

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 2 October 2002

Present: Vice-Chancellor, Professor D Anderson, Professor S Bassnett, Dr S Breslin, Professor R Burns, Professor A Caesar, Professor M J Cooper, Professor J Dale, Professor R G Dyson, Dr R Earle, Professor A Easton, Mr D Fan, Professor R Fine, Professor R Freedman, Dr E Gallafent, Professor W Grant, Professor M Harrison, Dr J Henshall, Professor G Hundt, Mr G Jones, Professor J Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor I Lauder, Professor M Luntley, Professor P Mack, Dr G Martin, Professor M McCrae, Professor A Mullender, Professor G Nudd, Professor S B Palmer, Professor L Paterson, Professor A Reeve, Mr A Reiss, Professor M Whitby.

Apologies: Dr P Byrd, Professor J Gardner, Dr J Hinton, Professor C Husbands, Professor R Lindley, Dr G Paul, Dr C Sparrow, Professor M Wills.

In Attendance: Professor S Petersen.

1/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 3 July 2002 be approved.

2/02-03 Departmental Reviews (minute 84/01-02 refers)

CONSIDERED:

Proposed amendments to the arrangements for the operation of the process of Quinquennial Departmental Reviews approved in general by the Senate at its meeting on 3 July 2002 (SC.201/01-02 {part revised }).

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments to the arrangements for the operation of the process of Quinquennial Departmental Reviews be approved as set out in paper SC.201/02-03 (part revised) including the insertion of a new clause (I) setting out a timetable for the submission of the review report.

3/02-03 Membership of the Senate

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed new members to their first meeting of the Senate.

RECEIVED:

The membership of the Senate for the academic year 2002/2003 as set out in paper S.1/02-03.

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

That the terms of office of the Director of the Institute of Education, the Dean of the Leicester Warwick Medical School and the Head of Medical Education of the Leicester Warwick Medical School expired on 30 September 2002.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, under the provisions of Statute 18 (1), the Director of the Institute of Education be re-appointed to membership of the Senate for a period of three years to 30 September 2005.
- (b) That, under the provisions of Statute 18 (1), the Dean of the Leicester Warwick Medical School be re-appointed to membership of the Senate for a period of three years to September 2005.
- (c) That the Head of Medical Education of the Leicester Warwick Medical School be invited to attend meetings of the Senate for the academic year 2002/03.

4/02-03

Membership of Senate Committees and Related Matters

REPORTED:

That the membership of the Advisory Boards and Management and Executive Committees of Research Centres and Institutes for the academic year 2002/03 would be as set out in the University Calendar 2002/2003.

CONSIDERED:

- (a) Proposed changes to the constitution of Committees of the Council and the Senate (S.2/02-03).
- (b) The appointment of the Committees of the Senate for the 2002/2003 academic year (S.3/02-03).

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee

That the constitution of the Committee be amended to provide for the appointment *ex officio* of the Chairs of the Faculty Advisory Boards of Arts, Medicine, Science and Social Studies and the Board of the Warwick Business School in place of the two lay members of the Council.

- (b) Accommodation Committee

That the proposed changes to the arrangements for the allocation of academic and non-residential accommodation be approved as set out in paper SC.2/02-03, including:

- (i) the disbanding of the Accommodation Committee in its present form to be replaced by an Accommodation Review Group.
- (ii) the referral of strategic accommodation issues to the Steering Committee.

- (iii) the integration of consideration of accommodation requirements with other resource factors, in particular through the annual estimates round.

(c) Capital Projects Committee

That the Capital Projects Committee revert to its former title of the Building Committee.

(d) Equal Opportunities Committee

That the constitution of the Equal Opportunities Committee be amended:

- (i) to remove the provision for the appointment of the Registrar and the Academic Registrar and to provide for the appointment of the Director of Student and Ancillary Services and the University's Disability Co-ordinator.
- (ii) to stipulate that that the second student representative on the Committee be a postgraduate student.

RESOLVED:

(a) Library Policy Committee

That the Library Policy Committee be abolished to be replaced by an Advisory Committee for Library users and responsibility for strategic matters be transferred to the Steering Committee on the understanding that the Library Policy Committee would continue in its present form until a new Librarian has been identified.

(b) Board of Undergraduate Studies/Undergraduate Admissions Committee

- (i) That the terms of reference and constitution of the Board of Undergraduate Studies be amended as set out in Appendix I of paper S.2/02-03.
- (ii) That the Undergraduate Admissions Committee be abolished and its responsibilities transferred to the Board of Undergraduate Studies.

(c) Board of Lifelong Learning

That the constitution of the Board of Lifelong Learning be amended as set out in Appendix 2 of paper S.2/02-03 in accordance with the resolutions of the Senate at its meeting on 19 June 2002 arising from the Review of the Department of Continuing Education (minute (65(b)/01-02 refers).

(d) Residential Accommodation and Welfare Committee/Sports Committee

That a Campus Life Committee be established to replace the Residential Accommodation and Welfare Committee and the Sports Committee with the following constitution and terms of reference:

Constitution

Chair, a Pro-Vice Chancellor

The Director of Student and Ancillary Services

The Director of Physical Education and Sport

The Senior Tutor

A Warden of University Residences, appointed by the Wardens.

A representative of the University Chaplains, appointed by the Chaplains.

One academic member of staff appointed by the Board of Graduate Studies.

One academic member of staff from each of the four Faculty Boards, appointed by the Faculty Boards, with an involvement or interest in student cultural or social activities.

The Sports Officer of the Union of Students

The Advice and Welfare Officer of the Union of Students

A postgraduate representative of the student body.

Terms of Reference

(i) To keep under review the use, availability and accessibility of residential accommodation on and off campus.

(ii) To keep under review the policy and operation of health and associated welfare services, including facilities for the care of children, provided by the University.

(iii) To keep under review the social, cultural and sports facilities available for students and staff on campus.

(iv) To advise the officers concerned and to make reports and recommendations to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, where appropriate, and the Senate.

(e) Membership of Senate Committees

That membership of the Committees of the Senate for the academic year 2002/2003 be as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the minutes in the official minute book.

5/02-03

Appointment of Other Representatives and Bodies

CONSIDERED:

The appointment by the Senate of other representatives and bodies for the academic year 2002/2003 (S.4/02-03).

(a) Higher Education Access Committee

RESOLVED:

That Dr F McKay and Ms Y Salter-Wright be appointed as the University's representatives on the Higher Education Access Committee for the academic year 2002/2003.

(b) Equal Opportunities

REPORTED:

That the Vice-Chancellor had appointed Professor R G Dyson to take responsibility on his behalf to monitor, encourage and report on the development, promotion and implementation of equal opportunities policies throughout the University in the academic year 2002/2003.

6/02-03

Admissions October 2002

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Academic Registrar and the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies on the current indications of the likely number of new undergraduate and postgraduate students registering with the University for the academic year 2002/2003 which were expected to exceed a combined total of 18000.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its thanks to all those members of staff, and in particular those in the Accommodation Office, who had contributed to the success of the admissions and registration process and the Coming Up Weekend for new students and their families.

7/02-03

Leicester Warwick Medical School (minute 83/01-02 refers)

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Secretary of State for Health, Mr Alan Milburn, would visit the University on 10 October to open formally the Medical School building.
- (b) That Professor Jeremy Dale had been appointed to the position of Interim Vice-Dean (Warwick) of the Leicester Warwick Medical School.

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A paper from the Joint Committee of the Leicester Warwick Medical School on the development of a new structure and constitution for the School (S.5/02-03).
- (b) Proposed revisions to University Ordinances 6 and 10 consequent upon the proposed changes to the structure and organisation of the Leicester Warwick Medical School (SC.3/02-03).

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the recommendations of the Joint Committee regarding the future structure and constitution of the Leicester Warwick Medical School be approved as set out in paper S.5/02-03 including the adoption of a federal framework for the School and its renaming as the Leicester Warwick Medical Schools.
- (b) That University Ordinance 10 on the Governance and Management of the Leicester Warwick Medical School be rescinded.

- (c) That the proposed amendments to University Ordinance 6 to establish a single Faculty of Medicine at the University of Warwick be approved as set out in paper SC.3/02-03.

RESOLVED:

That the further action required during the Autumn Term to prepare proposals for the structural organisation of the Leicester Warwick Medical Schools at Warwick and the revision of Regulations governing the MB and ChB degrees be noted.

8/02-03

Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.6/02-03 {Parts1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Undergraduate Strategy
 - (b) Review of the Post of Librarian
 - (c) National Teaching Fellowship Scheme
 - (d) National Centre for Excellence in Science Teaching
 - (e) University Strategy for China
 - (f) Warwick in America
 - (g) Quality Issues
 - (h) Degree Classification
 - (i) Libyan National Programme for Postgraduate Development
 - (j) Warwick Postgraduate Research Fellowship Scheme
 - (k) Contract Research Staff
 - (l) Links with Further Education Colleges
 - (m) Institute of Education OFSTED Results
 - (n) University League Tables
 - (o) Additional Student Numbers
 - (p) Response to ESRC Training Board Report
 - (q) HEFCE Consultation on Funding for Widening Participation in Higher Education
 - (r) Investing in Innovation – a Strategy for Science, Engineering and Technology
 - (s) NHS University
 - (t) Student Exchange Agreement with Queen's University Canada
 - (u) Court of the University of Leicester
- (a) University Awards for Teaching Excellence

RESOLVED:

That the proposed scheme for University Awards for Teaching Excellence be approved as set out in paper SC.243/01-02 (revised).

- (b) Degree Congregation

RESOLVED:

- (i) That in the future the degree congregation brochures indicate first class degrees and distinctions but otherwise there be no reference to the class of degree to be awarded.

- (ii) That biographical details of honorary graduands be incorporated in the degree congregation brochures so as to enable the orations to be reduced in time to three or four minutes and that honorary graduands be invited to make a brief response.
- (iii) That particular effort be made to ensure a reasonable turnout of academic staff, particularly for those ceremonies which are primarily dedicated to one department.

9/02-03 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions conferred on members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 3 July 2002 (S.7/02-03).

10/02-03 Regional Links

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That he had appointed Professor Lindley, reporting to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, to develop and co-ordinate the University's links with european agencies and regional organisations in the area of economic development to support and enhance Professor Dyson's existing responsibilities for regional matters in the field of education and widening participation.

11/02-03 National Grid Building

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That an offer made by the University with the approval of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the purchase of the Cable and Wireless building had not been accepted, that it was reported that the building had been withdrawn from the market by Cable and Wireless and that the University was now seeking to establish acceptable terms for the occasional use of residential space in the building.
- (b) That following consultation and approval from the Treasurer and the Chair of Council during the summer vacation he had made an offer for the purchase by the University of the National Grid Building which had been informally accepted.
- (c) That a formal proposal for purchase of the National Grid Building was to be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Council at their meetings on 2 October 2002, subject to the negotiation of suitable terms and conditions.

12/02-03 Horticulture Research International

CONSIDERED:

A paper prepared by the Registrar (S.8 /02-03, tabled at the meeting) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor on the development of the relationship between the University and Horticulture Research International and the outcome of the recent Quinquennial Review Report of Horticulture Research International sponsored by DEFRA.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Senate notes both the current position that has been reached in the developing relationship with Horticulture Research International and the recommendations in the Quinquennial Review Report about the strengthened role that the University might play in HRI's future.
- (b) That the Vice-Chancellor and other officers be authorised to continue their discussions with HRI and other parties through the Affiliation Steering Group with a view to negotiating the terms under which a full merger with a restructured HRI might be agreed.
- (c) That a full report with recommendations on the proposed future relationship with HRI, including the terms of a possible merger, be made to future meetings of the Senate and the Council following consultation with interested colleagues in the University.

13/02-03 Chancellor's Installation 19 October

REPORTED:

That all members of the Senate had been invited to attend the lunch and ceremony to mark the installation of the new Chancellor, Sir Nicholas Scheele, on Saturday 19 October.

14/02-03 Long Term Funding of Higher Education

CONSIDERED:

A paper prepared by the Vice-Chancellor on the long term funding of Higher Education (S.9/02-03, tabled at the meeting).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the paper would also be considered by the Council at its meeting on the afternoon of 2 October.

RECOMMENDED:

That arrangements be made for continued discussion by the Senate and the Council of the issues raised in the Vice-Chancellor's paper on the long term funding of higher education in advance of the publication of the Government White Paper on Higher Education.