

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 June 2005

Present: Mr J Leighfield (Chair), Professor S Bassnett, Professor A Caesar, Professor Y Carter, Mr I Caulfield, Sir George Cox, Professor R G Dyson, Mr C Foy, Mr J Higgins, Professor J Jones, Professor R Lindley, Mr S Lucas, Mr T Monnington, Professor S B Palmer, Mr N Sanders, Professor D VandeLinde, Mr P Varney, Professor M Whitby, Mr B Woods-Scawen, Mr N Young.

Apologies: Mr M Angle, Councillor D Arrowsmith, Professor M Cooper, Mr M Greenlees, Ms V Gooding, Professor A Harris, Ms S J Hobson, Professor A McFarlane, Sir John Temple, Ms R Thorne, Mr T E H Walker.

In Attendance: Dr I Nussey, Academic Registrar, Acting Finance Director, Director of Estates, Director of Student and Academic Affairs, Registrar, University Secretary, Mr E Harcourt, Mr W Middleton, Ms N Snodgrass.

The Council observed a few moments' silence in memory of Mr Peter Dodd, a long serving lay member of the University Council who held the position of Treasurer of the University between 1998 and 2004 and who passed away on 18 June 2005.

The Council recorded its congratulations to Sir George Cox on the award of his knighthood and to Mr John Higgins on the award of his CBE in the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

72/04-05 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 March 2005 be approved.

73/04-05 Warwick in Asia

CONSIDERED:

The interim feasibility study report on the Warwick in Asia Project (C.51/04-05) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and an oral report and presentation from the Registrar.

REPORTED:

(by the Pro-Chancellor)

- (a) That a document setting out the key points raised in discussion at the meeting of the Council would be compiled for circulation alongside the interim feasibility study report for the meeting of the Senate at its meeting on 29 June.
- (b) That an extraordinary meeting of the Council to consider the final feasibility study report would be held on Tuesday 18 October at 2pm.

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (c) That representatives from the Economic Development Board of Singapore (EDB) were visiting the University on 22 June to discuss the financial plan element of the feasibility study.
- (d) That the first draft of the final feasibility study report was expected to be complete prior to the visit of University representatives to Singapore from 12 to 14 September.
- (e) That an extraordinary meeting of the Senate to consider the final Singapore feasibility study report would be held on Wednesday 12 October.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the interim feasibility study report be welcomed and the Project Team congratulated on the quality and clarity of the Report.
- (b) That the views and comments of the Council on the key points to be taken into account and addressed, as appropriate, in the final feasibility study report be as set out in the document to be compiled for the consideration of the Senate at its meeting on 29 June.

74/04-05 Joint Committee on the Appointment of the Vice-Chancellor

RECEIVED:

- (a) A copy of Ordinance 1 Governing the Procedure for the Appointment of Successors to the First Vice-Chancellor (C.52/04-05).
- (b) An oral report from the Pro-Chancellor on appointments to membership of the Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate to be established to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor of the University in succession to Professor David VandeLinde.

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

- (a) That Sir John Temple, Miss Rosemary Thorne and Mr Chris Foy had agreed to serve as the three lay members of the Committee appointed by the Council and Ms Susan Baines, Director of Warwick HRI, as the non-academic member of the Joint Committee appointed by the Council.
- (b) That at its meeting on 15 June the Senate appointed Professors Michael Whitby, Andrew Easton and Annie Phizacklea to membership of the Committee, and Ms Kat Stark, incoming President of the Union, as the student representative on the Joint Committee.
- (c) That he had written to all members of the University Council, members of staff of the University and the Sabbatical Officers of the Union of Students to canvass their views on the appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor of the University.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Sir John Temple, Miss Rosemary Thorne, Mr Chris Foy and Ms Susan Baines be endorsed as the appointees of the Council on the Joint Committee established to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor of the University in succession to Professor David VandeLinde.
- (b) That members of the Council be encouraged to forward any comments on the appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor of the University to the Pro-Chancellor.

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