

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL and SENATE

Minutes of the extraordinary joint meeting of the Council and Senate held on Wednesday 19  
March 2008

Present: Mr J Leighfield (Chair), Professor S Bassnett, Professor L Bridges, Professor A Caesar, Professor Y Carter, Sir George Cox, Professor J Davey, Professor T Docherty, Professor A Easton, Professor M Finn, Mr M Greenlees, Mr J Higgins, Professor R Higgott, Professor K Lamberts, Professor R Lindley, Professor P Mack, Professor S B Palmer, Mr A Rivett, Mr N Sanders, Professor N Thrift, Professor M Whitby, Mr B Woods-Scawen, Professor V Zammit.

Apologies: Mr R Chung, Mr P Dunne, Mrs P Egan, Ms D Foster, Mr D Holmes, Mr J Kirby, Mr G Lyons, Mr K Muthalagappan, Professor M Smith, Professor Sir John Temple, Miss R Thorne, Mr P Varney, Director of Estates.

In Attendance: Registrar, Director of Finance, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar, Ms Y Salter Wright, Mr G Bennett.

62/07-08 Appointment of the Chancellor

REPORTED:

- (a) That, at the joint meeting of the Council and the Senate held on 11 July 2007, the University's current Chancellor, Sir Nick Scheele, was re-appointed for a further period of one year from 1 August 2007 until 31 July 2008.
- (b) That, at that joint meeting, a committee was established to bring forward a recommendation to the Senate and the Council for the appointment of a Chancellor of the University to succeed Sir Nick Scheele with effect from 1 August 2008.
- (c) That, in accordance with revisions to University Statute 3, the Chancellor is appointed by the Council and the Senate sitting in joint session.

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Pro-Chancellor outlining the person specification and role of the Chancellor agreed by the Committee established in July 2007 to bring forward a recommendation to the Senate and the Council for the appointment of a Chancellor of the University as follows:

- (a) The appointee would:
  - (i) Be widely recognised as a leading national or international figure in his or her chosen field and preferably command a strong reputation beyond that field.
  - (ii) Appeal to and act as a role model for all the stakeholders of the University, including its students and staff, and our local, regional, national and international partners.

- (iii) Have an understanding of the University's profile and current and future aspirations and a commitment or empathy with the principles underpinning the University's strategy.
  - (iv) Possesses a range of useful cross-disciplinary high-level contacts and the ability to cultivate other similar contacts to the benefit of the University.
- (b) The role of the University Chancellor would be as follows:
- (i) To act as a positive national and international ambassador for the University, in both a public and private capacity, and at the Warwick campus and away from the University.
  - (ii) To perform University ceremonial duties where required throughout the year at the University campus.
  - (iii) To be able to provide counsel to the University in the context of the role of Chancellor where appropriate.
  - (iv) To host development activities, both domestic and international, and be able to provide positive support in securing major gifts and grants for the University from potential donors.
  - (v) To have an understanding of the Chancellor's role relative to the Chair of Council and the Vice-Chancellor.
  - (vi) To commit six or seven occasions each year to University business and activities at the University, in addition to attendance at degree ceremonies, and represent the University on the national and international stage from time to time.

CONSIDERED:

In accordance with the provisions of the revised University Statute 3, a report from the Committee established to bring forward a recommendation to the Senate and the Council for the appointment of a Chancellor (C.48/07-08).

RESOLVED:

That, with the unanimous support of those members present at the meeting, the Council and the Senate approve the recommendation of the Committee that Mr Richard Lambert, Director-General of the CBI, be appointed as the next Chancellor of the University for the period of 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2013 to succeed Sir Nick Scheele.