1. **Welcome and introductions**
1.1 The Chancellor welcomed members of Court to the meeting, noting that this was an extraordinary meeting of Court convened for the purposes of seeking the approval of Court to the appointment of the University’s next Chancellor.

2. **Appointment of the University Chancellor**
2.1 The Chancellor reflected on her decision to retire as Chancellor at the end of 2016, noting her affections for Bristol and the University, and her hope that the University’s next Chancellor would enjoy the role as she had.

2.2 Court noted that a written report had been circulated to members of Court in advance of the meeting, advising that the Board of Trustees had unanimously nominated Sir Paul Nurse as the University’s next Chancellor.

2.3 The Vice-Chancellor reminded members of Court of the process by which Sir Paul had been selected for nomination as Chancellor, noting in particular that more than 200 members of the University’s community had put forward suggestions for the next Chancellor.

2.4 The Vice-Chancellor reflected on Sir Paul’s extraordinary career, leadership roles, awards and honours. He reported on Sir Paul's obvious fondness for the University of
Bristol and his willingness to serve as Chancellor if appointed by Court. The Vice-Chancellor therefore commended to Court the appointment of Sir Paul.

2.5 The Chair of the Board of Trustees reminded members of Court that (pursuant to Statute 3) the University Chancellor was appointed by Court, on the nomination of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees had unanimously nominated Sir Paul as the University’s next Chancellor and the Chair of the Board joined the Vice-Chancellor in recommending, without reservation, the appointment of Sir Paul.

2.6 The Chair of the Board therefore PROPOSED the appointment of Sir Paul Nurse as Chancellor, for an initial period of five years, from 1 January 2017.

2.7 Ms Sarah Gilbert SECONDED the appointment of Sir Paul Nurse as Chancellor, for an initial period of five years, from 1 January 2017.

2.8 On a show of hands, Court UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the appointment of Sir Paul Nurse as Chancellor, for an initial period of five years, from 1 January 2017.

2.9 The Chancellor concluded by reflecting on a recent visit by Sir Paul to the Supreme Court, observing that Sir Paul had impressed with both his intellect and amiable personality. Members of Court were thanked for attending this important meeting.

3. Date of next meeting

3.1 The Chancellor reminded members of Court that the next (annual) meeting of Court would take place on Friday 2 December 2016.

3.2 The meeting was declared closed.