Our aim is to take a leading role in advancing and disseminating human understanding, to enhance lives globally. It is underpinned by our values of excellence, interdisciplinarity, creativity, citizenship, community and sustainability.

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Vice-Chancellor’s Welcome

The University’s annual report is a time to reflect on past achievements and future opportunities and to thank those who have played a vital part in our work.

This is a task made all the more poignant this year because we will be without Sir Brandon Gough, who served the University tirelessly as our Chancellor for nine years until his recent, sudden, death. He was a superb advocate for the University and a wonderful friend and mentor, to whom one could always turn for wise counsel. As we take stock, our thoughts are very much with Brandon’s wife Sarah and their family and our celebrations are tinged with the sadness of knowing that he cannot be with us to share them.

The 2011–12 academic year has seen the coalition’s higher education policy and the sharp increase in graduate contributions begin to reshape the landscape. UEA is well-placed to flourish in the more intensely competitive environment being created. We are determined to continue to enhance our reputation for academic rigour by combining the most stretching and rewarding higher education with research that tangibly advances human understanding. We have extended our excellent record of student satisfaction and confirmed our top 20 position in the Guardian league table 2012; two international assessments have ranked UEA among the top 12 UK institutions in terms of research influence; and the Times Higher international table reaffirms our place among the top one per cent in the world.

Our new Corporate Plan (2012–16) is to be published this summer and we are making preparations for our 50th anniversary. Both have given us cause to reflect upon the University’s founding resolve to become a source of cultural, social and economic dynamism in the region and a major intellectual force nationally and internationally.

Earlier this year I was proud to join students and colleagues from the School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing at Buckingham Palace to receive the Queen’s Anniversary Prize in recognition of our achievements in creative writing. This followed similar success in 2009 for our work in international development, two of the many fields in which UEA’s ethos of disciplinary innovation has yielded rich rewards.

At the same time, Government investment of some £26 million in the Norwich Research Park underlines the significance that policy-makers attach to the innovative work in biosciences and health that we and our partners are conducting. The formation of a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) uniting the partners, marks an important step in driving forward the commercial agenda. My membership on the Board of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), one of the successor bodies to the Regional Development Agencies, also symbolises the central role that powerful universities can and must play in securing future economic prosperity.

All of which heightens concern at the Government pursuing a policy on the admission of international students to UK universities that is in conflict with its own aims and ambitions for the sector, and with the national interest. Particularly regrettable are the negative messages emanating from the Home Office on the UK’s attitude to Commonwealth and other non-EU academics considering a career in the UK and students wishing to study at UK universities.

Like our founders, I am convinced of the power of higher education as a force for cultural cohesion. By offering UK and international students the opportunity to learn alongside one another, universities foster relationships that endure far beyond the confines of lecture theatres. Our relations with emerging giants such as India are enormously strengthened by students coming here to study in large numbers. Crucial to the UK’s remarkable competitive advantage in higher education has been our openness to international currents, cultures and collaboration, personified by the infusion of staff and students from across the globe.

In the course of this year I have been most grateful for the help of local Members of Parliament, peers, business leaders and friends of the University in pressing the Government to lift university-sponsored students out of its ‘net migration’ calculation. At the time of writing, there is still much work to be done to preserve the powerful economic, social and cultural benefits that flow to Norwich, the region and the country from a growing international student population.
New research from the University of East Anglia adds to the growing body of evidence that eating flavonoid-rich foods can have a marked effect on human health.

Men who eat flavonoid-rich foods such as berries, tea, apples and red wine significantly reduce their risk of developing Parkinson's disease, according to new research published in the journal Neurology.

Recent studies have shown that these compounds can offer protection against a wide range of diseases including heart disease, hypertension, some cancers and dementia. This latest study is the first in humans to show that flavonoids can protect neurons against diseases of the brain such as Parkinson's.

The research was led by Dr Xiang Gao of Harvard School of Public Health in collaboration with Prof Aedin Cassidy of the Department of Nutrition, Norwich Medical School at UEA.

Another study published by Prof Cassidy found that diets high in flavonoids may reduce the risk of heart disease for women with type 2 diabetes. Published in the journal Diabetes Care, the findings of this recent trial provided further evidence that diet offers extra protection to those at high risk of cardiovascular events. The results also suggest that regular consumption of flavonoid-rich food can help in the management of diabetes itself.

UEA spin-out company, Intelligent Fingerprinting Ltd launches a new fingerprint drug testing device – the first of its kind in the world and wins £2 million investment.

The prototype handheld device uses a unique process to detect drug metabolites and other substances contained in fingerprints and enables mobile testing with instant results. Heroin, cocaine and cannabis use can be detected, along with other substances such as nicotine.

The innovative technique was developed within the School of Chemistry under the guidance of Intelligent Fingerprinting founder Prof David Russell.

There has been considerable worldwide interest in the use of the technology for testing within a wide range of applications, including criminal justice, forensic science, homeland security, as well as institutional testing in prisons and workplaces. But the ability of a hand-held device to carry out testing in-situ brings a whole new range of benefits and opportunities.

The recent investment from a consortium of private US-based investors will allow this unique product to be marketed worldwide.

UEA has won accreditation for its MBA programmes and also launched a new internship programme to help business graduates in the region.

UEA’s Norwich Business School has been awarded AMBA accreditation for its Master of Business Administration (MBA) courses. The Association of MBAs accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement in postgraduate business education and is earned by the best programmes.

Meanwhile, local companies can inject fresh talent into the workplace – and give graduates their first step on the career ladder, by enrolling in the University’s new Graduate Internship Programme, which allows recent graduates to work full or part time, for between four and 12 weeks, at a business in the East of England.

These internships will allow the graduate to gain paid work experience, and the business to get an innovative or outstanding initiative off the ground. The programme builds on the success of a similar programme at UEA that began in 2009, which saw hundreds of graduates placed with companies, some of whom went on to find permanent employment with the businesses.

The Virgin Guide to British Universities 2012

"UEA reaches out to the world with innovation and flair.”
Facts at a Glance

Summary of student numbers* as at 1 December 2010

- Undergraduate (Full time: 10,131 Part time: 1,558) Total: 11,689
- Postgraduate taught (Full time: 1,275 Part time: 339) Total: 1,614
- Postgraduate research (Full time: 773 Part time: 151) Total: 924

Total students 14,227

Undergraduate
- Home/EU 84.26% Total: 11,968
- Overseas 15.74% Total: 2,239

Total students 14,227

Home/Overseas student numbers* as at 1 December 2010

Male/Female student numbers* as at 1 December 2010

- Male 41% Total: 5,833
- Female 59% Total: 8,394

Total students 14,227

Staff numbers* as at 31 July 2010

- Academic Total: 862
- Associate Tutors Total: 763
- Research and Analogous Total: 329
- Secretarial and Clerical Total: 618
- Technical Total: 145
- Admin, Senior Library and Computing Total: 424
- Others Total: 476

Total 3,617

Income for the year ended 31 July 2010 Total £204,428

- Funding Council grants £61,885
- Tuition fees Overseas £22,779
- Research grants and contracts Research Councils £15,651
- Research grants and contracts Other grants £9,543
- Total £29,654
- Residences and catering £16,577
- Other operating income £16,011
- Other services rendered £4,584
- Endowment income and interest £1,540

Expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2010 Total £203,083

- Academic departments £85,403
- Academic services £14,846
- Research grants £21,266
- Residences and catering £12,361
- Premises £34,087
- Administration and central services £29,178
- Other expenses £5,342

Note the above figures exclude joint ventures and associates.

* Head count
Summarised Financial Statements

Consolidated balance sheet 2011 £m 2010 £m

as at 31 July 2011

Tangible assets 230 235
Investments in joint ventures 24 24
Endowment assets 6 5
Net current assets 39 43
Long term liabilities (89) (91)
Pension liability (10) (13)

Net assets 200 203

Deferred capital grants 135 143
Endowments 6 5
Reserves 59 55

Total funds 200 203

Consolidated income and expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2011 2011 £m 2010 £m

Income

Funding body grants 62 62
Tuition income 74 67
Research income 30 29
Other income 38 39

204 197

Expenditure

Staff costs 110 105
Depreciation and interest 25 25
Other costs 68 63

203 193

Expenditure

Group surplus before exceptional items and tax 1 4
Taxation - -
Transfer to endowment funds 1 1

Surplus for the year retained within general reserves 2 5

Consolidated cash flow for the year ended 31 July 2011 2011 £m 2010 £m

Net cashflow from operations 16 17

Investment returns and finance costs (4) (4)

Capital expenditure (16) (22)

Capital grants and endowments 6 21

Cash inflow 2 12

Net debt at start of year (31) (43)

Net debt at end of year (29) (31)

Comprising:

Cash at bank 6 4
Short term deposits 57 59
Sub-total cash and deposits 63 63

Bank loans and finance lease debt (92) (94)

(29) (31)

Note

The statements provided in this report are not the full financial statements of the University and represent a summary of the full financial statements, including information from income and expenditure accounts, balance sheets and cash flow statements contained within those statements.

The full financial statements for 2011 were audited and approved by Council on 28 November 2011. Copies can be obtained along with the independent auditors’ report, which was unqualified, from University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ.

Full financial statements for all years are also available on the University’s website at www.uea.ac.uk/fin/finstats

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements of University of East Anglia for the year ended 31 July 2011 and comply with the applicable requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education.

Our responsibility is to report to you on the consistency of the summarised financial statements within the annual report with the full annual financial statements and their compliance with the relevant requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education.

We also read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for our statement if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

This statement, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Council of University of East Anglia in accordance with paragraph 36 of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education.

We have not considered the effects of any events between the date on which we signed our report on the full annual financial statements, 28 November 2011, and the date of this statement.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Norwich
May 2012

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/03 “The auditor’s statement on the summary financial statements in England” issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the Institution’s full annual financial statements describes the basis of our audit opinion on those financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of the Council and auditors

The Council is responsible for preparing the annual report in accordance with the requirements set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education.

We have examined the summarised financial statements which comprise the summarised consolidated income and expenditure account, summarised consolidated balance sheet, and summarised consolidated cash flow statement included within the annual report.

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