

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 September 2005

Present: Mr J Leighfield (Chair), Professor S Bassnett, Professor L Bridges, Professor Y Carter, Mr C Foy, Miss V Gooding, Professor A Harris Mr J Higgins, Professor R Lindley, Mr T Monnington, Professor S B Palmer, Mr L Parks, Mr N Sanders, Professor M Smith, Ms K Stark, Professor Sir John Temple, Professor D VandeLinde, Mr B Woods-Scawen.

Apologies: Mr M Angle, Professor A Caesar, Sir George Cox, Mr M Greenlees, Ms S J Hobson, Professor J Jones, Professor A McFarlane, Mrs S Stubbs, Miss R Thorne, Mr P Varney, Mr T E H Walker, Professor M Whitby.

In Attendance: Director of Academic and Student Affairs, Registrar, University Secretary, Ms N Snodgrass.

1/05-06 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2005 be approved.

2/05-06 Appointment of Lay Members of the Council

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

That the Nominations Committee was taking steps to identify two further lay members of the Council in anticipation of the approval by the Privy Council of changes to Statutes relating to the constitution of the Council.

3/05-06 University Research Code of Conduct

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

That he had taken action on behalf of the Council to approve a further minor amendment to the University Research Code of Conduct, approved by the Council at its last meeting on 19 July, to provide for the removal from paragraph 3.3 of the Code to reference to the Registrar as certificate holder of the University.

4/05-06 Student Recruitment October 2005/06

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor on the anticipated position in regard to undergraduate and postgraduate student recruitment and take up of residential accommodation for the academic year 2005/06 noting that it was expected that undergraduate and postgraduate admissions targets would be met and in some cases exceeded.

5/05-06 Report from the Senate

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED a report from the meeting of the Senate held on 28 September 2005 (C.1/05-06) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor on the following items of business discussed at the meeting of the Senate:

- (a) RAE 2008 and the University's concerns about the RAE methodology
- (b) NHS Institute and collaboration with the University
- (c) Progress in remodelling Millburn House
- (d) The anticipated negative impact of Home Office Policy on Immigrant and Visa Applications on overseas student recruitment.
- (e) HEIF 3 and the anticipated award to the University of £2.5 funding under the scheme over a two year period.
- (f) TRAC/fEC and the steps taken by the University to address issues raised by KPMG over the University's costings methodology.
- (g) The success of the International Childrens' Games held in early July 2005.

6/05-06 Governing Instruments Committee (minute 81/04-05 refers)

CONSIDERED:

For the second time, proposed changes to the University Charter and Statutes arising from the introduction of the new University governance model approved by the Senate and the Council at their meetings in the Spring term 2004/05 (C.2/05-06).

RESOLVED:

For the second time and in accordance with clauses 24 and 25 of the University Charter, that proposed amendments to the University Charter and Statutes be approved as set out in paper C.2/05-06 and submitted to the Privy Council for approval subject to the following addition to clause 4(k) of the Charter (amendment underlined):

- 4(k) To institute academic positions ~~Professorships, Readerships and Lectureships~~, and other offices of any kind and whether academic or not as may be required by the University; to appoint persons to and to remove them from such offices and to prescribe their conditions of service.

7/05-06 Code of Corporate Governance

CONSIDERED:

- (a) The University's Code of Practice on Corporate Governance (C.3/05-06).
- (b) Proposed arrangements for the circulation and distribution of Council papers (C.4/05-06).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the University Code of Corporate Governance be approved and adopted as set out in paper C.3/05-06.
- (b) That the proposed arrangements for the circulation and distribution of Council papers be approved as set out in paper (C.4/05-06).

Membership of the University Council and Council Committees

RECEIVED:

A statement of the membership of the Council for the 2005/2006 academic year incorporating the changes proposed to the academic and lay membership of the Council proposed under the new revised Statutes (C.5/05-06).

CONSIDERED:

- (a) Proposed revisions to the constitution of Council Committees (C.6/05-06).
- (b) The membership of Council Committees for the 2005/2006 academic year (C.7/05-06).

RESOLVED:

- (a) Honorary Degrees Committee

That, subject to the approval of changes to University Statutes by the Privy Council to vest responsibility for the award of honorary degrees with the Senate rather than the Council, the constitution of the Honorary Degrees Committee be revised to render it a joint committee of the Council and the Senate with terms of reference as set out below:

Terms of Reference

- (a) To consider and make recommendations to the Senate on the names of persons on whom it is proposed to confer honorary degrees.
- (b) To consider and make recommendations on the names of persons on whom it is proposed to confer the Chancellor's Medal.

- (b) Research Ethics Committee

That the constitution of the Research Ethics Committee be revised to provide for the appointment of a senior member of academic staff with expertise in the field of Medicine rather than Clinical Sciences as currently provided for within the constitution of the Committee.

- (c) Membership of Council Committees for the Academic Year 2005/2006

That the membership of Committees of the Council for the academic year 2005/2006 be as set out in the appendix attached to the copy of the minutes in the official minute book.

9/05-06

Risk Management

CONSIDERED:

A report on the identification of the University's significant risks for 2005/2006 (C.8/05-06).

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

That the identification of the key risks facing the University and approval and support for the steps being taken to address those risks was an important responsibility of the Council.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the list of risks highlighted in the report be approved as representing the key risks facing the University in the coming year;
- (b) That the management measures being taken to address those risks be approved as outlined in the report;
- (c) That the steps being taken to develop the University's risk management processes be supported and approved as outlined in the report.
- (d) That the report be commended as a model of clarity and brevity.

10/05-06

Report from the Remuneration Committee

CONSIDERED:

A Report from the meetings of the Remuneration Committee held on 26 July and 12 September 2005 (C.9/05-06).

Senior Staff Salary Review

RECEIVED:

The Committee's Report on the process and conduct of the University senior staff salary review in 2005.

11/05-06

Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that had been conferred on members of the University since the last meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2005 (C.10/05-06).

REPORTED:

That the following distinctions had been awarded to members of the University since the papers for the meeting had been circulated:

- (a) Professor Steve Thornton of the Warwick Medical School had been invited to join the Medical Research Council College of Experts.

- (b) Emeritus Professor George Rowlands of the Department of Physics had been awarded the Andrzej Sottana Medal for distinguished research with the theory group of the Sottan Institute for Nuclear Studies in Poland.
- (c) Dr Valerie Nakariakov of the Department of Physics had been elected to the Solar Physics Board of the Joint Astrophysics Division of the European Astronomical Society and the European Physical Society.

12/05-06 Warwick in Asia

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor on the timetable for circulation to members of the Council of the final set of documentation relating to the Singapore Feasibility Study and the schedule of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Senate and the Council to consider the Feasibility Study Report.

13/05-06 Register of Members' Interests

RECEIVED:

A copy of the Register of Interests of Members of the University Council for the academic year 2005/2006 (C.11/05-06).

14/05-06 Amendments to University Ordinances

CONSIDERED:

- (a) For the second time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances 7, 11, 12 and 14 (C.12/05-06).
- (b) For the first time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 24 (C.13/05-06).

RESOLVED:

- (a) For the second time, that proposed amendments to University Ordinances 7, 11 and 14 be approved as set out in paper C.12/05-06.
- (b) For the second time, that proposed amendments to University Ordinance 12 governing the Appointment of Chairs of Departments be approved as set out in paper C.12/05-06 subject to revision to include the Registrar in membership of the Committee on the Appointment of Heads of Department.
- (c) For the first time, that proposed amendments to University Ordinances 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 24 be approved as set out in paper C.13/05-06).

15/05-06 Amendments to University Regulations

CONSIDERED:

Proposed amendments to University Regulations (C.14/05-06).

RESOLVED:

That proposed changes to University Regulations 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.3, 7, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10, 8.12, 9.1, 9.6, 10.1, 11, 13, 14 (A to I), 14.1(7), 14.2(6), 14.3(6), 15, 16, 17, 19.2, 22.2, 22.3, 27, 39, 31(3), 32 and 33 be approved as set out in paper C.14/05-06.