

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 28 September 2005

- Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Mr T Arnold, Professor S Bassnett, Professor L Bridges, Professor P Burnham, Professor A Caesar, Dr E Carter, Professor Y Carter, Professor M J Cooper, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Mr B Duggan, Dr M Finn, Professor R Freedman, Professor A Harris, Professor M Harrison, Dr C Hughes, Dr C Humphreys, Professor G Hundt, Professor K Legge, Professor M Luntley, Dr J MacPherson, Professor A McFarlane, Professor S B Palmer, Professor A Phizacklea, Dr A M Price, Dr P Roberts, Professor D Singer, Professor M Smith, Dr C Sparrow, Ms K Stark, Professor M Whitby.
- Apologies: Dr J Ahearne, Professor S Bright, Professor K Lamberts, Professor I Lauder, Professor P O'Hare, Professor E Peile, Professor S Thornton, Professor M Waterson, Professor R Wilson.
- In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Director of Academic and Student Affairs, Registrar, University Secretary, Ms N Snodgrass.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed new members and members beginning a new period of office to the first meeting of the Senate for the academic year 2005/06.

1/05-06 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 29 June 2005 be approved.

2/05-06 Progress of Senate Recommendations

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the Council, at its meeting on 19 July 2005, approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

- (i) Report from the Equal Opportunities Committee (minute 75/04-05 refers)
- (ii) Constitution of the Union of Students (minute 82/04-05 refers)
- (iii) University Financial Plan (minute 93/04-05 refers)
- (iv) University Corporate Planning Statement (minute 94/04-05 refers)
- (v) Departmental Governance (minute 101/04-05 refers)
- (vi) Governing Instruments Committee (minute 102/04-05 refers)
- (vii) Report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (minute 103/04-05 refers)
- (viii) Report from the Research Ethics Committee (minute 105/04-05 refers)
- (ix) Report from the Board of Graduate Studies (minute 111/04-05 refers)
- (x) Report from the Academic Staff Committee (minute 113/04-05 refers)

- (b) That he had taken Chair's Action to approve the deletion of a reference to the Registrar as the University's Certificate Holder in paragraph 3.3 of the University Code of Conduct approved as part of the Report from the Research Ethics Committee (paper S.53/04-05) by the Senate at its meeting on 29 June 2005.

3/05-06 Coming-Up Weekend

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the arrangements for the reception and enrolment of students during Coming-Up Weekend had run smoothly and efficiently.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its thanks to all those members of staff and students who had contributed to the success of Coming-Up Weekend for new and returning students and their families.

4/05-06 HR Framework Agreement

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor on the progress of the University's implementation of the HR Framework Agreement.

5/05-06 EPSRC Science and Innovation Awards: Round 2 (minute 99/04-05 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the following two expressions of interest submitted by the University in Round 2 of the EPSRC Science and Innovation Award Scheme had been shortlisted to progress to the next stage of selection:
- (i) Mathematics and Computer Science Interface (Departments of Mathematics and Computer Science and the Warwick Business School)
 - (ii) Plasma Physics (Department of Physics and UKAEA Culham Science Laboratory)
- (b) That full bids had been submitted to the EPSRC by the deadline of 27 September following approval by the Steering Committee and approval of the financial element of the bid by the Academic Resourcing Committee.
- (c) That consideration would be given to investigating alternative sources of funding for the two bids should funding under the EPSRC Science and Innovation Award Scheme not be secured.

6/05-06

Warwick in Asia

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the Singapore Feasibility Study Report was near to completion and would be published on 30 September 2005 and circulated to all members of the Senate and the Council for their special meetings to be held on 12 and 18 October respectively.
- (b) That negotiations on financial elements of the Plan remained the subject of negotiation with the Singapore Government and the Singapore Economic Development Board.
- (c) That the Acting Finance Director would provide a briefing on the Financial Plan for the Singapore Feasibility Study for all members of the Senate on application to her office.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the Vice-Chancellor as to whether the motion to be presented to the Senate for consideration on the Singapore Feasibility Study should be the subject of a secret ballot.

RESOLVED:

That the motion to be put before the Senate at its meeting on 12 October on the Singapore Feasibility Study be the subject of a secret ballot.

7/05-06

Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.1/05-06 {Parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with oral reports from the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, the Academic Registrar, the Director of Academic and Student Affairs and Professor Whitby:

- (a) RAE 2008
- (b) NHS Institute
- (c) Millburn House
- (d) HEFCE Review of Funding Methodology for Teaching
- (e) International Issues / Immigration and Visa Applications
- (f) Teaching Quality Issues
- (g) Additional Student Numbers 2006-08
- (h) Higher Education Regulation Review Group: 1st Annual Report
- (i) HEFCE Strategic Plan 2006-11: Pre-Consultation
- (j) Sustainable Development in Higher Education
- (k) Self-Assessment Tool for People Management in HEIs
- (l) Higher Education Innovation Fund Round 3: Funding Proposals
- (m) Regional Physics Consortium
- (n) ESRC Research Centres Competition
- (o) Second Leverhulme Symposium

- (p) Development and Alumni Issues
- (q) Email Replacement Project
- (r) SRIF 2006-08 / Learning and Teaching Capital 2006-08
- (s) Strategically Important and Vulnerable Subjects
- (t) QAA Consultation on Access to Higher Education
- (u) Initial Teacher Training: PGCE Fees and TTA Review of Financial Incentives
- (v) Review of Non-Medical Professional Regulation
- (w) EPSRC Update
- (x) 3rd Leg Activities
- (y) Royal Society Research Professorships 2005
- (z) National Teaching Fellowship Scheme
- (aa) International Children's Games
- (bb) Academic Complaints Procedure
- (cc) Warwick Business School Quarter-End Report
- (dd) Warwick Business School Five-Year Plan
- (ee) Warwick Medical School Quarter-End Report
- (ff) Warwick Medical School Five-Year Plan
- (gg) Warwick HRI Update and Quarter-End Report
- (hh) Warwick HRI Five-Year Plan
- (ii) Academic Resourcing Committee Quarter-End Report
- (jj) ARC Five-Year Plan
- (kk) Annual Monitoring Statement
- (ll) 10-Year Science and Innovation Framework: Annual Report 2005
- (mm) Review of Higher Education Student Finance Delivery: Consultation
- (nn) Review of Non-Clinical Research Fellowships (Biomedical Sciences)
- (oo) Sector Skills Agreement for IT 2005-2008
- (pp) White Paper on Skills: UUK Response
- (qq) Foundation Degree Framework for the Healthcare Sector
- (rr) Subject Benchmark Statement on Careers Education: University Response
- (ss) Gateways to the Professions Consultation: UUK Response
- (tt) UK Higher Education Europe Unit Survey
- (uu) Aimhigher Programme
- (vv) QAA Audit of Collaborative Links with China
- (ww) UUK Annual Review 2003/04
- (xx) Russell Group Statement on Scholarly Communication and Publishing

TRAC/fEC

RECEIVED:

- (a) A copy of a circular setting out how the HEFCE will take account of full economic costs in funding distributed for higher education together with a letter from the Chair of the Joint Costing and Pricing Steering Group (JCPSG) on the future of the JCPSG (SC.379/04-05).
- (b) HEFCE Circular Letter 24/2005 setting out key findings from the final report on the quality assurance of implementation by institutions of the Transparent Approach to Costing (TRAC) (SC.420/04-05).

- (c) The outcome of the Internal Audit Review of the progress made in addressing the significant issues arising from the KPMG Review of Quality Assurance in the costing systems and methodology to be adopted by the University in its Transparent Approach to Costing (TRAC) (SC.366/04-05) together with a report from the Steering Committee on its consideration of paper SC.366/04-05.

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

That the TRAC/fEC Steering Group would be working with all Heads of Departments to develop an appropriate resource allocation system for grants received by the University under the new full economic costing arrangements.

8/05-06 Membership of the Senate

RECEIVED:

The membership of the Senate for the academic year 2005/2006 (S.2/05-06).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That Professor Finn had replaced Professor Marland as an appointee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts on the Senate for the period to 2008.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, under the provisions of Statute 17 (1), the Director of the Institute of Education be appointed to membership of the Senate for a period of three years to 31 July 2008.
- (b) That, under the provisions of Statute 17 (1), the Dean of Medicine of the Leicester Warwick Medical Schools be appointed to membership of the Senate for the academic year 2005/06.

9/05-06 Changes to University Charter and Statutes

CONSIDERED:

Proposed changes to the University Charter and Statutes arising from the introduction of the new University governance model approved by the Senate and the Council at their meetings in the Spring term 2004/05 (S.10/05-06).

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the proposed changes to the University Charter and Statutes be approved as set out in paper S.10/05-06 subject to amendment along the lines proposed at the meeting.

10/05-06 Membership of Senate Committees and Related Matters

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the membership of the Advisory Boards and Management/Executive Committees of Research Centres and Institutes for the 2005/2006 academic year would be as set out in the University Calendar 2005/2006.

CONSIDERED:

- (a) Proposed changes to the constitution of Committees of the Senate (S.3/05-06).
- (b) The appointment of the Committees of the Senate for the 2005/2006 academic year (S.4/05-06).

RESOLVED:

- (a) Collaborative, Flexible and Distributed Learning Sub-Committee of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee

That Dr R Moseley be appointed as Chair of the Collaborative, Flexible and Distributed Learning Sub-Committee of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for the academic year 2005/06.

- (b) Membership of Senate Committees

That membership of the Committees of the Senate for the academic year 2005/2006 be as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the minutes in the official minute book.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

Honorary Degrees Committee

That, subject to the approval of changes to University Statutes by the Privy Council, responsibility for the award of honorary degrees with the Senate and Council, the constitution of the Honorary Degrees Committee be revised to render it a joint committee of the Senate and the Council as proposed in paper S.3/05-06.

11/05-06 Appointment of Other Representatives and Bodies

CONSIDERED:

The appointment by the Senate of other representatives and bodies for the academic year 2004/2005 (S.5/05-06).

(a) Higher Education Access Committee

RESOLVED:

That Dr B Merrill and Ms Y Salter-Wright be appointed as the University's representatives on the Higher Education Access Committee for the academic year 2005/2006.

(b) Equal Opportunities

REPORTED:

That the Vice-Chancellor had appointed Professor R Lindley to take responsibility on his behalf to monitor, encourage and report on the development, promotion and implementation of equal opportunities policies throughout the University in the academic year 2005/2006.

12/05-06 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the Awards and Distinctions that had been conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 29 June 2005 (S.6/05-06).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That, in addition to the list of awards and distinctions set out in paper S.6/05-06,

- (a) Professor Steve Thornton of the Warwick Medical School had been invited to join the Medical Research Council College of Experts.
- (b) Emeritus Professor George Rowlands of the Department of Physics had been the first non- Polish recipient of the Andrzej Sottana Medal for distinguished research with the theory group of the Sottan Institute for Nuclear Studies in Poland.
- (c) Dr Valeria Nakariakov of the Department of Physics had been elected to the Solar Physics Board of the Joint Astrophysics Division of the European Astronomical Society and the European Physical Society.

13/05-06 Appointment of Representatives of the Senate to the Council (minute 107/04-05 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That, in accordance with the procedure approved by the Senate at its meeting on 2 November 1983, the University Secretary had written to members of the Senate to seek further nominations for the appointment of a Senate representative on the Council.
- (b) That one nomination for appointment had been received by the deadline of 9 September 2005 for Professor Mark Smith of the Department of Physics.

(c) That, in accordance with University Ordinance 5, Professor Mark Smith is therefore deemed to have been appointed to membership of the Council for the period 1 August 2005 to 31 July 2008.

14/05-06 University Research Income

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That University research income was projected to increase from £26m to £60m over the period 2000/01 to 2005/06 largely due to significant growth in income in the Medical School and Warwick HRI.

15/05-06 Amendments to University Ordinances

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That proposed amendments to University Ordinances be approved as set out in paper S.7/05-06.

16/05-06 Amendments to University Regulations

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That proposed amendments to University Regulations be approved as set out in paper S.8/05-06.