

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

There will be a meeting of the Senate on **Wednesday, 5 October 2016 at 2.00pm**
in the Council Chamber, Senate House.

R Sandby-Thomas
Registrar

STRATEGIC ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

The following agenda item constitutes the main strategic item for discussion at the meeting. Up to 30 minutes of the scheduled meeting time may be allocated to this topic.

1. Revised HEFCE Operating Model for Quality Assessment

TO REPORT:

- (a) That the Higher Education Funding Council for England published its revised operating model for quality assessment in March 2016;
- (b) That the new operating model includes an enhanced role for governing bodies in providing assurances about the quality of education provision, including a requirement for the University Council to submit, on an annual basis, assurances about the continuous improvement of the student academic experience and student outcomes, and the reliability of degree standards;
- (c) That confirmation was received from the HEFCE on 22 August that such assurances will need to be submitted to it by 1 December 2016.

TO CONSIDER:

A report from Professor Christina Hughes, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), setting out the basis on which the Council will be invited, at its meeting in November, to consider the submission of these assurances, (S.1/16-17), attached, together with an oral report from Professor David Lamburn.

AGENDA

2. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 27 June 2016 (attached).

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Secretary reporting back on matters arising from the meeting of the Senate held on 27 June 2016 (S.2/16-1), attached.

4. Membership and Terms of Reference of the Senate

TO RECEIVE:

The Membership and Terms of Reference of the Senate for the academic year 2016/17, (S.3/16-17), attached.

5. Procedure for proposing a revision to a recommendation of the Senate

TO RECEIVE:

The 'Procedure for proposing a revision to a recommendation of the Senate', (S.4/16-17), attached.

6. Conflicts of Interest

TO REPORT:

That, should any members or attendees of the Senate have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items for the meeting, they should be declared in accordance with the CUC Guide for Members of Higher Education Governing Bodies in the UK, available at <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2009/200914/>

7. Vice-Chancellor's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

8. Registrar's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Registrar.

9. *California

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) An oral report from the Provost updating members of the Senate on developments regarding California.
- (b) An Academic Freedom policy and Statement on Freedom of Expression for the University of Warwick in California from the Provost, (S.19/16-17 {restricted}), attached.

- (c) A contextual paper from paper from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Strategic Programme Delivery) setting out the context for the approval of new Masters awards in California, (S.5/16-17{restricted}), attached.
- (d) A paper brought forward on behalf of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee proposing two new awards; a Master of Science in Data Analytics (awarded jointly with University of Warwick in California) and a Master of Science in Behavioral and Economic Science (awarded jointly with University of Warwick in California), (S.6/16-17, {restricted}, attached) together with an oral report from Professor David Lamburn.

10. *Brexit

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) and the Academic Registrar setting out steps taken to mitigate the impact of the decision taken in the referendum held on 23 June 2016 to leave the European Union and the developing agenda in which the University is engaged related to the decision, (S.7/16-17 {restricted}), attached.

11. *Student Admissions Update

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Director of Student Recruitment Outreach and Admissions, together with an oral report from the Academic Registrar, setting out the University's current position with respect to student admissions for the academic year 2016-17 (S.8/16-17 {restricted}), attached.

12. *Results of Student Surveys

TO CONSIDER:

A paper summarising the University's results in three sector-wide student surveys. (S.9/16-17 {restricted}), attached, together with an oral report from Professor David Lamburn.

13. *Regulation 29, Regulations Covering Meetings on University Premises

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Director of Strategy proposing changes to Regulation 29, Regulations Covering Meetings on University Premises (S.20/16-17) {restricted} attached.

14. *Establishment of a Department of Foundation Studies

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Academic Registrar and the Interim Director of the International Foundation Programme setting out changes to the management, leadership and organisational structures for the IFP, including the IFP Board, (S.10/16-17 {restricted}), attached.

15. *Report from the Steering Committee

TO CONSIDER:

A report from Steering Committee, (S.11/16-17 {restricted}), to follow.

16. Awards and Distinctions

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 27 June 2016, (S.12/16-17), attached.

17. Any Other Business

18. Matters to Receive and Approve Without Further Discussion

TO RECEIVE and APPROVE:

Papers from the Secretary incorporating 'below the line' business, online only.

The Steering Committee considers that these items are non-controversial or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Senate may, however, ask for any of the items in the paper to be transferred to the agenda for the day by contacting the Senate Assistant Secretary (ext. 24414) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the start of the meeting.

19. Date of the next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Senate will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 1 February 2017 in the Council Chamber, Senate House.

*** Denotes a restricted paper, confidential to members and attendees of the Senate.**