

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 21 October 2013

- Present: Vice-Chancellor and President,  
The Provost,  
Professor A Caesar,  
Professor Christina Hughes,  
Professor Christopher Hughes,  
Professor J Palmowski,  
Mr B Sundell,  
Professor S Swain,  
Professor M Taylor,  
Professor P Thomas,  
Professor P Winstanley,  
Professor L Young.
- Apologies: Professor T Jones.
- In Attendance: Registrar and Chief Operating Officer, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar,  
Director of Development and External Affairs, Director of Estates, Director of Human  
Resources, Executive Officer (Vice-Chancellor's Office), Administrative Officer  
(Governance).
- 17/13-14 Minutes
- RESOLVED:
- That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2013 be approved.
- 18/13-14 Synthetic Biology China Partnering Award Grant
- REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor and President)
- (a) That the University had received a grant of £25,000 from the Biotechnology and Biological Research Council and the EPSRC, to work with scientists in China in the field of synthetic biology.
- (b) That Warwick was one of only five universities to be awarded a grant, and that the other successful institutions included the University of Nottingham, the University of Manchester, the University of Edinburgh and University College London.
- 19/13-14 Catalyst Fund: Developing the Competitive Engineering Workforce for the Organisation and Sector
- REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor and President)
- (a) That Warwick Manufacturing Group had been awarded £2,830,000 from the HEFCE Catalyst Fund to develop a new BEng degree specifically for employees and apprentices currently working in the engineering field.
- (b) That the funding would go towards the development of the degree programme, with student fees being paid by the employers, and that the additional student numbers would not count towards the University's Student Number Control.

20/13-14

Financial Times World Rankings of Executive MBAs

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor and President)

- (a) That Warwick Business School (WBS) Executive MBA had risen to 2nd in the UK, 6th in Europe, and 21st in the World, in the Financial Times World Rankings of Executive MBAs, published on 21 October 2013.
- (b) That this success followed shortly after the influential US business magazine Forbes, placed the Warwick MBA 7th in the world and 3rd in the UK in its MBA rankings for business schools outside the USA.

RESOLVED:

That the congratulations of the Committee be extended to all colleagues in WBS instrumental in the achievement of these rankings.

21/13-14

Leadership of the New Centres of Education

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor and President)

- (a) That Mr Ian Abbott, formerly Director of the Institute of Education, had been appointed as Interim Head of the Centre for Education Studies, and would be leading a team committed to developing new approaches to research.
- (b) That Dr Adam Boddison had been appointed as Interim Head of Initial Teacher Education, and would be leading Warwick's Centre for Professional Education in its founding stages and building a bespoke and innovative model of education.

22/13-14

University Research Fellowships

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor and President)

- (a) That the Royal Society had announced the appointment of 41 new University Research Fellows (URFs) for 2013 including Dr Thomas Blake from the Department of Physics and Dr Vladimir Dokchitser from Warwick Mathematics Institute.
- (b) That the Royal Society University Research Fellowship scheme aimed to provide outstanding scientists, who had the potential to become leaders in their chosen fields, with the opportunity to build an independent research career.
- (c) That the scheme was extremely competitive and URFs were expected to be strong candidates for permanent posts in universities at the end of their fellowships.

RESOLVED:

That Dr Blake and Dr Dokchitser be congratulated on their appointments.

23/13-14

University of Warwick Response to the HEFCE Consultation in Open Access in the Post-2014 Research Excellence Framework

CONSIDERED:

The draft University response to the HEFCE consultation on proposals for introducing an open access requirement to the post-2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) (SC.10/13-14).

REPORTED: (by the Provost)

- (a) That the University's response to HEFCE's consultation on open access in the post-2014 REF had been prepared by the University's Scholarly Communications Insight Group, chaired by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research (Science and Engineering), Knowledge Transfer and Business Engagement, and had been informed through discussion with a wide range of departments and fora across the University.
- (b) That the University, along with the Russell Group, was urging HEFCE to maintain support for the Green Open Access route to ensure that UK-based academics could continue to publish research in the best international journals.

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (c) That the proposed consultation response was excellent.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed University response to the HEFCE consultation on open access in the post-2014 REF be approved for submission as set out in paper SC.10/13-14.

24/13-14 Item Restricted to members and Attendees of the Steering Committee.

25/13-14 Membership of Senate Committees

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the appointment of Dr Michael Piggott to serve on the Information Policy and Strategy Committee as one of three academic members appointed by the Senate, be approved.
- (b) That the appointment of Professor Christopher Hughes to the Probation Review Group be noted.

26/13-14 US Printed Works Permissions and the CLA Higher Education Copyright Licence

RECEIVED:

A policy briefing from Universities UK explaining the implications for the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) higher education copyright licence, of the different basis on which the works of US publishers now participate in copyright licensing (SC.13/13-14).

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