



For the attention of the Commissary

Dear Commissary

1. You have requested that the University respond to the application submitted by Professor Ross Anderson and dated 6 May 2023 for a review of a purported decision of the University's Council on 20 March 2023 to terminate Professor Anderson's employment on 30 September 2023.
2. The University's opening position in relation to Professor Anderson's application is that it is misconceived on a number of grounds, including in relation to Professor Anderson's contentions that, at its meeting 20 March 2023, the Council decided to terminate Professor Anderson's employment and that (if it did) the Commissary has jurisdiction. In brief, the University contends that the Council made no such decision at the meeting in question and that in any event (even if it did) the Commissary's jurisdiction does not extend to a reviewing such decision. In light of these concerns, I am writing to request that the Commissary consider directing that it would be in order for the University to make an initial submission on these preliminary points. The reasoning behind this proposal is that it might save time and resource by potentially leading to an early resolution of Professor Anderson's application.
3. If you are content for such an initial submission to be made, the University would propose to do so promptly by the end of next week (2 June), noting that:
  - a. the submission and resolution of the preliminary issues may mean that, in the event that those issues are not resolved in the University's favour, submissions on the substantive issues will need to take place slightly later than originally proposed; but that
  - b. the University's proposal to make submissions on the preliminary issues promptly by 2 June is intended to minimise any such delay and to offer a potential route to an earlier resolution.
4. I should be grateful if you would confirm whether the University's proposal is acceptable, and, if so, vary the timetable to provide for a written response from the University in respect of preliminary issues by 2 June, further timetabling directions being made thereafter.

Yours sincerely

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