

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 18 June 2003.

Present: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Chair), Professor D Anderson, Professor S Bassnett, Ms A Bell, Dr P Byrd, Professor A Caesar, Professor R G Dyson, Dr R Earle, Professor A Easton, Professor R Fine, Dr E Gallafent, Professor W Grant, Professor M Harrison, Mr G Jones, Professor J Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor R Lindley, Professor M Luntley, Professor P Mack, Dr G Martin, Professor M McCrae, Professor A Mullender, Professor G Nudd, Professor A Phizacklea, Mr A Reiss, Dr C Sparrow, Professor M Whitby.

Apologies: Vice-Chancellor, Professor M J Cooper, Professor R Freedman, Professor I Lauder, Professor M Wills.

MINUTES

57/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 12 March 2003 be approved.

58/02-03 Vice-Chancellor's Leave of Absence

REPORTED:

That the Vice-Chancellor had been released from hospital having successfully undergone major surgery to repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm and was expected to return to full-time duties in the latter part of the summer.

59/02-03 Librarian

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor welcomed the Librarian, Ms A Bell, to her first meeting of the Senate.

60/02-03 Director of IT Services

REPORTED:

That an offer of appointment to the post of Director of IT Services had been made to an external candidate and that the University hoped to be in a position to make a formal announcement of appointment in the near future.

61/02-03 Engineering Development Group Report (minute 47/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Council, at its meeting held on 21 March 2003, resolved that, in accordance with Statute 17, the current arrangements for the structure and management of the School of Engineering be continued until 31 July 2007.

62/02-03 Estate Development Plan Review (minute 48/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Council, at its meeting held on 21 March 2003, approved the recommendations of the Senate regarding the future physical development of the campus.

63/02-03 Membership of the Senate

REPORTED:

- (a) That, in accordance with Regulation 2(3), a notice had appeared in the University Newsletter seeking to fill the vacancy in the appointees of the Assembly on the Senate occasioned by the expiry of the current term of office of Dr S Breslin.
- (b) That no nominations for appointment had been received by the deadline of 13 June 2003.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Regulation 2(3), the Steering Committee at its meeting on 16 June had established a Committee of the Assembly comprising the following members of staff to identify a member of the Assembly for appointment to membership of the Senate for the period 1 August 2003 to 31 July 2006 for approval by the Vice-Chancellor:

Professor Bassnett (Chair)
Dr R Earle
Professor A Phizacklea.

64/02-03 University Financial Plan: 2003-2007

RECEIVED:

The draft University Financial Plan for the period to 2006/07 together with a report from the Strategy Committee setting out the assumptions, proposed new policies and items of new expenditure incorporated within the Draft Financial Plan and the Committee's resolution that a revised Plan be brought forward which provided for a target surplus of a minimum of 1% of turnover in 2003/04 and 2004/05 (S.36/02-03) and oral reports from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Finance Director.

REPORTED:

That the HEFCE had recently confirmed that a further £5.3 million formula funding would be made available to the University between 2004 and 2006 for capital developments associated with teaching, learning, IT, science and engineering teaching laboratories and special needs, all of which would require a 10% matched contribution from the University, with the exception of the special needs funding allocation, and which would need to be incorporated within the Financial Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate endorse the assumptions, proposed new policies and items of new expenditure currently incorporated within the Draft Financial Plan and the resolution of the Strategy Committee that a revised Plan be brought forward which provided for a target surplus of a minimum of 1% of turnover in 2003/04 and 2004/05 and noting that the Budget Sub-Group of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, at its meeting on 23 June, would produce a revised Plan for consideration by the Strategy Committee at its meeting on 26 June, the Senate at its meeting on 2 July and the Council at its meeting on 4 July.

65/02-03 Report from the Steering Committee (S.39/02-03 {Part 1}).

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.39/02-03 {Parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Proposals for SRIF Funding
- (b) HR Strategy
- (c) Warwick in America
- (d) University Admissions and Recruitment Strategy
- (e) Report on Allocation of Access Funds
- (f) Undergraduate Admissions
- (g) Postgraduate Admissions
- (h) New Lakeside Residences
- (i) e-Learning Strategy
- (j) Additional Student Numbers
- (k) Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors
- (l) Dual Support Review
- (m) Warwick Awards for Teaching Excellence
- (n) Warwick Business School
- (o) Warwick Medical School Research Strategy
- (p) Research Funding for New Medical Schools
- (q) Centre of Bioinformatics
- (r) Bio-Bank
- (s) HEFCE Staff Recruitment Initiatives
- (t) HEFCE Strategic Plan
- (u) Policy for Higher Education
- (v) Partnerships for Progression
- (w) University Title
- (x) Future development of HESDA
- (y) Equality Challenge Unit
- (z) Tuition Fees
- (aa) HEFCE Strategic Committees

- (bb) Agreement with M V Lomonosov Moscow State University
- (cc) Nomination of Governor of Warwick Independent Schools Foundation
- (dd) Representation on the West Midlands Military Education Committee

- (a) Delivery of University Courses in a Language Other Than English (minute /02-03 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A proposal brought forward by the Pro-Vice-Chancellors for a University-wide policy on delivery of programmes outside the UK in a language other than English.

RESOLVED:

That the primary language of delivery and assessment of University undergraduate and postgraduate degree, certificate and diploma courses which lead to a Warwick award be English except in those cases where the delivery and assessment in a different language is an integral component of the subject under study.

- (b) Relationship with the Students' Union

CONSIDERED:

Proposals for the clarification of the relationship between the University and the Students' Union incorporating feedback from the Students' Union.

RECOMMENDED:

That the following recommendations set out in paper SC.199/02-03 be approved subject to minor revision of the detail of the financial arrangements:

- (i) That in order to maintain more effective oversight of the Students' Union's finances the University introduce sufficient controls to limit the risks to both the University and the Union without consolidating the Union's finances into the University's accounts.
- (ii) That the system of block grant allocation be changed to one of consideration by the Budget Sub-Committee of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of an annual bid for funds by the Students' Union clearly setting out the purposes for which the grant is requested.
- (iii) That the proposed Framework of Good Governance set out in paper SC.199/02-03 be adopted.
- (iv) That constitutional and governance issues relating to the Students' Union's constitution and financial regulation be addressed to accord with principles of good governance.

(c) Quality Issues

RECEIVED:

An oral report from Professor Bassnett on the University's preparations for Institutional Audit, noting progress towards completion of course specifications and a briefing visit held on 13 June with the Assistant Director of the QAA on the University's Institutional Audit.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its thanks to the Quality Task Group for its work in preparing the University for Institutional Audit in March 2004.

(d) DfES HE Consultation Event, 9 April

REPORTED: (by Professor Dyson)

That the Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of Warwick and Birmingham had met to discuss potential opportunities for future collaboration and partnership and would be exploring these potential opportunities further in discussions scheduled to take place in the autumn.

(e) Roberts' Review of Research Assessment

RESOLVED:

That members of the Senate forward any comments they may have on the Roberts' Review of Research Assessment to the Group established by the Steering Committee to draft a University response to the Review Report.

(f) Director of Music

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its thanks to the Director of Music, Mr Colin Touchin, for his considerable contribution to the musical life of the University during the past fourteen years.

66/02-03 Report from the Equal Opportunities Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Equal Opportunities Committee held on 21 May 2003 (S.34/02-03) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Equal Opportunities Policy
- (b) Race Equality Policy
- (c) Equal Opportunities Recruitment Monitoring Data Report 2001/2002.

REPORTED: (by Professor Dyson)

That, in the future, the snapshot profile of the constitution of the University's staff tabulated by category, gender and ethnicity currently produced by the University and considered by the Equal Opportunities Committee would be presented with the annual report from the Equal Opportunities Committee to the Senate and the Council.

Equal Opportunities Statement on Recruitment Advertisement

RECOMMENDED:

That the statement "The University values diversity" be incorporated into all University recruitment advertisements.

67/02-03 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions conferred on members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 12 March 2003 (S.35/02-03).

REPORTED:

That Professor S K Bhattacharyya, Head of the Warwick Manufacturing Group, and Emeritus Professor K Robinson, formerly of the Institute of Education, had received knighthoods in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its congratulations to both Professor Bhattacharyya and Emeritus Professor Robinson.

68/02-03 Report from the Higher Education Foundation Programme Board of Studies

RECEIVED:

The Annual Report of the Higher Education Foundation Programme Board of Studies for the academic year 2001/2002 (S.41/02-03).

69/02-03 Membership of the University Court

REPORTED:

- (a) That, at its meeting on 2 July, the Senate would be asked to consider the appointment of a member of Court for the period 1 August 2003 to 31 July 2006 from the academic staff of the University to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiry of the current term of office of Dr G Paul.

- (b) That there are nine members in this category of membership of whom not more than six shall be members of the Senate. The other eight members are:

Dr H Bradby (2004)
Dr S Breslin (2004)
Professor A Caesar (2005)
Professor D Haddleton (2005)
Professor R Lindley (2004)
Dr P O'Hare (2005)
Professor P R Unwin (2004)
Professor A Warhurst (2004)

70/02-03 Membership of the Council

REPORTED:

That the Registrar would be writing to members of the Senate, in accordance with the procedure agreed at the meeting of the Senate of 2 November 1983, to seek nominations for the appointment of Senate representatives on the Council, with a view to considering these appointments at the next meeting of the Senate on 2 July 2003.

71/02-03 Senate Committees

RESOLVED:

That the Senate Committees be empowered to continue in being with such powers they have previously exercised until 30 September 2003.