

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2009
at 2.15pm in the Council Chamber, University House

Jon F Baldwin
Registrar

A G E N D A

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 11 December 2008 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

3. Pro-Chancellor's Business

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

TO RECEIVE:

A list of strategic items for discussion at future meetings of the Council (C.39/08-09, attached).

5. Vice-Chancellor's Business

6. Membership of the University Council

TO REPORT:

That nominations for lay members of the University Council have been invited from all members of the University Council.

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Pro-Chancellor and the Registrar, following the meeting of the Nominations Committee held immediately prior to the meeting of the Council, on the progress of the Nominations Committee in identifying new lay members of the University Council.

7. Recurrent Funding 2009/10

TO RECEIVE:

A copy of the letter from the HEFCE on the recurrent grant allocation to the University for the academic year 2009/10 and a report outlining the implications for the University (C.40/08-09, attached) together with an oral report from the Registrar.

8. Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meeting of the Senate held on 11 March 2009 together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor (C.41/08-09, attached).

9. Reports from Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Finance & General Purposes Committee Part 1 (C.42/08-09 {Part 1}, attached).
- (b) Building Committee (C.43/08-09, attached).
- (c) *Audit Committee (C.44/08-09, attached).
- (d) University Health and Safety Executive Committee (C.45/08-09, attached).

10. 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.46/08-09, attached).

11. Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors

TO REPORT:

Following the new arrangements formally approved by the Council in October 2008, the Committee for the Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors would include the following:

- (a) Senate representatives as approved by the Steering Committee on behalf of the Senate at its meeting held on 9 February 2009:

Professor P Mack (English and Comparative Literary Studies)
Professor J Seville (Engineering)
Professor C Hughes (Sociology)

- (b) A lay member of the Council as approved by the Pro-Chancellor on behalf of the Council:

Ms Trudi Elliott

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

12. Review of Devolved Departments

TO REPORT:

That the Steering Committee had approved the following individuals to serve on the Devolved Department Review Group:

Professor M Whitby (Chair)

Professor Sir John Temple

Professor C Sparrow (Senate, FPSC and FGPC) – Science

Professor A MacFarlane – Arts

Professor C Hughes (Senate and Head of Department) – Social Studies

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Deputy Registrar outlining the proposed Terms of Reference for the review of Devolved Departments (C.47/08-09, attached).

13. Any Other Business

14. Strategic Topic for Discussion: Warwick: Navigating the Recession

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Vice-Chancellor outlining the University's current economic position in association with the strategic plan, a number of possible scenarios, and key issues to be considered (C.48/08-09, to follow).

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.

15. Student Members of the Council

TO REPORT:

That Mr Andrew Bradley, a student from the Department of Politics and International Studies, has been elected President of the Union of Students for the academic year 2009/2010 and that Mr Andy Perkins, a student from the Department of Economics, has been elected as the second student member of the Council for the academic year 2009/2010.

16. Reports from Council Committees

- (a) Finance and General Purposes Committee Part 2 (C.42/08-09 {Part 2}, attached)
- (b) Equality and Diversity Committee (C.49/08-09, attached).
- (c) University Research Ethics Committee (C.50/08-09, attached).
- (d) *Honorary Degrees Committee (C.51/08-09, attached).

17. Awards and Distinctions

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the last meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2008 (C.52/08-09, attached).

18. Amendments to University Ordinances

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) For the second time, proposed amendments to University Ordinance 13 (C.53/08-09, attached).
- (b) For the first time, proposed amendments to University Ordinance 7 (C.54/08-09, attached).

19. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to University Regulations (C.55/08-09, attached).

20. Deeds

TO REPORT:

That, in accordance with Council minute 33/77-78, a copy of the deeds executed on behalf of the Council since the meeting of the Council on 19 March 2008 is available for consultation in the registry and will be attached to the minutes in the official minute book (C.56/08-09, paper will not be circulated).

21. Date of Next Meeting of the University Council

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the University Council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 8 July 2009 at the University.

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.