

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 31 July 2006

Present: Vice-Chancellor (Chair)  
Professor S Bassnett  
Professor L Bridges  
Professor J Jones  
Professor R Lindley  
Professor M Luntley  
Professor M Smith  
Professor H Thomas

Apologies: Professor A Caesar, Professor Y Carter, Professor S B Palmer, Professor M Whitby, Deputy Registrar, Director of Communication, Director of Estates.

In Attendance: Director of Finance, Registrar, University Secretary, Mr B Duggan, Ms N Snodgrass, for items 656/05-06 to 659/05-06 the Director of Academic and Student Affairs.

656/05-06 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2006 be approved.

657/05-06 Institution of Structural Engineers Gold Medal 2006

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That Professor Roger Johnson, University of Warwick Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering, had been awarded the Institution of Structural Engineers Gold Medal for 2006.

658/05-06 Higher Doctorates

RESOLVED:

That the Registrar, the Deputy Registrar and the Director of Academic and Student Affairs take steps to encourage applications from eligible candidates for the award of Higher Doctorates with a view to increasing the number of Higher Doctorates awarded by the University.

659/05-06 HESA Performance Indicators 2006

RECEIVED:

A report on the HE Performance Indicators based on data collected for the academic year 2004/05 and published by HESA in July 2006 and the University's performance against published benchmarks (SC.435/05-06) together with an oral report from the Director of Academic and Student Affairs.

660/05-06 UK-India Education and Research Initiative (minute 643/05-06 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A paper prepared by the Senior International Liaison Officer (South Asia) setting out the aims and objectives of the University's participation in the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) and the key issues of policy and principle associated with the preparation of University bids for UKIERI (SC.441/05-06) together with an oral report from the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies.

RESOLVED:

That the revised University expressions of interest for UKIERI major and standard awards be reviewed by the Director of Finance in advance of their submission to the British Council by the deadline of 14 August 2006 and that responsibility for authorising and signing off the final submission be delegated to the Deputy Registrar.

661/05-06

India at 60

CONSIDERED:

A paper prepared by the Director of Communication proposing that the University hold a series of events in 2007 to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence from Britain (SC.446/05-06).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Steering Committee support in principle the proposed year-long series of events to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence from Britain.
- (b) That the Director of Communication, in consultation with other colleagues as appropriate, undertake the development of detailed proposals for the series of events for consideration by the Steering Committee in the Autumn Term which might incorporate elements themed around Indian writing.

662/05-06

Proposed Centre of Excellence in Biopharmaceuticals

CONSIDERED:

A copy of a letter from bioProcessUK on the establishment of a new multidisciplinary UK Centre of Excellence in Biopharmaceuticals and inviting the University to submit an expression of interest in hosting the proposed Centre (SC.434/05-06) together with an oral report from the Registrar.

RESOLVED:

That the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) contact the Head of the Department of Biological Sciences and the Associate Dean for Research (Warwick Medical School) to discuss the proposed Centre of Excellence in Biopharmaceuticals in the context of the University's overall strategic objectives and priorities and to determine whether the University should submit an expression of interest in hosting the proposed Centre.

663/05-06

Nominations for Auditors for the Revised QAA Institutional Audit Process

RECEIVED:

A copy of a letter from the Vice-Chancellor to the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) nominating the following three members of University staff for appointment as auditors for the new QAA institutional audit process (SC.442/05-06):

Professor Michael Whitby  
Dr David Lamburn  
Dr Paul O'Hare

- 664/05-06 Board of Governors of Warwick Schools
- REPORTED: (by the University Secretary)
- That Professor McEldowney's term of office as a Governor of Warwick Independent Schools Foundation had expired on 30 June 2006, that a request had been received from Warwick Schools for the nomination of representatives of the University on the Board of Graduate Studies for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2009 and that Professor McEldowney had indicated his willingness to be re-nominated.
- RESOLVED:
- That Professor McEldowney of the School of Law be nominated as the University's representative on the Board of Governors of the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2009.
- 665/05-06 Steering Committee Away Day: 27 September 2006
- REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)
- That a Steering Committee Away Day would be held on Wednesday 27 September 2006 to discuss the future vision and strategy for the University and that it was his intention to hold an Away Day with Heads of Departments early in the Autumn Term.
- 666/05-06 2006 Pay Negotiations: UCU Ratification of JNCHES Pay Settlement
- RECEIVED:
- A press release from UCEA on the ratification of the JNCHES Pay Settlement for 2006-2009 by all six academic trades unions and recommending implementation of the agreed pay increases with effect from 1 August together with a copy of UCEA Update 06:99 (SC.445/05-06).
- 667/05-06 HEFCE Strategic Review of Sustainable Development in HE
- RECEIVED:
- Circular letter number 13/2006 from the HEFCE on the HEFCE-commissioned scoping study for a strategic review of sustainable development in HE and requesting comments from HEIs to inform the development of the review (SC.429/05-06).
- 668/05-06 14-19 Education and Skills Reforms: QCA Consultation on the Extended Project
- RECEIVED:
- UUK Information Note I/06/69 on the QCA consultation on its draft framework and criteria for a proposed extended project to be introduced as part of A level programmes and the new specialised Diplomas in response to the Government's 14-19 Education and Skills White Paper (SC.427/05-06).
- 669/05-06 HEIF2 Final Monitoring Reports
- RECEIVED:
- The final monitoring reports for the two collaborative University projects, the Spinner Project and the Enterprise Challenge Programme, undertaken under Round 2 of the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF2) (SC.438/05-06 and SC.439/05-06).

670/05-06 Cooksey Review of UK Health Research: Final University Response  
(minute 644/05-06 refers)

RECEIVED:

The final joint University and UHCW NHS Trust response to the Cooksey Review on the proposed Single Health Research Fund (SC.437/05-06).

671/05-06 The Higher Education Workforce in England: A Framework for the Future

RECEIVED:

The Executive Summary of HEFCE document 2006/21 providing the first annual report on workforce trends in higher education and setting out the national framework developed by the HEFCE for the HE workforce in England (SC.443/05-06).

672/05-06 FE White Paper: UUK Response to DfES Consultation

RECEIVED:

UUK Information Note 1/06/80 on the UUK response to the DfES consultation on the Government's White Paper *Further Education: Raising Skills, Improving Life Chances* (SC.444/05-06).

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