

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 4 February 2008

Present: Vice-Chancellor (Chair)  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor  
Professor S Bassnett  
Professor L Bridges  
Professor A Caesar  
Professor Y Carter  
Professor R Higgott  
Mr J Kirby  
Professor K Lamberts  
Professor R Lindley  
Professor M Smith  
Professor H Thomas  
Professor L M Whitby

In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Director of Communications, Director of Estates, Director of Finance, Librarian (for item 285/07-08), Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Executive Officer, Administrative Officer (Campus Affairs), Senior Assistant Registrar (Governance) (for item 284/07-08)

279/07-08

Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2008 be approved.

280/07-08

DIUS Consultation on Innovation (minute 265/07-08 refers)

REPORTED: (by Professor Mark Smith)

That the University's response to the DIUS survey would be sent before the revised deadline of 14 February 2008.

281/07-08

Closure of Gibbet Hill Road (minute 257/07-08 refers)

RECEIVED:

An oral update from the Director of Estates concerning the phasing of the closure of Gibbet Hill Road.

282/07-08

Chinese New Year Gala 2008

REPORTED: (By the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Chinese New Year Gala held in the Butterworth Hall on 1 February 2008 had been a superb and very professionally run event.

RESOLVED:

That a note of congratulations be sent to the organisers of the Gala on behalf of the Committee.

283/07-08

HEFCE Capital Allocation

REPORTED: (By the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University had been awarded approximately £40m in the HEFCE Capital Allocation for 2008-2011, noting that further analysis on the figure needed to be undertaken and would be presented to the Committee at their next meeting.

284/07-08

Business for Extraordinary Meeting of Senate to be held on 6 February 2008

RESOLVED:

That the comments and recommendations of the Steering Committee on Paper S.27/07-08 be presented to the Senate in a covering paper to be tabled at the extraordinary meeting.

285/07-08

Policy Update: The Library

CONSIDERED:

The Library Update and Strategic Issues Report (SC.217/07-08).

RESOLVED:

- a) That consideration of item 2 (Theatre Archive) be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.
- b) That the Librarian take forward the development of a project proposal for submission to the Wolfson/CURL Libraries Programme that focused on enhancing the Modern Records Centre, the proposal to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.
- c) That a formal opening to celebrate completion of both phases of the Library Remodelling Project be held in late 2008.

286/07-08

Policy Update: The Graduate School

CONSIDERED:

A Policy Update on Graduate School Matters (SC.212/07-08).

RESOLVED:

- a) That Professor Caesar, Professor Bridges and the Academic Registrar draft a letter to the AHRC on behalf of the Committee, raising University concerns about the proposed Block Grant Partnerships.
- b) That the request from the Systems Biology Doctoral Training Centre for matching funding from the University for their EPSRC studentships not be supported.

- 287/07-08                    DIUS Select Committee Inquiry on Engineering
- CONSIDERED
- Notification of the launch of a DIUS Select Committee Inquiry on Engineering (SC.219/07-08).
- RESOLVED:
- That the incoming Dean of the School of Engineering be consulted prior to a decision being made on whether the University should make a formal submission to the Inquiry.
- 288/07-08                    QAA Audit Report: University of Warwick and Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- RECEIVED:
- The QAA Audit Report: University of Warwick and Hong Kong Polytechnic University (SC.213/07-08).
- 289/07-08                    West Midlands Economic Strategy
- RECEIVED:
- The West Midlands Economic Strategy Summary paper (SC.214/07-08).
- 290/07-08                    Launch of the Annual Information Legislation and Management Survey 2007
- RECEIVED:
- UUK Information Note I/08/002 informing institutions of the launch of the annual Information Legislation and Management Survey 2007 (SC.215/07-08).
- 291/07-08                    HEFCE and Salix Fund to Support Reduction on Greenhouse Gases
- RECEIVED:
- Correspondence from HEFCE confirming the launch of a new fund to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (SC.216/07-08)