

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

There will be a meeting of the Senate on **Wednesday, 1 October 2014 at 10.00am** in the Council Chamber, Senate House.

K Sloan
Registrar

STRATEGIC ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

The following agenda item constitutes the main strategic item for discussion at the meeting. Up to 45 minutes of the scheduled meeting time will be allocated to discussion of this topic.

1. University Strategy: National Student Survey, Student Experience and Employability

TO CONSIDER:

A paper reviewing the most recent results of the National Student Survey (NSS), outlining proposed steps to be taken to improve student satisfaction rates in the future, (S.5/14-15), attached together with oral reports from Professor Christina Hughes, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education (Innovation, Employability and Widening Participation) and the Academic Registrar.

AGENDA

2. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 2 July 2014 (attached).

3. Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) Progress of Senate Recommendations

TO REPORT:

That the Council, at its meeting on 9 July 2014, noted the report from the Senate and approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

- i) Revisions to Ordinance 7, Constitutions of the Faculties, consequent on the establishment of the Centre for Education Studies and the Centre for Professional Education (for the first time) (minute 141/13-14 refers).
- ii) Revisions to Ordinance 13 to introduce the new degree title of Masters of Languages (MLang) (for the first time) minute 140/13-14 refers).

- iii) Revisions to Ordinance 7 consequent on the establishment of the School of Modern Languages (for the second time) (minute 98/13-14 refers).
- iv) Revisions to Regulation 6, Admission to the University, consequent on the establishment of the Centre for Education Studies and the Centre for Professional Education (minute 141/13-14 refers).
- v) Revisions to Regulation 7, Award and Tenure of Scholarships, consequent on the establishment of the Centre for Education Studies and the Centre for Professional Education (minute 141/13-14 refers).
- vi) Revisions to Regulation 9, Constitution of Boards of Examiners, consequent on the establishment of the Centre for Education Studies and the Centre for Professional Education (minute 141/13-14 refers).
- vii) Revisions to Regulation 34, Determination of Fitness to Practice (minute 119/13-14 refers).
- viii) Approval of the provisional University Financial Plan 2014 (minute 123/13-14 refers)
- ix) Approval of the draft University Strategy (minute 130/13-14 refers)
- x) The closure and disestablishment of the Centre for Education and Industry with effect from the academic year 2014-2015 (minute 106/13/14 refers)
- xi) The establishment of the Centre for Operational Policing Research (COPR) as a substantive University Research Centre (minute 114/13-14 refers).
- xii) The establishment of the Warwick Data Science Institute (WDSI) as a Departmental Research Centre (minute 114/13-14 refers)

(b) Appointment of Representatives of the Senate to Membership of the Council

TO REPORT:

That following an invitation for nominations from members of the Senate to serve on the University Council held from 4-11 July 2014, the representatives of the Senate appointed to membership of the University Council will be Professors Pam Thomas and Abhinay Muthoo.

(c) Election of Representatives of the Assembly to Membership of the Senate

TO REPORT:

That following an invitation for nominations from members of the Assembly to serve on the Senate held from 14-22 August 2014 followed by a ballot of nominees held from 27 August – 12 September 2014, the representatives of the Assembly elected to membership of the Senate will be Mrs Kate Hughes and Miss Mia Khan.

4. Membership and Terms of Reference of the Senate

TO RECEIVE:

The Membership and Terms of Reference of the Senate for the academic year 2014/15, (S.1/14-15), attached.

5. 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/>

6. Vice-Chancellor's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

7. Provost's Business

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Provost, together with a paper setting out developments regarding California (S.16/14-15) attached.

8. Registrar's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Registrar.

9. USS

TO CONSIDER:

A paper outlining updates on the latest position on USS and the University's initial response, (S.4/14-15), attached, together with an oral report from the Registrar.

10. Enhancing the Governance of Strategy Implementation, Resourcing, Capital Planning and Institutional Performance

TO CONSIDER:

A paper outlining proposals to refresh University Governance in relation to Enhancing Strategy Implementation, Resourcing, Capital Planning and Institutional Performance (S.2/14-15), attached, together with an oral report from the Registrar.

11. An Update on the University Strategy, Strategy Implementation, and Strategic Planning

TO RECEIVE:

A paper outlining updates to the University Strategy, Strategic Implementation and Strategic Planning (S.3/14-15), attached, together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar.

12. Research Committee

TO CONSIDER:

A paper outlining proposed changes to the membership and remit of Research Committee, (S.6/14-15), attached.

13. Consideration of Pass Lists and Conferral of Awards by the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Director of the Academic Office proposing changes to the procedure for consideration of Pass Lists and the Conferral of Awards (S.7/14-15), attached.

14. Reports from Senate Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Report from the Steering Committee, (S.8/14-15 {Part 1}), attached.
- (b) Report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, (S.9/14-15), attached.
- (c) Report from the University Health and Safety Executive Committee, (S.10/14-15), attached.
- (d) Report from the Research Committee, (S.11/14-15), attached.

15. 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 2 July 2014, (S.12/14-15), attached.

16. Any Other Business

MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION:

The Steering Committee considers that the following items are non-controversial or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Senate may, however, ask for any of the following items 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.

17. Revisions to University Ordinances and Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Learning & Teaching) proposing amendments to Ordinance 7 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties with effect from the academic year 2014-15, (S.13/14-15), attached.
- (b) A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Learning & Teaching) proposing amendments to Regulation 9 on the Constitution of Boards of Examiners with immediate effect (S.14/14-15), attached.

18. Reports from Senate Committees

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Steering Committee, (S.8/14-15 {Part 2}), attached.

19. Vice-Chancellor's Action:

TO REPORT:

- (a) That on 5th September 2014, following approval of paper S.62/13-14 'A Strategy for Postgraduate Education: Response to the Graduate School Review' at the meeting of the Senate on 2nd July 2014, the Vice-Chancellor took action on behalf of the Senate to clarify that full-time PhD students should submit their thesis with four years, but that they were not expected to submit, prepare for and hold their viva within four years.
- (b) That the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate, has approved the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor on the following colleagues with effect from their retirement (given in brackets below):

Emeritus Professor

Professor Mark Dowsett, Department of Physics (30 September 2014)
Professor John King, Department of History (30 September 2014)
Professor Dennis Leech, Department of Economics (30 September 2014)
Professor Andrew Price, School of Life Sciences (30 September 2010)
Professor John Rawnsley, Department of Mathematics (26 September 2014)
Professor Caroline Series, Department of Mathematics (30 September 2014)
Professor David Wray, Centre for Education Studies (30 November 2014)

20. Membership of Senate Committees

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the membership of Senate committees for the academic year 2014-15, (S.15/14-15), attached.

21. Student and alumni deaths

TO REPORT:

That the University had been informed of the deaths of the following colleagues associated with the University, students and alumni since the last meeting of the Senate held on 2 July 2014:

Sir Nick Scheele, University Chancellor (2002-2008)
Mr John Hearth, University Treasurer (1989-1998)

Students:

Mr Thevindra Naidoo- MBA Business Administration (IBM)

Alumni:

Mrs Amanda Brook- MBA Business Administration (Distance Learning), 1995-2000
Mrs Molly Howard- BEd Education and Community Studies, 1980-1981
Mr Alvin Juma- MBA Business Administration (Distance Learning) 2006-2010
Dr Timothy O'Leary- PhD Industrial and Business Studies 1978-1983
Miss Susan Pendlebury- BA Theatre Studies and Dramatic Arts 1986-1989
Mr Sandip Taylor- BSc Computer Science 1999-2002

22. Date of the next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Senate will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 28 January 2015 in the Council Chamber, Senate House.

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