Professor Paul Ivey (London MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D2)

Vice-Chairman

Dr Margi Vilnay (Tayforth MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D3)

Treasurer

Professor Patton Taylor (COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D4)

Executive Committee Member

Mrs Simone Bedford (Northumbrian MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D5)
Professor James Davenport (Bristol MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D6)

Dr Fred Ruddell (Queen's Belfast MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D7)
Professor Michael Siva-Jothy (Sheffield MEC;
COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D8)
Mr Andy Smith (East Midlands MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D9)
Professor Adrian Spencer (East Midlands MEC; COMEC_Exec_2020_09_D10)

- There being only one nomination for Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, Dr Margi Vilnay and Professor Patton Taylor are to be ratified by the AGM.
- There being two nominations for Chairman and six nominations for Executive Committee Member received by the due date for these vacancies, a vote will be held at the AGM.
- To note the election of Dr Vilnay as Vice-Chairman causes a third vacancy for Executive Committee Member: there may be a fourth vacancy for Executive Committee Member subject to the outcome of the Chairman vote.

10. Any Other Business:

- To Consider: Any Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman.

11. Dates and Venues of Future Meetings:

- To Consider: The dates and venues of future meetings (one to be hosted by an MEC):
 - Thursday 3rd September 2020 1400hrs (Virtual AGM)
 - Thursday 19th November 2020 (ULOTC, London)
 - Thursday 25th February 2021 (ULOTC, London)
 - Thursday 20th May 2021 (ULOTC, London)
 - Wednesday 1st – Thursday 2nd September 2021 (RAF Halton, Conference)