

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 28 January 2008

Present: Professor L M Whitby (Chair)  
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

Apologies: Vice-Chancellor, Professor S B Palmer

In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Director of Estates, Director of Finance, Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Executive Officer.

254/07-08 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2008 be approved.

255/07-08 Professor Sir Howard Dalton, Memorial Service

REPORTED: (By Professor Whitby)

That the memorial service for Professor Sir Howard Dalton would take place on the afternoon of 19 May 2008.

256/07-08 Campus Development Plan (minute 240/07-08 refers)

REPORTED: (By the Registrar)

That Coventry City Council had approved the Campus Development Plan and that it would be considered by Warwick District Council in mid February.

257/07-08 Closure of Gibbet Hill Road (minute 241/07-08 refers)

REPORTED: (By the Registrar)

That the work was now planned to take place from 11 February 2008 and that advance notification of the expected impact of each phase of work would be communicated through Insite.

258/07-08 QAA Institutional Audit (minute 242 refers)

REPORTED: (By Professor Whitby)

That QAA had notified the University that there would not be a separate audit of collaborative provision and that this would be reviewed as part of the main Institutional Audit.

- 259/07-08      HEFCE Strategic Development Fund: Science City Bid (minute 158/07-08 refers)
- REPORTED: (By Professor Whitby)
- That the University's joint bid with the University of Birmingham to the HEFCE Strategic Development Fund for £9.7m of revenue funding in support of Birmingham Science City had been approved in full.
- RESOLVED:
- That the Committee record its thanks to the Deputy Registrar and Professor M Smith for their involvement in leading the successful bid.
- 260/07-08      The Warwick MBA
- REPORTED: (By Professor Thomas)
- That the Warwick MBA had achieved 29th place in the Financial Times Global MBA rankings and that the DL MBA had secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Economist World DL MBA ratings.
- 261/07-08      HE Funding Letter
- CONSIDERED:
- The Secretary of State for DIUS funding letter to HEFCE (SC.205/07-08) outlining funding priorities for the HE sector for 2008/09.
- RESOLVED:
- That the Registrar consider ways of pulling together all strands of the University's engagement with business to maximise its impact and that a report on activity be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.
- 262/07-08      Quinquennial Review: Department of Statistics
- CONSIDERED:
- The Report arising from the Quinquennial Review of the Department of Statistics (SC.206/07-08).
- REPORTED: (By Professor Whitby)
- That this was the last Review completed under the previous methodology.
- RESOLVED:
- That the Head of the Department of Statistics be invited to submit an initial response to the Review Report to be considered by the Committee at a future meeting.

- 263/07-08 Annual TRAC and QAV Returns for 2006-07
- CONSIDERED:
- The draft TRAC and QAV Returns for 2006-07 (SC.198/07-08).
- RESOLVED:
- That the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (as Chair of the TRAC Steering Committee) be authorised to approve the final TRAC and QAV returns on behalf of the Committee prior to their submission on 31 January 2008.
- 264/07-08 1994 Group Report on 14-19 Education Reforms
- RECEIVED:
- The 1994 Group Report on 14-19 Education Reforms (SC.207/07-08).
- 265/07-08 DIUS Consultation on Innovation
- RESOLVED:
- That Professors Smith and Higgott coordinate the University's response to the survey prior to its submission by 31 January 2008.
- 266/07-08 Promoting Good Campus Relations and Preventing Violent Extremism in HE
- RESOLVED:
- That the DIUS Report on Promoting Good Campus Relations and Preventing Violent Extremism in HE be considered by the Campus Life Committee at its next meeting.
- 267/07-08 One World Week 2008
- RESOLVED:
- That the Committee record its congratulations to the One World Week 2008 organising committee for the delivery of an excellent programme of opportunities and events.
- 268/07-08 OFFA Access Agreement Monitoring Outcomes for 2006-07
- RECEIVED:
- A report and correspondence from OFFA confirming Access Agreement Monitoring Outcomes for 2006-07 (SC.197/07-08).
- 269/07-08 UUK Progress Report: Improving the HE Application Process
- RECEIVED:
- UUK Information Note I/08/001 updating institutions on the progress of the Delivery Partnership established to improve the higher education applications process (SC.199/07-08).
- 270/07-08 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee
- REPORTED: (By Professor Whitby)
- That the Select Committee established to scrutinise the work of the Department of Innovation, Universities, and Skills had been renamed the Innovation, Science and Skills Committee to facilitate cross-departmental consideration of science.

271/07-08 DIUS Committee Enquiry into Renewal Energy Generation

RECEIVED:

The University's response to the DIUS Committee Enquiry into Renewal Energy Generation (SC.200/07-08).

272/07-08 Appointment of New Independent Adjudicator for HE

RECEIVED:

A press notice confirming the appointment of Mr Rob Behrens as the new Independent Adjudicator for HE (SC.202/07-08).

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