

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 17 May 2006

Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Dr J Ahearne, Professor S Bassnett, Ms A Bell, Professor L Bridges, Professor P Burnham, Dr P Byrd, Professor A Caesar, Professor Y Carter, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Mr B Duggan, Professor M Harrison, Professor J Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor K Legge, Professor M Luntley, Professor A McFarlane, Professor E Peile, Professor A Phizacklea, Dr A M Price, Professor M Smith, Professor M Whitby, Professor R Wilson.

Apologies: Mr T Arnold, Professor S Bright, Professor E Carter, Professor M J Cooper, Professor M Finn, Professor R Freedman, Professor A Harris, Dr C Hughes, Professor G Hundt, Professor I Lauder, Professor R Lindley, Dr C MacDougall, Dr H Nesi, Professor P O'Hare, Professor S B Palmer, Professor D Singer, Ms K Stark, Professor M Waterson.

In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Director of Finance, Director of Personnel, Deputy Registrar, Registrar, University Secretary, Ms Y Salter Wright, Ms N Snodgrass.

72/05-06 AUT Industrial Action

RECEIVED:

A copy of a slide presentation on the financial implications of the AUT industrial action and details of the University's planned expenditure from 2006/07 to 2009/10 of the additional income accruing to the University from the introduction of top-up fees and the impact on University members of the proposed UCEA settlement (tabled at the meeting and previously published on the University internal web site) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

73/05-06 New Temporary Regulation

CONSIDERED:

A draft proposal for the introduction of an additional temporary University Regulation to enable students to graduate in the Summer Term 2006 where the full range of marks available for finalists are incomplete (S.39/05-06) together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposal for the introduction of an additional temporary University Regulation be approved as set out in paper S.39/05-06 subject to:
- (i) it being understood that the introduction of the temporary Regulation was in response to a particular and extraordinary set of circumstances and would set no precedent for the University's response to similar circumstances in the future.
 - (ii) amendment to paragraph 5 as set out below:

(deletion struck through)

(5) Cases for reconsideration

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- where a candidate was awarded a Pass degree, ~~but was not registered on a Pass degree programme,~~ reconsider the candidate's marks to determine whether the candidate should be awarded a classified Honours degree.
- (b) That, in view of the fact that it would be necessary to issue incomplete transcripts to some final year students in July 2006 with complete and final transcripts being issued once all marks had been submitted, validated and considered by the relevant Examination Board, the Academic Office:
- (i) provide a general explanatory cover note when issuing any incomplete transcripts to graduates.
 - (ii) ensure that any incomplete transcripts issued for graduates clearly state that the information may be subject to change upon final consideration and approval by the relevant Examination Board.
- (c) That the Academic Office issue clear guidance notes to academic departments on the implementation of the new temporary Regulation and provide, where appropriate and on an ongoing basis, updates and advice on the impact of and responses to the ongoing industrial action in relation to University examination procedures.

(Note: Resolutions taken following a vote: 18 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.
One member left the meeting before the vote and one further member did not vote.)