

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 March 2003

Present: Mr J P Leighfield (in the Chair), Mr M Angle, Councillor S Bains, Professor S Bassnett, Professor A Caesar, Mr I Caulfield, Mr P Dodd, Professor R G Dyson, Councillor R Grant, Ms S J Hobson, Mr C Howgrave-Graham, Professor J Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor R Lindley, Professor M McCrae, Professor S B Palmer, Mr G Stokes, Professor D VandeLinde, Mr P Varney, Professor M Whitby, Mr B Woods-Scawen, Ms Y Zhabina.

Apologies: Professor M Cooper, Mr C Foy, Ms V Gooding, Mr G Jones, Professor A Mullender, Mr T E H Walker.

Minutes

32/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 December 2002 be approved.

33/02-03 Lay Membership of the Council (minute 19/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

- (a) That, following written consultation with all members of the Council, the recommendation of the Nominations Committee that Ms Rosemary Thorne, Group Finance Director of the Bradford and Bingley Building Society be appointed to lay membership of the Council and the Audit Committee for the period to 31 July 2005 had been approved by the Council.
- (b) That the Nominations Committee was currently giving consideration to bringing forward a name to fill the remaining vacant position in lay membership of the Council.

34/02-03 Horticulture Research International (minute 20/02-03 refers)

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Registrar on the progress of discussions with Horticulture Research International (HRI) and DEFRA on the future development of the relationship between the University and HRI noting that, pending a ministerial announcement on the future of HRI, it was expected that an outline agreement between the University and HRI would be brought forward for approval by the Senate and the Council.

35/02-03 Appointment of University Librarian

REPORTED:

That in accordance with Statute 10, the Pro-Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Council, had taken action to adopt the recommendation of the Appointment Committee established for the purpose and the Steering Committee, acting on behalf of the Senate, that Ms Anne Bell, Acting Director of Information Services and Systems at King's College London, be appointed to the post of University Librarian with effect from 2 June 2003.

36/02-03 Careers Advisory Board

REPORTED:

That the Pro-Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Council, had taken action to approve the appointment of Mr John Minards to the membership of the Careers Advisory Board.

37/02-03 Arts Faculty Advisory Board

REPORTED:

That the Pro-Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Council, had taken action to approve the appointment of Mr B Woods-Scawen as Chair of the Arts Faculty Advisory Board.

38/02-03 Award of Honorary Degrees July 2003

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Chancellor)

That the following persons had accepted the University's invitation to receive honorary degrees at the degree congregations to be held in July 2003:

Lord Alexander (LLD)
Professor Sir George Bain (LLD)
Professor John Burland (DSc)
Professor Patrick Collinson (DLitt)
Professor E Dynkin (DSc)
Mr John Humphrys (LLD)
The Honorable Elsie Leung (LLD)
Sir Jonathan Porrit
Mr Tim Smit (DLitt)

39/02-03 Government White Paper

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor on the continuing national debate on higher education, following the publication of the Government White Paper in January, including widening participation, access and admissions issues and the introduction of a funding supplement for departments rated 5* in the 1996 and 2001 Research Assessment Exercises.

40/02-03 Recurrent Funding 2003/2004

RECEIVED:

A copy of the letter from the HEFCE concerning the recurrent grant allocation to the University for the academic year 2003/2004 together with a note prepared by the Finance Director and the Senior Assistant Registrar (Planning) on the implications of the recurrent settlement on the University's Financial Plan (C.21/02-03) and an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and the Finance Director noting that the recurrent grant allocation for teaching and research was £1.5 million greater than those included in the Financial Plan largely due to an increase in the research grant, an increase in earmarked funding to support Human Resources and a 4.5% real increase in Teacher Training Agency core funding.

41/02-03 Estate Development Plan Review

CONSIDERED:

A joint report from the Strategy and Building Committees on the Estate Development Plan Review (C.22/02-03).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, bearing in mind its deep, open-plan design, the opportunity it affords for being a significant integrating feature for the future development of the campus linking Westwood to the main site and as a focus of new activity, National Grid House be designate to create an open access student learning and resource centre, to co-locate appropriate student service functions and to rehouse central administrative and related functions, including all those currently based in Senate House and the Estates Office.
- (b) That the precise schedule of those activities to be relocated to National Grid House and the space to be allocated to them be determined after further consultation with the relevant parties by the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar for agreement by the Accommodation Review Group.
- (c) That the broader proposals set out in the Development Plan Review for providing a framework for the long term physical expansion and development of the University Estate and the further work and

consultation to be undertaken before preparation of a final draft of the Development Plan for approval by the Strategy and Building Committees and the Council be noted.

42/02-03 Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors

REPORTED:

That the current periods of office of Professors Bassnett and Dyson as Pro-Vice-Chancellors would expire on 30 September 2003.

CONSIDERED:

Proposed revisions to the arrangements for the appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors (C.23/02-03).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed revisions to the arrangements for the appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors be approved as set out in paper C.23/02-03.
- (b) That the proposed revision to Ordinance 3 and rescinding of Regulation 1 be approved as set out in paper C.23/02-03.
- (c) That the revised procedures for the appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors be introduced in the summer term 2002/2003 in order to identify nominations for appointment to the vacancies arising in the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor on 1 October 2003.
- (d) That the Council note the establishment by the Senate, at its meeting on 13 March, of the Advisory Committee on the Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors with the membership set out below, subject to the approval by the Council of the new arrangements for the appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

R Freedman (Chair)
Professor K Lamberts
Professor A Phizacklea
Professor M Whitby

43/02-03 Report from the Senate

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED:

Reports from the meeting of the Senate held on 12 March 2003 (C.24/02-03 Part 1 and Part 2).

Engineering Development Group Report

CONSIDERED:

The report of the consideration of the Senate of the Report from the Engineering Development Review Group (SC.81/02-03 {part}) and the resolutions and recommendations of the Senate regarding the strategic development and the structure and management of the School of Engineering.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Statute 17, the current arrangements for the structure and management of the School of Engineering be continued until 31 July 2007.

44/02-03

Reports from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

(a) Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 6 February 2003

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED:

Reports from the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6 February 2003 (C.25/02-03 Part 1 and C.25/02-03 Part 2).

National Grid House: Funding of Acquisition

CONSIDERED:

A paper prepared by the Finance Director reporting on the progress made towards arranging funding for the proposed acquisition of National Grid House (FGPC41/02-03).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the purchase of National Grid House be approved at the price indicated in the Committee's report.
- (b) That the loan offer from the Royal Bank of Scotland/Nat West be accepted and that the Finance Director be authorised to sign the loan documentation in due course.
- (c) That the Finance Director present a paper to the Finance and General Purposes Committee at a future meeting on potential interest rate hedging arrangements.

(b) Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 13 March 2003

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED:

Reports from the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 13 March 2003 (C.26/02-03 Part 1 and C.26/02-03 Part 2).

45/02-03 Report from the Audit Committee

CONSIDERED and ADOPTED:

A report from the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 7 March 2003 (C.27/02-03) together with an oral report from the Chair of the Committee.

46/02-03 Report from the Remuneration Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Remuneration Committee held on 13 January 2003 (C.28 /02-03).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the process and conduct of the senior staff salary review be noted.
- (b) That the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee that a review be conducted of the award of honoraria to staff appointed to senior management positions in the University be approved.

47/02-03 Appointment of Lay Members of the Council 2003 - 2006

REPORTED:

- (a) That the period of office of the following lay members of Council would expire on 31 July 2003:

Mr C Howgrave-Graham
Mr G Stokes
Mr T E H Walker

- (b) That nominations for lay members of the Council are invited from all members of the University.

- 48/02-03 Report from the Building Committee
- CONSIDERED and ADOPTED:
- A report from the meeting of the Building Committee held on 27 February 2003 (C.29/02-03).
- 49/02-03 Report from the Safety Committee
- CONSIDERED and ADOPTED:
- A report from the meeting of the Safety Committee held on 14 February 2003 (C.30/02-03).
- 50/02-03 Report from the Art Collection Committee
- CONSIDERED and ADOPTED:
- A report from the meeting of the Art Collection Committee held on 21 January 2003 (C.31/02-03).
- 51/02-03 Awards and Distinctions
- RECEIVED:
- A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the last meeting of the Council held on 13 December 2002 (C.32/02-03).
- 52/02-03 Student Members of the Council
- REPORTED:
- That Bob Jones, a 4th year Mathematics and Physics student, had been elected President of the Students' Union for the academic year 2003/2004 and Zhenya Zhabina, a 2nd year Politics student, had been re-elected as the second student member of the Council for the academic year 2003/2004.
- 53/02-03 Deeds
- REPORTED:
- That, in accordance with Council minute 33/77-78, a copy of the deeds executed on behalf of the Council since the meeting of the Council on 22 March 2002 is available for consultation in the registry and will be attached to the minutes in the official minute book (C.33/02-03)

54/02-03 Appointment of Members of the Court

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Council will consider the appointment of three members of the Court at its meeting on Friday 4 July 2003 following the expiry of the current period of office on 31 July 2003 of the following members:

Mr H Dhokia
Mr C Flint
Ms U Russell

- (b) That the continuing members of Court appointed by the Council are as follows:

Mr P Ahm (2004)
Lady Braye (2004)
Dr M Goldstein (2004)
Mr J D M Hearsh (2004)
Councillor N Nolan (2004)
Lady Owen (2005)
Dr H Rees (2004)
Lady Watson (2005)