

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 11 April 2011

Present: Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
Professor S Bruzzi,
Professor A Caesar,
Professor M Finn,
Professor T Jones,
Professor J Labbe,
Professor P Winstanley,
Mr D Stevens.

Apologies: Vice-Chancellor, Professor C Hughes, Professor K Lamberts, Professor M Taylor.

In Attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar (from item 551/10-11), Academic Registrar, Director of HR, Director of Estates, Executive Officer (VC's Office), Acting Head of Governance Support Services (from item 551/10-11), Administrative Officer (Governance).

550/10-11 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2011 be approved.

551/10-11 Wolfson Neurology Initiative Research Proposal (minute 536/10-11 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That a revised research proposal for a Wolfson Institute of Neurotechnology (SC.388/10-11) had been circulated to members for their consideration by correspondence on 31 March 2011.
- (b) That on the basis of the responses received, the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor had taken Chair's Action to approve submission of the proposal.

552/10-11 Consultation on Higher Education Innovation Fund 2011-15 Methodology (minute 465/10-11 refers)

CONSIDERED:

The University's draft response to the HEFCE consultation on the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) 2011-15 methodology (SC.408/10-11).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the University's response to the consultation on the final part of the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) 2011-15 method be approved for submission prior to the deadline of 15 April 2011.
- (b) That a paper by the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Science, the Registrar and the Head of Business Relations, on the mechanism for the internal distribution of funds would be discussed at the next meeting of the Steering Committee on 18 April 2011.

553/10-11 Changes to the Student Immigration System (minute 541/10-11 refers)

RECEIVED:

A letter from the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills outlining further details on the reform of the student immigration system, together with a UUK summary note on the forthcoming changes (SC.396/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Academic Registrar)

That UUK had asked universities to provide feedback on the implications of a five year maximum study period, and the requirement for students wishing to apply for a job with a Tier 2 visa after graduation to be paid a minimum salary of £20,000.

554/10-11 QAA: Recruitment of Student Reviewers for the Institutional Review Process (minute 485/10-11 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

That the University had nominated Sean Ruston, the Students' Union's Education Officer, as a candidate for the role of student reviewer for the QAA Institutional Review process.

555/10-11 Arts Centre Funding

REPORTED: (by the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor)

That Warwick Arts Centre had been awarded National Portfolio funding from Arts Council England of approximately £500,000 annually from 2012 to 2015, and that thanks were extended to the Arts Centre Director Alan Rivett and his team for their work in securing this funding.

556/10-11 Higher Education (Higher and Basic Amount) Fee Regulations 2010

RECEIVED:

Confirmation of Fee Regulations applicable from 1 September 2012, setting out the higher and basic fee for students commencing undergraduate courses of study on or after the 1st September 2012 (SC.399/10-11).

557/10-11 Draft Access Agreement

CONSIDERED:

The University's draft Access Agreement for 2012 entry (SC.407/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Academic Registrar)

(a) That, in the context of 4-year integrated masters programmes, specific concerns had been raised by the Department of Statistics on the potential impact on recruitment of charging the standard fee for the fourth year of the MMORSE programme.

(by the President of the Students' Union)

(b) That the equality of fee for overseas and Home/EU students for an elective intercalated year was welcomed, but that the level of support provided on an elective intercalated year still needed to reflect value for the fee level charged.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the final draft of the University's Access Agreement for 2012 entry would be considered and approved at the next meeting of the Steering Committee on 18 April 2011.
- (b) That the fee levels for the 4th year of integrated masters programmes, periods of elective intercalation, Erasmus-funded years abroad, sandwich study, and the MB ChB programme, be approved as set out in the access agreement and summarised in paper SC.407/10-11.
- (c) That the targets and milestones be approved as set out in the access agreement and summarised in paper SC.407/10-11.
- (d) That the student support package be approved as set out in the access agreement and summarised in paper SC.407/10-11.

558/10-11 ITT Funding for 2011/12

RECEIVED:

A letter from the TDA setting out initial teacher training (ITT) funding allocations for 2011/12 (SC.405/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Academic Registrar)

That the letter to the TDA from the Secretary of State highlighted the importance of Teach First in training new teachers, and noted the introduction of University Training Schools.

559/10-11 Shared Strategy for Relationship Management between HEFCE and Institutional Governing Bodies

RECEIVED:

A letter from the HEFCE reporting the outcome of the process to develop a shared strategy for relationship management between HEFCE and institutional governing bodies (SC.395/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

- (a) That the University had responded to the HEFCE consultation on developing a shared strategy for relationship management between HEFCE and institutional governing bodies in January 2011.

(by the Deputy Registrar)

- (b) That the HEFCE would be undertaking their Assurance Review of the University in the Autumn term 2011/12, noting that the review panel would meet with a number of senior officers of the University and lay members of the Council.

560/10-11 Budget 2011

RECEIVED:

A UUK note summarising the key points from the Budget published on 23 March 2011 (SC.397/10-11).

561/10-11 HEFCE Consultation on Allocation Method for Postgraduate Research Funding from 2012-13

CONSIDERED:

A HEFCE consultation document outlining proposed changes to the allocation method for the research degree programme supervision fund from 2012-13 (SC.398/10-11).

RESOLVED:

That the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies draft a response to the HEFCE consultation regarding changes to the allocation method for the research degree programme supervision fund from 2012-13, with the Director of Management Information and Planning and the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School), to be considered by the Steering Committee prior to submission by the deadline of 20 June 2011.

562/10-11 Trust Schools Update

CONSIDERED:

An update report on the University's current position with existing Trust Schools, including notification of a change in Trustee for one of the schools (SC.413/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

- (a) That there were inconsistencies in the relationships between the University and Trust Schools, in terms of levels of engagement and schools' expectations.
- (b) That Trust School partnerships had typically emerged as a result of existing relationships between the University and the school.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to establish a standard path of engagement with Trust Schools, and to consider how engagement with Trust Schools might contribute to the development of the University's strategy, be supported.

563/10-11 Appointments to Committees of the Senate

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, following the departure of Mr Chris Caswell from Myton School, the appointment of Mr David Hazeldine, Head Teacher of North Leamington School, to serve as one of six practitioners in the field of Education on the Fitness to Practise Committee Panel (MA S/W, Diplomas in Specialist Social Work and Person-Centered Counselling and Psychotherapy and PGCE), be approved on behalf of the Senate on the recommendation of the Acting Director of the Institute of Education.
- (b) That the appointment of Professor Saul Jacka of the Department of Statistics to the Higher Education Foundation Programme Board of Studies, be approved on behalf of the Senate.

564/10-11 HEFCE Allocations of Recurrent and Capital Funding

RECEIVED:

UUK analysis of the allocations of recurrent funding in 2011/12 and the impact of in-year reductions for 2010-11 (SC.392/10-11).

- 565/10-11 Modernising Scientific Careers (minute 518/10-11 refers)
RECEIVED:
The call to tender for the seven training programmes for healthcare scientists (SC.393/10-11).
- 566/10-11 Confirmation of CIF2 Conditions
RECEIVED:
An email from the Midlands & South Institutional Team from HEFCE confirming that the University had now met the CIF2 conditions (SC.402/10-11).
- 567/10-11 Social Work Reform Board Report (minute 535/10-11 refers)
RECEIVED:
The University's response to the consultation of the Social Work Reform Board submitted by the deadline of 31 March 2011 (SC.403/10-11).
- 568/10-11 Arden Cluster Chief Executive Announcement
RECEIVED:
A letter from local NHS Chairmen to confirm that Stephen Jones had been appointed as Chief Executive of the Arden Cluster (SC.404/10-11).
- 569/10-11 2009-10 Statistics derived from HESA Data for Monitoring and Allocation of Funding
RECEIVED:
A letter from HEFCE to confirm that the University had no discrepancies that exceeded the selection criteria, following the HEFCE's annual exercise to monitor returns made to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) with other returns made to HEFCE, and that a formal response to the HEFCE was not therefore required (SC.412/10-11).

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