

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2007

Present: Vice Chancellor (in the chair), Professor C Aubrey, Professor L Bridges, Professor S Bright, Professor A Caesar, Dr L Campbell, Professor Y Carter, Professor M Cooper, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Mr B Duggan, Professor M Finn, Professor R Freedman, Professor J Gardner, Mr A Gumusay, Professor A Harris, Professor M Harrison, Professor R Higgott, Dr C Hughes, Professor G Hundt, Dr C Jenainati, Professor J Jones, Professor R Lindley, Ms C Longworth, Professor M Luntley, Professor S Palmer, Professor M Smith, Professor C Sparrow, Professor M Waterson, Professor M Whitby

Apologies: Dr J Ahearne, Professor S Bassnett, Ms A Bell, Professor E Carter, Professor J Davey, Professor P Edwards, Dr J Kidd, Professor S Kumar, Professor K Lamberts, Professor P Mack, Dr J MacPherson, Professor E Peile, Professor A Phizacklea, Dr A Price, Dr J Read, Professor S Thornton, Professor V Zammit, Registrar

In attendance: University Secretary, Director of Finance, Academic Registrar, Ms Y Salter Wright, Mr J Kirby

67/06-07 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 14 March 2007 be approved.
- (b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 23 May 2007 be approved.

68/06-07 Progress of Senate Recommendations

REPORTED:

That the Council, at its meeting on 21 March 2007, approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

- (a) Report from the Equality and Diversity Committee (minute 54/06-07 refers)
- (b) Report from the University Health and Safety Committee (minute 62/06-0 refers)
- (c) Amendments to University Regulations (minute 60/06-07 refers)

69/06-07 University Strategy

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the revised University Strategy and initial Implementation Plan would be considered at the next meeting of the Senate on 4 July alongside the University Financial Plan and that all current and incoming Heads of Department had been invited to attend the Senate meeting for these items.

- (b) That the Vice-Chancellor's visits to departments to discuss the emerging University Strategy had begun and would largely be completed before the next meeting of the Senate.

70/06-07 International Gifted & Talented Student Academy

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That work was ongoing on the development of a full business plan for the establishment of an International Gifted and Talented Student Academy and that the plan would be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting to be held on 26 June.

71/06-07 Working Group on Pro-Vice-Chancellors

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That proposals for the establishment of a Working Group to review the current terms of office and appointment arrangements for the Pro-Vice-Chancellors would be brought forward to the next meeting of the Senate.

72/06-07 Membership of the Senate

REPORTED:

- (a) That, in accordance with Regulation 2.3, a notice had appeared in CommUnicate seeking nominations to fill two vacancies in the appointees of the Assembly on the Senate.
- (b) That the outcome of the election, held in accordance with Regulation 2.3 on 23 May 2007, was as follows:
- (i) Dr Cathia Jenainati was elected to fill the vacancy in representation of the Assembly on the Senate from the present date until 31 July 2009.
 - (ii) Dr Mark Hadley was elected to fill the vacancy in representation of the Assembly on the Senate from 1 August 2007 to 31 July 2010.

73/06-07 Clinical Trials Facility: Warwick Medical School

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University's bid to the Wolfson Foundation for £1m towards the construction of the Clinical Trials Facility for the Warwick Medical School had been successful.

74/06-07 Wolfson Foundation CURL Library Programme

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University's bid to the Wolfson Foundation for funding under the second round of the Wolfson CURL Library Programme to support the development within the Library of a flagship postgraduate research support faculty had been successful in securing a total of £250k towards the project (minute 76(d)/06-07 also refers).

75/06/07 International Visits

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That a number of very successful staff visits to North America had taken place in recent weeks, including delegations from the Faculties of Arts and Science, as part of the emerging policy to pursue co-ordinated and cross departmental institutional partnerships with institutions in North America and Canada.
- (b) That his recent business visits with the Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education and other UK University representatives to Korea and Japan and Malaysia and Vietnam were productive and were expected to lead to a number of concrete and beneficial initiatives for the University.

76/06-07 Report from the Steering Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.36/06-07 {Parts 1, 1(II), and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor:

- (a) Research Issues
- (b) Science and Technology Committee Inquiry: International Policies and Activities of the Research Councils
- (c) Sainsbury Review of Science and Education
- (d) Wolfson Foundation CURL Library Programme
- (e) Undergraduate and Postgraduate Admissions
- (f) Guardian League Table 2008
- (g) Development of the TQI and the NSS: Outcomes of HEFCE Consultation
- (h) 2007 National Student Survey
- (i) Update on Careers Issues
- (j) National Programme for Gifted and Talented Education Learner Academy
- (k) University Challenge
- (l) Delivery Partnership Consultations on Improving the Higher Education Applications Process
- (m) Royal College of Nursing Institute: Heads of Terms
- (n) Trust Schools
- (o) HEFCE Rewarding and Developing Staff
- (p) Budget 2007: UUK Summary
- (q) Financial Health of the HE Sector in England
- (r) Transparency Review Data Reported for 2005-06
- (s) Future EPSRC Funding
- (t) HEFCE Strategic Plan 2006-2011
- (u) Accountability for Higher Education Institutions
- (v) UUK International Unit
- (w) International Student Enrolment Survey
- (x) Outward Student Mobility
- (y) New Home Office Reporting Process
- (z) New International Research Student Vetting Scheme
- (aa) International Graduates Scheme and Visa Fees
- (bb) New Immigration Fees
- (cc) BEd (Hons) TESL Programme for Malaysian Students
- (dd) Centre of Excellence: PCET
- (ee) Universities Engaging with Local Communities: UUK Publication

- (a) EPSRC Science & Innovation Awards

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University's bid for the establishment of a Centre for Advanced Analytical Sciences had reached the second round of the EPSRC Science & Innovation Awards.

77/06-07 Report from the Equality and Diversity Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Equality and Diversity Committee held on 21 May 2007 (S.37/06-07) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

(a) Equality and Diversity Issues Relating to Students

RECEIVED:

The Committee's report on its consideration of a report on the priority areas relating to equality and diversity issues affecting students which would be considered by the Committee in the future (EDC.16/06-07).

(b) Disability Interest Group

RECEIVED:

The Committee's consideration of an update from the Disability Co-ordinator on the current activities of the Disability Interest Group (EDC.18/06-07) and highlighting that the Group did not have responsibility for monitoring the implementation and impact of equality and diversity policy of the University but rather had the role of a consultative group.

78/06-07 Report from the University Health and Safety Executive Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the University Health and Safety Executive Committee held on 9 May 2007 (S.38/06-07) and its recommendation recorded under the following item:

(a) Annual Report of the University Health and Safety Committee

CONSIDERED:

The Annual Report of the University Health & Safety Committee for the 2006 calendar year (UHSEC.10/06-07).

REPORTED: (by the Director of Campus Affairs)

That the Warwick Business School had agreed to participate in a pilot project within the University to identify effective strategies for reducing work-related stress.

RECOMMENDED:

That the University Health and Safety Committee Annual Report be approved as set out in paper UHSEC.10/06-07.

(b) University Smoking Policy and Procedure

RECEIVED:

The University Smoking Policy and Procedure (SC.377/06-07) as approved by the Steering Committee on 11 June 2007, together with an oral report from the Director of Campus Affairs, noting in particular the following:

- (i) That while consideration had been given by the University in developing the University's Smoking Policy to the introduction of a complete ban on smoking on the University's UK campuses, it was felt to be neither appropriate or feasible to implement such a ban with effect from 1 July 2007 and that the policy would be reviewed in the future.
- (ii) That further information was to be forwarded to Heads of Departments by the University Safety Office relating to the impact of the implementation of the new University Smoking Policy and Procedure and that it was expected that the University would have no difficulty in being fully legally compliant with the new smoking legislation which would come into effect from 1 July 2007.

79/06-07 Appointment of the University Chancellor

CONSIDERED:

A paper concerning the appointment of the University Chancellor (S.39/06-07).

REPORTED:

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

That, in accordance with the revised University Statutes, the re-appointment of the Chancellor would be considered at a joint meeting of the Senate and the Council to be held immediately prior to the meeting of the Council on 11 July 2007.

(by the University Secretary)

That nominations for appointment as Chancellor from 1 August 2008 from members of the Senate could be submitted to the University Secretary and would be considered by the Committee on the Appointment of the Chancellor

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its support for the following:

- (i) The re-appointment of the current Chancellor, Sir Nick Scheele, for a further period of one year beyond 31 July 2007.
- (ii) The appointment of Professor Margot Finn and Dr Julie Macpherson as the two members of academic staff of the University on the Committee on the Appointment of the Chancellor.

80/06-07 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions that had been conferred upon members of the University since the meeting of the Senate held on 14 March 2007 (S.40/06-07).

REPORTED:

That, in addition to the list of awards and distinctions set out in paper S.40/06-07, Emeritus Professor David Anderson has received a Lewis Kent award from the Institution of Structural Engineering for service to the Institution.

RESOLVED:

That a note be circulated to all heads of academic departments reminding them that awards and distinctions received by staff or students of the University should be reported to the Communications Office for inclusion in future announcements.

81/06-07 Membership of the Council

REPORTED:

That, in accordance with the procedure agreed at the meeting of the Senate of 2 November 1983, the University Secretary had written to members of the Senate to seek nominations for the appointment of Senate representatives on the Council with a view to considering these appointments at the next meeting of the Senate on 4 July.

82/06-07 Senate Committees

RESOLVED:

That the Committees of the Senate be empowered to continue in being with such powers as they have previously exercised until 30 September 2007.

83/06-07 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Arts

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Arts held on 30 May 2007 (S.41/06-07) and its resolutions and recommendations recorded under the following items:

(a) Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Arts and its Committees 2007/08

RECEIVED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Arts on the membership of the Board and the following Committees for the academic year 2007/08:

- (i) Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Arts
- (ii) Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Arts
- (iii) Membership of the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts
- (iv) Membership of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts
- (v) Membership of the Faculty Computing Committee

(b) Representation of the Faculty on the Senate

RECEIVED:

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Arts to the Senate for the academic year 2006/07/

(c) Elections to University Committees

RECEIVED:

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Arts to University Committees for the academic year 2007/08.

CONSIDERED:

The appointment of academic staff in the Faculty of Arts to serve on University Committees for the academic year 2007/08.

RESOLVED:

That the following members of academic staff of the Faculty of Arts be appointed to serve on the Committees indicated for the academic year 2007/08:

(i) Equality and Diversity Committee:

Dr C Jenainati
TBC (term 1); Dr J Burns (terms 2 & 3)

(ii) Undergraduate Appeals Committee Panel:

TBC (term 1); Dr J Burns (terms 2 & 3)
Dr J Burrows
TBC
TBC
TBC
Dr C Britzolakis
Professor J Labbe
Dr H Schmitz
Dr J Shields

(iii) Graduate Appeals Committee Panel:

Dr D Lines
Dr J Gilmore
Dr I de Smet
Dr Z Newby
TBC

(iv) Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating:

Mr J Arroyo
Professor J Labbe (term 1); Dr J Burns (terms 2 & 3)
Prof S Hand
TBC
TBC

84/06-07 Report from the Board of the Institute of Education (minute 13/06-07(g) refers)

CONSIDERED:

A recommendation from the Board of the Institute of Education to establish an Institute of Education Advisory Board to replace the existing Board of the Institute of Education and the consequent abolition of Ordinance 9 on the Board of the Institute of Education (S.42/06-07).

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposal to establish an Institute of Education Advisory Board to replace the existing Board of the Institute of Education be approved and that Ordinance 9 on the Board of the Institute of Education be abolished and Ordinances 10 to 24 in the University Calendar be renumbered as set out in paper S.42/06-07.

85/06-07 Amendments to University Regulations

CONSIDERED:

Proposed amendments to University Regulation 8 for First Degrees (S.43/06-07).

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposed amendments to University Regulation 8 for First degrees be approved as set out in paper S.43/06-07.

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