

COUNCIL: 10 JUNE 2024

REPORTED BUSINESS

1. Chair of Council's Action

On 13 May 2024, the Chair of Council took Chair's action on behalf of Council to approve the new pay scale for Clinical Academics at consultant level only with effect from 1 March 2024.

2. Deaths

11 March 2024 Emeritus Professor Patsy Healey. Patsy joined the University in 1988 as the third Chair of Town Planning, having previously held posts at Oxford Brook University. She led the then Department of Town Planning through a transformative period, and significantly enhanced its international reputation. As a founding member and former president of the Association of European Schools of Planning, Patsy went on to become a leading figure in the world of planning education and research. Her work and innovative ideas helped influence policy and planning practices, and demonstrated her commitment and dedication to shaping cities and building communities. This is aptly illustrated in her final book "Caring for Place – Community Development in Rural England" (2023).

Patsy's contributions to planning theory, education and practice are internationally recognised as reflected in her various accolades. She was a fellow of University College London and Honorary Fellow of the Association of European Schools of Planning, and held an Honorary Degree from Chalmers University in Gothenburg, Sweden. In 1999 she was awarded an OBE for Services to Planning, and in 2006 the highly prestigious Royal Town Planning Institute Gold Medal. In 2009, she was made a Fellow of the British Academy. In addition to her academic achievements, Patsy has made major contributions to her local community in her capacity as Chair of the Glendale Community Trust in Northumberland, always championing the ethos of the collective and the power of local civil society initiatives.

A truly remarkable academic, Patsy is held in great affection by her colleagues, former students and peers. Her generosity, kindness and care for others were second to none. Patsy has inspired a community of planners in the UK, and beyond, and she will undoubtedly continue to inspire future generations of planners through the legacy of intellectual contributions that she leaves behind. She will be greatly missed.

10 March 2024 Roger Stobbart. Roger was born in 1933 and began working for the University in 1960 when it was still part of the University of Durham. He worked in the department of Zoology beginning as a Lecturer and working as a Reader prior to his retirement. His research subject was insect physiology, and he used radioactive tracers to follow the transport of salts between cells. He taught practical classes to students, rearing cockroaches and even allowing mosquito larvae to feed on himself to generate material for the students to work on.

8 March 2024 Emeritus Professor Mike Goodfellow. Mike was a committed microbiologist for nearly sixty years, over fifty of which were spent at Newcastle University, and he had an unending passion for his work. He was a world authority on the systematics and evolution of actinomycete (now actinobacteria) bacteria and made an immense contribution to the ideas and data which have transformed understanding of this fundamentally important group.

Alongside his scientific contributions, Mike had a passion for teaching and learning, which he put to excellent use supporting students from his arrival to Newcastle University in 1969 right up until his death. As those who have worked with him will attest, he was an outstanding mentor to many scientists and successfully supervised 66 PhD, 5 MPhil and innumerable MSc students. He was also a passionate supporter of education more generally, and was Chair of Governors at Gosforth High School (now Gosforth Federated Academies) for nearly forty years.

Mike was highly regarded both nationally and internationally, forging innumerable global partnerships and receiving many international awards and accolades. Most recently, he was granted a lifetime achievement award by Bergey's International Society for Microbial Systematics in 2023. Mike will be sorely missed by his many collaborators and colleagues around the world.