

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2015

- Present: Sir George Cox (Pro-Chancellor (Chair)), Mr R Ankcorn (Democracy and Development Officer, Students' Union), Mr K Bedell-Pearce (Treasurer) {except for item 100/14-15}, Dame Fiona Caldicott (Lay Member), Ms V Cooke (Lay Member (Vice-Chair)), Professor S Croft (Provost), Mrs P Egan (Lay Member), Dr J Ferrie (Lay Member), Mr J Higgins (Lay Member), Professor C Hughes (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)), Professor C W Hughes (Academic Member of the Senate), Professor T Jones (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science, Engineering and Medicine)), Ms J MacNaughton (Lay Member), Professor A Muthoo (Academic Member of the Senate) {until item 107(c)/14-15}, Sir David Normington (Lay Member), Mr A Rivett (Non-academic Member of Staff), Professor P Thomas (Academic Member of the Senate), Professor Sir Nigel Thrift (Vice-Chancellor and President), Ms C Turhan (President, Students' Union), Professor P Winstanley (Academic Member of the Senate).
- Apologies: Mr P Dunne (Lay Member), Ms T Elliott (Lay Member), Mr G Howells (Lay Member), Ms M Philbin (Lay Member), Mr K Sloan (Registrar and Chief Operating Officer), Mr M Temple (Lay Member).
- In Attendance: Ms R Drinkwater (Group Finance Director), Mr P Dunn (Director of Press and Policy) {item 118/14-15}, Mrs P Glover (Director of Governance and Assurance Services), Ms J Horsburgh (Deputy Registrar (Secretary)), Miss E Peak (Assistant Registrar (Governance)).

100/14-15 Term of Office of the University Treasurer

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (a) That section 6 of the first schedule to the Charter and Statutes of the University provided that the Treasurer of the University may hold office for such period as may be determined by the Council.
- (b) That, at its meeting on 19 May 2015, the Nominations Committee had considered the proposed extension to the term of appointment of Mr Keith Bedell-Pearce, as University Treasurer, for a further three years, to 31 July 2018.
- (c) That the Nominations Committee had resolved to recommend to the Council that the proposed extension to the term of appointment of Mr Keith Bedell-Pearce be approved.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed extension to the term of appointment of Mr Keith Bedell-Pearce as University Treasurer, for a further three years, from the current end date of 31 July 2015 to 31 July 2018, be approved (passed nem con).
- (b) That the thanks and congratulations of the Council be extended to Mr Keith Bedell-Pearce for his continued work in undertaking the role of Treasurer.

NOTE: Mr K Bedell-Pearce was not present for this item of business.

101/14-15 Minutes

CONSIDERED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 and 12 February 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 and 12 February 2015 be approved, subject to a minor amendment to minute 61/14-15 [this amendment pertains to a restricted minute].

102/14-15 Universities Superannuation Scheme (minute 63/14-15 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (a) That the consultation period with respect to proposed changes and reform of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) pension scheme, which commenced in mid-March 2015, would close on 22 May 2015.
- (b) That although only one of many scheme employers, the University had a legal obligation to consult with USS scheme members and potential members, noting that the University had been active in its communications with staff regarding the proposals.
- (c) That as part of the consultation process, a meeting of the Assembly had taken place on 20 April 2015 (minute 121/14-15 refers), it being noted that the meeting had been positive and constructive, and as no motion was proposed at the meeting, no resolution had been required.
- (d) That individual members had been given the opportunity to submit detailed commentary to USS, noting that as at 20 May 2015, only 50 members had submitted responses, despite a number of reminders to do so if individuals felt strongly about the reforms and the changes to their individual benefits.
- (e) That the vast majority of the responses had not been positive, although a small number acknowledged there was some case for reform.
- (f) That the consultation process within the University had to date been smooth and constructive, noting that the results from the consultation would be incorporated into a final proposal to be debated by the USS Joint Negotiating Committee in autumn 2015.
- (g) That the earliest possible date for implementation would be April 2016.

103/14-15 Update on Proposed Changes to the Steering Committee Terms of Reference (minute 13a(vii)/14-15 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

That the Senate, at its meeting on 10 March 2015, had approved the expansion of the remit of the Steering Committee and the amendments to the terms of reference and membership of the Steering Committee as set out in paper (S.36/14-15).

104/14-15 Conflicts of Interest

REPORTED:

That, should any members or attendees of the Council 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.

NOTE: No declarations were made.

105/14-15 Pro-Chancellor's Business

(a) Appointment of a Successor to the Chair of the Council

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

- (i) That the search for his successor as Chair of Council was underway, noting that the Council had resolved previously that it would be beneficial to complete the process well in advance of the completion of his term of office, to facilitate a smooth handover.
- (ii) That Mrs Penny Egan was in the process of consulting with members of the Council in relation to a potential successor.
- (iii) That it was anticipated that a recommendation on the appointment of his successor would be brought forward for consideration at the July 2015 meeting of the Council.

(b) Procedure for the Appointment of the Successor to the Vice-Chancellor and President (minute 69/14-15 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

- (i) That the joint committee overseeing the appointment of the successor to the Vice-Chancellor and President was progressing well, noting that there had been much pre-consultation with a broad representation of the University community.
- (ii) That a shortlist of candidates was being prepared, it being noted that the interest in the position from around the world had been tremendous.
- (iii) That it was anticipated that a recommendation for the appointment of the successor to the Vice-Chancellor and President would be brought for the consideration of the Senate and the Council in July 2015.

(c) *Report from the Nominations Committee

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

- (i) That there was the potential for four vacancies in the lay membership of the Council.
- (ii) That the Nominations Committee, in considering potential future lay members for recommendation to the Council, took into account not only skills gaps amongst the future membership, but also the balance of diversity in the membership of the Council.

- (iii) That the Nominations Committee had resolved to take active steps to address the current lack of ethnic diversity in the membership of the Council, this being a greater concern than gender diversity.
- (iv) That the Nominations Committee had resolved to set targets in recommending potential lay members for appointment to the four forthcoming vacancies in the lay membership of the Council, these being three female nominees, and one male nominee, of which a minimum of one nominee would increase the ethnic diversity of the Council.

(by Ms J MacNaughton)

- (v) That, as the University was embarking on a major initiative in California, it might be useful to consider potential lay members who had knowledge and understanding of the American higher educational context.

(d) The Shard

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

- (i) That having recently chaired a highly successful event at Warwick's facilities at The Shard, he had experienced first-hand the quality of the facility.
- (ii) That the wider University should be encouraged to use the facilities, noting that the venue offered excellent positioning for the University.

106/14-15 Vice-Chancellor and President's Business

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and President, together with a summary list of topics to be addressed by the Vice-Chancellor and President (C.56/14-15).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor and President)

(a) Energy Research Accelerator Proposal

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

(b) Traffic

- (i) That the construction works relating to the highways in and around campus were nearing completion.
- (ii) That the new roundabout at the Gibbet Hill Road / Kenilworth Road junction had made a significant difference to the flow of traffic.
- (iii) That construction works around the two piazzas were due to be completed by 28 June 2015, noting that the new bus station would not be operational until after this date, following a trial period of implementation.

(c) Rankings

- (i) That Warwick, for the first time ever, had been ranked among the top 100 universities in the world in the Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings for 2015.

- (ii) That Warwick had been named the third fastest rising young university in the World by the Times Higher Education Young Universities Summit, and the fastest rising university in the UK.
- (iii) That the Times Higher Education 100 Under 50 league table ranked Warwick in the top 10 of the world's young universities and as the leading such university in the UK.
- (iv) That ten subjects at Warwick had been declared to be in the world's top 50 in The QS World University Rankings by Subject, with a total of 15 subjects at Warwick in the top 100.
- (v) That Warwick had been named 7th in the Complete University Guide 2016.
- (vi) That Warwick had moved up nine places since last year in the 2015 Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey.
- (vii) That Warwick's distance learning MBA had been ranked second in the world and number one in the UK by the Financial Times for the second year in a row.

(d) Awards

- (i) That Professor Christopher Hughes had been named a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.
- (ii) That Professor Mark Achtman in Warwick Medical School had been made a Fellow of the Royal Society.
- (iii) That Dr Adrian Chaplin, the Royal Society University Research Fellow in Chemistry, had been awarded the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry's Harrison-Meldola Memorial Prize for 2015.
- (iv) That Warwick Conferences had collected three awards at this year's Meetings & Incentive Travel Awards (M+IT), including Gold for Best Academic Venue, Gold for Best UK Management Training Centre and Silver for Best UK Conference Centre.
- (v) That the International Gateway for Gifted Youth (IGGY) had won a Midlands Business Award in the Innovative University of the Year category.
- (vi) That the WMG Academy for Young Engineers' F1 in Schools Team had won 'Fastest Car' in the national finals, noting that this was the first time they had entered the competition.

(e) WMG Advanced Steel Research Hub

- (i) That Warwick had been awarded £14.5 million for WMG to bring together researchers to work with industry in an Advanced Steel Research Hub.
- (ii) That WMG would work with Tata Steel to take forward this crucial national collaboration which would help transform UK steel production, noting that this would include research into emerging and breakthrough technologies.

- (f) Launch of the Warwick International Higher Education Academy
- (i) That on 7 May 2015, Warwick launched its new professional association for academic staff, the Warwick International Higher Education Academy, noting that this was a joint initiative with Monash University.
 - (ii) That the Academy was a clear demonstration of Warwick's genuine greater commitment to enhancing teaching and learning, offering unprecedented opportunities for staff to engage in international debate and development in teaching and learning.
 - (iii) That the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) had been instrumental in the establishment of the Academy.
- (g) Double Masters Degree with the University of Waterloo
- (i) That in association with the University of Waterloo in Canada, Warwick was now offering students a new double degree in global politics, it being noted that students would spend a year in each country.
 - (ii) That the degree would combine Waterloo's Master of Arts in Global Governance programme (based at the Balsillie School of International Affairs), with the choice of one of ten Masters programmes offered by the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS) at Warwick.
- (h) Global Research Priorities Programme (GRP) Overseas Events
- (i) That the first of Warwick's international GRP events had taken place in Singapore in April 2015 focusing on Twenty-First Century Technologies for Health.
 - (ii) That earlier in May 2015, Warwick had visited Hong Kong and Beijing for the second event focusing on innovative manufacturing.
 - (iii) That it was the explicit intention of these activities to promote long term engagement between Warwick and key locations overseas, noting that both events had received substantial interest.
- (i) Capital Plan Developments
- (i) National Automotive Innovation Centre (NAIC)
(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)
 - (ii) Teaching and Learning Building
 - A. That plans for the new Teaching and Learning Building were also progressing well.
 - B. That consultation with academic colleagues on the design and technology to be incorporated into the teaching spaces would be undertaken shortly.
 - C. That work had commenced on site in March 2015, with completion scheduled for the start of the 2016-2017 academic year.

(j) General Election Result

- (i) That in relation to the Conservative Party winning the General Election, it was worth recalling the Conservative manifesto pledges, noting that these included a postgraduate loan scheme and a teaching REF.
- (ii) That whilst a cut in tuition fees, with all the attendant financial turbulence was no longer anticipated, the next two years would still present a considerable financial challenge given the Government's austerity challenge.

(k) Cheltenham Science Festival

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor and President)

- (i) That Warwick would have an exciting and large presence at the Cheltenham Science Festival taking place on 7 – 12 June 2015, noting that approximately 80 Warwick staff from the Science Faculty would be involved over the five days.
- (ii) That, should their schedules permit, he would encourage members of the Council to attend.

107/14-15 Registrar and Chief Operating Officer's Business

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Deputy Registrar on behalf of the Registrar and Chief Operating Officer.

(a) Chairs of University Committees Higher Education Code of Governance
(minute 75/14-15 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (i) That the revised CUC Higher Education Code of Governance ('CUC Code') was published in December 2014, noting that this was discussed at the February 2015 meeting of the Council.
- (ii) That the Audit Committee had considered the CUC Code at its 9 April 2015 meeting, resolving that the University's current practice should be mapped against the code to identify whether any amendments would be required to the University's code of governance.
- (iii) That this mapping exercise had subsequently been undertaken, noting that in line with expectations, no significant issues had been identified.
- (iv) That the Audit Committee would consider the detail of this review at its June 2015 meeting, reporting to the July 2015 meeting of the Council.
- (v) That any proposed amendments to the Council Code of Governance would be brought for consideration to the October 2015 meeting of the Council, noting that the revised CUC Code would be reflected in the annual induction for Council members.

(b) Update on the Appointment to the Chair of the Faculty of Arts

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (i) That Professor Simon Gilson had been appointed to the role of Chair of the Faculty of Arts with effect from 1 September 2015.
- (ii) That Professor Simon Gilson had been a Professor in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures since 2010, it being noted that he had served as Head of the Italian Department from 2006-2009 and then Head of the Sub-Faculty of Modern Languages from 2012-2014.

(c) Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Elections

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (i) That Sabbatical Officer elections had taken place in week eight of the summer term, noting that all bar one role had been contested.
- (ii) That the incoming President of the Student's Union would be Isaac Leigh, who was currently the Societies Officer.

(by the President of the Students' Union)

- (iii) That it was disappointing that the diversity of the newly elected officers was not representative of the diversity of the student community, noting however that the appointed part-time Students Union officers were more representative.
- (iv) That it was her hope that the groundwork to increase the diversity of representation in the Students' Union would feed through in the appointment of elected Sabbatical Officers in years to come.
- (v) That a strategic review of the Students' Union had been undertaken in the current academic year, in consultation with students and staff of the Student's Union, and subsequently the wider University staff.
- (vi) That the Students' Union was now in a position to be ambitious, noting that the future strategy would be interesting in the context of a changing student population.

(by the Democracy and Development Officer, Students' Union)

- (vii) That the elections had been well contested, with both the quality of the manifestos, and the high turn-out, being notable.
- (viii) That Warwick remained at the top of the sector with respect to turn out for student elections.
- (ix) That he was confident that a good team had been elected.

(d) Brand

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

That the new University brand had been launched, noting that it was positive to see the new brand in use.

108/14-15 Universities UK Report: Quality, Equity, Sustainability: the Future of Higher Education Regulation

CONSIDERED:

The Universities UK report on 'Quality, Equity, Sustainability: the Future of Higher Education Regulation' setting out proposals for the future of higher education regulation (C.57/14-15), together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar.

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (a) That the report was the outcome of a task and finish group chaired by Professor Simon Gaskell (President and Principal of Queen Mary University of London).
- (b) That the report presented regulation in Higher Education as being in need of reform.
- (c) That the report suggested the need for broader regulation, including in relation to the wider student interest.
- (d) That a super-regulator was proposed, in the form of a new Council for Higher Education for England (CHEE), which it was proposed would evolve from the HEFCE.
- (e) That the proposed new CHEE would include in its remit the role of "receiver" for Higher Education Institutions, in the event that this was required.
- (f) That there was a potential for conflict in the role of a future CHEE as both funder and regulator.
- (g) That the implementation of the proposals set out in the report would require changes to primary legislation.
- (h) That the Audit Committee had considered the report.

(by the Vice-Chancellor and President)

- (i) That the report should be seen in the context of the acknowledged need for a Higher Education Bill to be brought before Parliament, noting that such a Bill was expected to be proposed during the term of the newly elected government.

(by the Pro-Chancellor)

- (j) That the report demonstrated increased pressure to regulate the sector.

RESOLVED:

That the UUK report on 'Quality, Equity, Sustainability: the Future of Higher Education Regulation' (C.57/14-15) be noted.

109/14-15 *California: Progress Report

CONSIDERED:

An oral report from the Provost on progress to establish academic and student activities and a physical presence in California.

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

RESOLVED:

That the oral report from the Provost on progress to establish academic and student activities and a physical presence in California be noted.

110/14-15 Implementation of the University Strategy

CONSIDERED:

A paper outlining the University's approach to strategy implementation (C.58/14-15), together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar.

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

That the paper set out the framework being developed to oversee implementation of the University's 'Looking Forward' strategy, including the revised role of the Steering Committee and the establishment of Strategy Programme Boards to steer initiatives.

RESOLVED:

That the University's approach to strategy implementation as set out in the paper (C.58/14-15) be noted.

111/14-15 Report from the Senate

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED, a report on selected items considered at the meeting of the Senate held on 10 March 2015 (C.59/14-15 {restricted}), together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and President on the following items of business:

- (a) Universities Superannuation Scheme
- (b) California
- (c) Research Income
- (d) Midland Business Award
- (e) Role of the Steering Committee
- (f) University Research Centre for Television History, Heritage and Memory Research
- (g) Establishment of the Warwick International Higher Education Academy
- (h) Ordinances and Regulations: Amendments to Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas and Regulation 8 on Regulations for First Degrees
- (i) Student and Alumni Deaths

112/14-15 *Report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED, with the resolutions set out below, a report from the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC) held on 17 March 2015 (C.60/14-15 {restricted}), together with an oral report from the Treasurer and Group Finance Director on the following items of business:

- (a) *Financial Plan 2015-16

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

(b) Wellesbourne Campus

REPORTED: (by the Group Finance Director)

- (i) That the FGPC had considered a paper on the future of the Wellesbourne campus (FGPC.40/14-15 {restricted}), noting that the restrictive covenants on the development of the site would end on 31 March 2019.
- (ii) That the FGPC had endorsed the proposal to establish a working group, which would include some members of the Council, to develop a detailed options appraisal to inform the longer-term academic and estates strategy for the Wellesbourne campus beyond 31 March 2019.
- (iii) That it was proposed that the working group would report to the Senate and the Council (through the FGPC and University Estate Committee) by December 2015.

(c) Unitemps in Australia

REPORTED: (by the Group Finance Director)

That the FGPC had approved the incorporation of an Australian wholly-owned subsidiary of the University for Unitemps in Australia.

(d) *Conference Centres

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

(e) *Students' Union Pension Fund

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

(f) *Loan Financing

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

(g) *Financial Performance – Q2, 2014-15

(h) *Financial Position Comparison

(i) *Appointment of Fund Manager

(j) *Alan Turing Institute

(k) *Warwick Business School in London

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

113/14-15 Report from the Audit Committee

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED, a report from the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 9 April 2015 (C.61/14-15 {restricted}) on the following items of business:

(a) HEFCE Annual Assessment of Institutional Risk

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chair)

That the Audit Committee had considered the HEFCE's annual assessment of institutional risk (C.61/14-15 {restricted}, Appendix 1, paper AC.36/14-15), it being noted that the University was placed in the 'not at higher risk' category.

- (b) *External Audit Strategy and Planning Memorandum
- (c) *Committee of University Chairs' *Higher Education Code of Governance*
- (d) *UUK report *The Future of Higher Education Regulation*
- (e) *Update reports
- (f) *Internal Audit Progress Summary
- (g) *Risk Management
- (h) *Additional meetings of the Audit Committee

114/14-15 Report from the Equality and Diversity Committee

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED, a report from the meeting of the Equality and Diversity Committee held on 3 February 2015 (C.62/14-15) on the following items of business:

- (a) Athena SWAN Charter Mark
- (b) Race Equality Charter Mark
- (c) Equality and Diversity in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework
- (d) Disabled Student Allowance

115/14-15 Report from the University Health and Safety Executive Committee

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED, a report from the meeting of the University Health and Safety Executive Committee (UHSEC) held on 4 March 2015 (C.63/14-15), together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar on the following items of business:

(a) Avon Building

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (i) That since the meeting of the UHSEC on 4 March 2015, a significant health and safety incident had occurred on campus on 1 April 2015, involving the full collapse of a ceiling, including the rig to support theatre curtains, lighting and sound equipment, within the Drama Studio in the Avon Building on the Westwood campus.
- (ii) That the emergency services had attended the incident, it being noted that no-one was in the building at the time of the incident.
- (iii) That there had been a rapid and active response from Warwick services, noting that once it had been established that no-one had been injured the Security team had secured the room.
- (iv) That the building was known to contain asbestos, noting that post incident air sampling for asbestos fibres confirmed the presence of blue and white asbestos and a specialist removals process was underway.
- (v) That as this type of incident was a reportable incident under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR), the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) had been notified on 2 April 2015.
- (vi) That the HSE Inspector's visit had taken place on 14 April 2015, noting that a number of colleagues from the academic department overseeing the space, as well as senior Health and Safety staff, were interviewed.

- (vii) That in addition, the HSE Inspector interviewed a freelance Theatre Technician who had been involved in fitting equipment to the ceiling rig in question over a number of years.
- (viii) That as there was no obvious evidence that the rig had been overloaded, the HSE Inspector decided to take no further formal action in relation to the ceiling collapse.
- (ix) That the HSE Inspector had, however, provided the Health and Safety Director with informal recommendations which the University would be expected to address in a timely manner.
- (x) That the incident had highlighted the need for greater clarity in the ownership and accountability for both the fabric and equipment within University buildings, noting that the HSE recommendations related to areas such as roles and responsibilities, management of contractors and control of work equipment.
- (xi) That the Health and Safety team were continuing their investigation whilst the asbestos contaminated materials were carefully removed from the room by a licenced asbestos removal company, noting that this process had taken considerable time due to the need for the capture of forensic evidence relating to the initial collapse.
- (xii) That it was anticipated that the room would be cleared of asbestos and handed over to the Estates Office sometime in early June 2015, to enable restoration work to be carried out.
- (xiii) That evidence revealed to date had been assessed by a structural engineering consultancy, noting that this concurred with earlier assessments that the rig was not overloaded and that it appeared the collapse was due to poor construction and installation practices dating back decades.
- (xiv) That the Estates Office were engaging the structural engineering consultancy to carry out a detailed assessment of all similar spaces in order to confirm the safe loading capacity of any similar ceilings/rigs, and to confirm that any fixings or supports used to secure such installations were suitable and sufficient, and in good condition.
- (xv) That the Estates Office and Health and Safety team were working with colleagues from other departments to address the areas of concern raised by the HSE Inspector, noting that this would be achieved through the formal identification and training of nominated individuals across the campus with 'Building Manager' duties.

- (b) Membership and Terms of Reference
- (c) Capital Programme
- (d) Health and Safety Report
- (e) Reports from the Health and Safety Groups: University Health and Safety Committee (UHSC) and University Genetic Modification and Biosafety Committee (GMBSC)
- (f) Forward Plan

116/14-15 Institutional Investment Strategy

REPORTED: (by the Democracy and Development Officer, Students' Union)

That in relation to the University's investment strategy and the Fossil Free Campaign, student representatives, including himself, were working positively with the Treasurer and Group Finance Director, noting that there remained an important strategic decision to be made.

117/14-15 Dates of Future Meetings

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Wednesday, 8 July 2015, at The Shard, London.

118/14-15 Strategic Topic for Discussion: What are the likely implications of the Election Result?

CONSIDERED:

The potential implications of the General Election Result, together with a presentation from the Director of Press and Policy (C.71/14-15).

119/14-15 Report from the University Estate Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the University Estate Committee held on 18 March 2015 (C.64/14-15).

120/14-15 Report from the Research Governance and Ethics Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Research Governance and Ethics Committee held on 12 February 2015 (C.65/14-15).

121/14-15 Report from a Meeting of the Assembly

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Assembly held on 20 April 2015 (C.66/14-15).

122/14-15 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that had been conferred on members of the University since the last ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12 February 2015 (C.67/14-15).

123/14-15 Amendments to University Ordinances

CONSIDERED:

For the first time, proposed amendments to University Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas, as noted by the Senate (C.68/14-15).

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments to University Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas, as noted by the Senate and set out in paper (C.68/14-15), be approved for the first time.

124/14-15 Amendments to University Regulations

CONSIDERED:

Proposed amendments to University Regulation 8 governing the Regulations for First Degrees, as approved by the Senate and set out in paper (C.69/14-15).

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments to University Regulation 8 governing the Regulations for First Degrees, be confirmed as set out in paper (C.69/14-15).

125/14-15 Approvals by the Chair

(a) Membership of Committees of the Council: University Estate Committee

REPORTED:

That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to approve the appointment to the University Estate Committee of Professor David Haddleton (Department of Chemistry) and Professor Sean Hand (School of Modern Languages and Cultures) as academic members with immediate effect until 31 July 2017.

(b) Membership of Committees of the Council: Audit Committee

REPORTED:

That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to approve the appointment to Audit Committee of Ms Gail Tucker as an external member with effect from 1 April 2015 until 31 July 2018.

(c) Membership of Committees of the Council: Research Governance and Ethics Committee

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's Action on behalf of the Council to appoint Dr Pelham Hawker as an external member of the Research Governance and Ethics Committee for a three year period to 31 July 2017.

As at 2 July 2015