

# UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

## SENATE

Minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 3 October 2001

- Present: Professor D VandeLinde (Chair) Professor D Anderson, Professor S Bassnett, Dr S Breslin, Professor R Burns, Professor A Caesar, Professor K Cowling, Mr J Dubber, Professor R G Dyson, Dr R Earle, Dr E Gallafent, Dr J Henshall, Professor G Hundt, Professor C Husbands, Professor J Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor R Lindley, Professor P Mack, Dr G Martin, Dr A K Manning, Dr G Martin, Professor M McCrae, Professor G Nudd, Professor S B Palmer, Professor L Paterson, Mr C Price, Dr I Procter, Dr C Sparrow, Professor M Waterson, Professor M Whitby, Mr M Wilkings.
- Apologies: Dr P Byrd, Professor I Lauder, Professor A Mullender, Dr G Paul, Professor M Wills.
- In Attendance: Ms A Allden.

## MINUTES

1/01-02 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 4 July 2001 be approved.

2/01-02 Visit of the Minister for Higher Education and Lifelong Learning (minute 99/00-01 refers)

REPORTED (by the Vice-Chancellor):

That the Minister for Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, Ms Margaret Hodge, would visit the University on Thursday 18 October.

3/01-02 Matters Arising on the Minutes

Sabbatical Officers in the Students' Union (minute 112/00-01)

REPORTED:

That the Acting Vice-Chancellor (Professor Palmer) had, on behalf of the Senate, conferred registered student status on Mr George Moreton, the Finance and Internal Affairs Officer of the Students' Union, for the period 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2002.

4/01-02 Membership of the Senate

RECEIVED:

The membership of the Senate for the academic year 2001/2002 as set out in paper S.1/01-02.

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

5/01-02 Vice-Chancellor's Business

(a) Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth

REPORTED (by the Vice-Chancellor):

That the University was preparing a bid to the Department of Education and Skills to host an Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth, noting that a key aim of this Academy would be to serve the needs of gifted and talented students from disadvantaged social backgrounds.

(b) University Committee Structure

REPORTED (by the Vice-Chancellor):

That the Steering Committee had agreed that a review of the current University Committee structure would be undertaken with a view to streamlining the current structure where feasible.

(c) Discussion of Strategic Issues

REPORTED (by the Vice-Chancellor):

That it was his intention to provide opportunities at meetings of the Senate for discussion on the academic strategy of the University.

6/01-02 Constitution and Membership of Senate Committees

REPORTED:

That membership of the Advisory Boards and Management/Executive Committees of Research Centres and Institutes for the 2001/2002 academic year would be set out in the University Calendar 2001/2002.

CONSIDERED:

- (a) Proposed changes to the constitution of Committees of the Senate (S.9/01-02).
- (b) The appointment of the Committees of the Senate for the 2001/2002 academic year (S.2/01-02).

RECOMMENDED:

(a) Equal Opportunities Committee

That the constitution of the Equal Opportunities Committee be amended to include the optional appointment of a second Pro Vice-Chancellor.

RESOLVED:

(a) Higher Education Foundation Programme Board of Studies

- (i) That a representative from the English Working Party be added to the membership of the Higher Education Foundation Programme Board of Studies.
- (ii) That the following clause be added to the Powers and Functions of the Board:  
  
To reserve the right to convene meetings of only University of Warwick staff members, if the matter is confidential or as deemed necessary.

(b) Information Technology Policy Committee

That the constitution of the Information Technology Policy Committee be amended:

- (i) to remove the provision for appointment of the Academic Registrar and the Director of the Centre for Academic Practice and to provide for the appointment of the Deputy Registrar.
- (ii) to provide for the appointment of the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine and the Chair of the Faculty of Medicine Computing Committee (or its equivalent) ex officio.

(c) Faculty of Medicine

- (i) That the constitution of the following committees be amended to include a representative of the Faculty of Medicine:

Academic Staff Development Committee  
Committee for Study Leave and Leave of Absence  
Academic Staff Committee

- (ii) That the constitution of the Student Academic Complaints Committee be amended to include the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine.

(d) Deputy Vice-Chancellor

That changes to the constitution of the following Committees of the Senate be amended to provide for the appointment of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, ex officio, as set out in paper S.2/01-02:

Senate Steering Committee  
Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee  
Academic Staff Committee  
Promotions Committee  
Graduate Appeals Committee  
Student Academic Complaints Committee

(e) Student Discipline Committee

That the constitution of the Student Discipline Committee be amended to include the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor or the Deputy Vice-Chancellor as Chair of the Committee.

(f) Membership of Senate Committees

RESOLVED:

That membership of the Committees of the Senate for the academic year 2001/2002 be as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the minutes in the official minute book.

7/01-02 Appointment of other Representatives and Bodies

CONSIDERED:

The appointment by the Senate of other representatives and bodies for the academic year 2001-02 (S.3/01-02).

(a) Equipment Sub-Committee

RESOLVED:

That the membership of the Sub-Committee for the academic year 2001/2002 be as follows:

Professor Dyson (Chair)  
Professor J Jones  
Professor McCrae  
Professor Whitby

(b) Higher Education Access Committee

RESOLVED:

That Dr S Hill, Dr P Elliot and Mrs Y Salter-Wright be appointed as the University's representatives on the Higher Education Access Committee for the academic year 2001/2002.

(c) Equal Opportunities

REPORTED:

That the Vice-Chancellor had appointed Professor 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 2001/2002.

8/01-02 Amendments to University Statutes (minute 113/00-01 refers)

CONSIDERED:

Proposed amendments to the University Statutes and Ordinances principally to provide for the establishment of the full-time post of Deputy-Vice-Chancellor (S.4/01-02).

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposed amendments to the University Statutes and Ordinances be approved as set out in paper S.4/01-02.

RESOLVED:

That the Registrar be requested to review Section 1 (d) of Statute 12 governing the representative membership of the Court with a view to bringing forward proposals to the next meeting of the Senate for changes to the constitution of the Court which might better reflect the diverse range of religious faiths, professional bodies and organisations which could make a contribution to the work of the University.

9/01-02 Admissions October 2001

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Academic Registrar and the Chair of the Graduate School on the current indications of the likely number of new undergraduate and postgraduate students registering with the University for the academic year 2001/2002.

10/01-02 Report from the Steering Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.5/01-02 {Parts I and II}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Additional Student Places
- (b) Rewarding and Developing Staff in Higher Education
- (c) Project Capital Round 2
- (d) AHRB Research Centres Competition
- (e) Undergraduate Access to ITT Modules
- (f) Widening Participation Strategy
- (g) Active Community Fund
- (h) National Teaching Fellowship Scheme

11/01-02 Amendments to University Ordinances and Regulations

CONSIDERED:

- (a) Proposed amendments to University Ordinance 6 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties (S.6/01-02).

- (i) University Regulation 10 Governing the Constitution of Boards of Examiners.
- (ii) University Regulation 30 concerning the Patenting and Commercial Exploitation of Research Results.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the proposed amendments to University Ordinance 6 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties be approved as set out in paper S.6/01-02.
- (b) That the proposed amendments to the following University Regulations be approved as set out in paper S.7/01-02:
  - (i) University Regulation 10 Governing the Constitution of Boards of Examiners.
  - (ii) University Regulation 30 concerning the Patenting and Commercial Exploitation of Research Results.

12/01-02 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 4 July 2001 (S.8/01-02).

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