

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 October 2005

Present: Mr J Leighfield (Chair), Mr M Angle, Professor S Bassnett, Professor L Bridges, Professor A Caesar, Mr C Foy, Professor A Harris (not present for the vote of the Council), Mr J Higgins, Professor J Jones, Professor R Lindley, Professor A McFarlane, Mr T Monnington, Professor S B Palmer, Mr L Parks, Mr N Sanders, Professor M Smith, Ms K Stark, Professor D VandeLinde, Mr P Varney, Mr T E H Walker, Professor M Whitby, Mr B Woods-Scawen.

Apologies: Professor Y Carter, Sir George Cox, Mr M Greenlees, Miss V Gooding, Ms S J Hobson, Mrs S Stubbs, Professor Sir John Temple, Miss R Thorne.

In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Acting Finance Director, Director of Academic and Student Affairs, Director of Communication, Director of Development and Alumni, Director of Estates, Director of Personnel, Registrar, University Secretary, Head of Press and Media Relations, Project Manager (Singapore Feasibility Study), Finance Project Manager (Singapore Feasibility Study), Ms N Snodgrass.

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CONSIDERED:

- (a) The final Singapore Feasibility Study Report (C.17/05-06).
- (b) The Financial Data for the Feasibility Study.
- (c) The KPMG report on the Singapore Feasibility Study Financial Model (C.20/05-06).
- (d) Financial information on the Feasibility Study presenting a series of feasible scenarios relating to cash flow, surpluses and deficits (C.21/05-06, tabled at the meeting).
- (e) Two letters from the Chairman of the Singapore Economic Development Board dated 7 and 10 October respectively, concerning issues relating to research funding and academic freedom (C.18/05-06).
- (f) A report from the meeting of the Senate held on 12 October 2005 on its consideration of the Singapore Feasibility Study Report (C.19/05-06).
- (g) In the light of items (a) to (f) above the motion that, on the basis of the findings of the Feasibility Study, the University develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) as a precursor to a formal contractual agreement on the development of a second campus in Singapore, which would be presented to both the Senate and the Council for consideration and approval prior to signing.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council reaffirm the University of Warwick's commitment to development in Asia as an integral part of its international strategy.
- (b) That the Council welcome the work undertaken on the Feasibility Study and the strong support of the Economic Development Board of Singapore but, in the absence of a positive commitment from the academic community, that the University not proceed with the plan for a second comprehensive campus of the University of Warwick in Singapore.
- (c) That the University continue discussions within the academic community and with the Economic Development Board of Singapore with a view to bringing forward an alternative plan for academic development in Singapore which would command the support of the Senate and the Council.
- (d) That the Vice-Chancellor establish a group to take forward discussions on an alternative academic plan for Singapore as outlined in (c) above.

Note: In the light of extensive discussion at the meeting and following a show of hands from all members of the Council present at the conclusion of discussion (21) with 18 in favour, none opposed, 3 abstentions.