

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Wednesday 13 July 2011
at 2.15pm in the Council Chamber, University House

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Registrar

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Please note that the selected papers which should remain private and confidential to Council members and attendees only are clearly denoted with asterisks within the agenda.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL (Green Papers)

Note: The following items and reports are for consideration at the meeting. A summary sheet is provided with each paper setting out in broad terms the content of the paper and the action which the Council is asked to take on each specific item.

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 March 2011 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

Access Agreement (minute 91/10-11 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

The University's Access Agreement for the academic year 2012/13, as submitted to the Office for Fair Access (C.60/10-11, attached).

3. Pro-Chancellor's Business

(a) Conflicts of Interest

TO REPORT:

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.

(b) Strategic Discussion Topics for Meetings of the Council (minute 6/07-08 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

A list of strategic items for discussion at future meetings of the Council (C.61/10-11, attached).

4. Vice-Chancellor's Business

5. Membership of the University Council

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the meeting of the Nominations Committee held on 13 July 2011 together with an oral report from the Pro-Chancellor and the Registrar regarding lay membership of the University Council.

6. Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor including proposals for the appointment of a Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1 September 2011.

7. Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meetings of the Senate held on 15 June 2011 and 6 July 2011 together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor (C.62/10-11, attached).

8. Intellectual Property Committee

TO CONSIDER:

The proposed Terms of Reference of a new joint committee of the Council and the Senate, the Intellectual Property Committee (C.63/10-11, attached).

9. Reports from Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

(a) Building Committee (C.64/10-11, attached).

(b) *Audit Committee (C.65/10-11, attached).

(c) Research Ethics Committee (C.66/10-11, attached).

(d) University Health and Safety Executive Committee (C.67/10-11, attached).

(e) Equality and Diversity Committee (C.68/10-11, attached).

(f) Finance & General Purposes Committee (C.69/10-11, attached).

10. Financial Plan 2011 – 2015

TO CONSIDER:

The University draft Financial Plan for the period through 2014/15 as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Senate (C.70/10-11, attached).

11. University Risk Status Summary Report

TO CONSIDER:

A summary report outlining the current risk status for each of the key risks of the University together with relevant sections of the University Risk Register (C.71/10-11, attached).

12. Effectiveness Review of the Council

TO CONSIDER:

A report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Group on the Effectiveness of the University Council (C.72/10-11, attached).

13. Awards and Distinctions

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the meeting of the Council held on 17 February 2011 (C.73/10-11, attached).

14. Any Other Business

15. Strategic Topic for Discussion: The Higher Education White Paper: Students at the Heart of the System

TO CONSIDER:

(a) The executive summary of the Government's Higher Education White Paper: Students at the Heart of the System (C.74/10-11, attached).

(b) The executive summary of the HEFCE Consultation on Teaching Funding and Student Number Controls (C.75/10-11, attached).

Note: Full versions of both documents can be downloaded from the Council Members' Webpage at www.warwick.ac.uk/go/governance/councilmembers

MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION (Blue Papers)

The following papers are non-controversial or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Council may, however, ask for any of the following items to be transferred to the Agenda for the day by contacting the Registrar (ext: 23708) or Deputy Registrar (ext: 22713) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

16. Reports from Council Committees

Art Collection Committee (C.76/10-11, attached).

17. Future Meeting Dates of the University Council, Timetable for Council Committees and Term Dates

TO CONSIDER:

A list of proposed dates of future meetings of the University Council for the academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14, the timetable of meetings for committees of the Council for the academic year 2011/12 and University term dates until 2021/22 (C.77/10-11, attached).

18. Membership and Terms of Reference of the Advisory Board of the Warwick Business School

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed revisions to the membership and terms of reference of the Advisory Board of the Warwick Business School (C.78/10-11, attached).

19. Gift Acceptance Policy

TO RECEIVE:

The University's Gift Acceptance Policy, as approved by the Steering Committee (C.79/10-11, attached).

20. Register of Members' Interests

TO REPORT:

That a copy of the Register of Interests of members of the University Council is available from the Deputy Registrar's Office and that the University would be writing to each of those members of the Council who would continue to serve in 2011/12 to update existing information on their interests.

21. Amendments to University Ordinances

TO CONSIDER:

For the first time, proposed amendments to the following University Ordinances, as recommended by the Senate (C.80/10-11, attached):

- (a) University Ordinance 7 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties.
- (b) University Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas.

22. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to the following University Regulations, as recommended by the Senate (C.81/10-11, attached):

- (a) University Regulation 8.12 governing appeals relating to decisions of final-year undergraduate boards of examiners.
- (b) University Regulation 38 governing Research Degrees.

23. Approvals by the Chair

TO REPORT:

That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's Action on behalf of the Council to approve the appointment of Professor Victor Zammit to serve on University Research Ethics Committee as one of the two co-opted internal members, appointed on the recommendation of the Senate.

All members of the Council and attendees at the meeting are reminded that papers circulated for consideration at the meeting remain confidential to the University and should not be circulated or discussed outside the University community.

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