

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 29 November 2005.

Present: Mr J Leighfield (Chair), Mr M Angle, Professor L Bridges, Professor Y Carter, Mr C Foy, Professor A Harris, Professor J D S Jones, Professor R Lindley, Professor A McFarlane, Mr T Monnington, Professor S B Palmer, Mr N Sanders, Professor M Smith, Ms K Stark, Mr P Varney, Professor M Whitby.

Apologies: Professor S Bassnett, Professor A Caesar, Ms V Gooding, Mr J Higgins, Ms S J Hobson, Ms S Stubbs, Sir John Temple, Ms R Thorne, Mr T E H Walker, Mr B Woods-Scawen.

In Attendance: Registrar, University Secretary.

Appointment of a New Vice-Chancellor

REPORTED:

- (a) That Statute 5(2) provides that the successors to the first Vice-Chancellor be appointed by the Council, after consultation with the Senate, at a meeting especially called for the purpose.
- (b) That Ordinance 1 on the Procedure for the Appointment of Successors to the First Vice-Chancellor provides (inter alia):
 - (i) On notice of a vacancy in the Vice-Chancellorship the Council shall invite the senate to join with it in establishing a Joint Committee of the two bodies to consider the position and to recommend an appointment to fill the vacancy.
 - (ii) The Joint committee shall comprise the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chair of the Committee, three lay members of the Council appointed by the Council, three members of academic staff appointed by the Senate, one non-academic member of staff appointed by the Council and one registered student of the University appointed by the Senate.
 - (iii) The Joint Committee shall submit its recommendations in the first instance to a joint meeting of the Council and the Senate especially convened for the purpose.
 - (iv) If the recommendations are approved by the joint meeting they shall be submitted to the meeting of the Council called under Statute 5(2).
- (c) That, following the announcement of the resignation of Professor David VandeLinde, a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate was established in accordance with Ordinance 1.

CONSIDERED:

In accordance with the provisions of Statute 5(2) and Ordinance 1, the report from the Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate (laid on the table).

REPORTED (by the Pro-Chancellor):

That he had been asked by the joint meeting of the Senate and Council, established under (b)(iii) above, to convey to the Council the support of the meeting for the recommendations set out in the report of the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED:

That Professor Nigel Thrift, currently Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research at the University of Oxford, be appointed to the post of Vice-Chancellor, with the title of Professor in the University, at a date yet to be confirmed but no later than 1 August 2006 for a period of five years in the first instance.

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