

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 24 September 2012

- Present: Vice-Chancellor,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
Professor A Caesar,
Professor Christina Hughes,
Professor Christopher Hughes,
Professor T Jones,
Professor S Swain,
Professor M Taylor,
Professor P Thomas,
Professor P Winstanley,
Mr N Swain.
- Apologies: Professor S Croft, Professor J Labbe.
- In Attendance: Registrar, Deputy Academic Registrar, Director of Finance and Financial Strategy,
Head of Governance Support Services, Executive Officer (VC's Office) (incoming),
Executive Officer (VC's Office) (outgoing), Administrative Officer (Governance).

682/11-12 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2012 be approved, subject to the following amendments (deletion struck through and addition underlined):

667/11-12

(...)

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

(b) That Professor Young was listed as a ~~ISI~~ ISI highly cited researcher in microbiology.

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668/11-12

(...)

(by the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies)

(c) That consideration should be given to ensuring ~~that~~ the smooth transfer for PhD students and that this ~~did~~ would not impact upon their studies.

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683/11-12 University Open Day

RESOLVED:

That the Committee record its thanks to colleagues, both in academic and administrative departments, who attended and organised the successful University Open Day held on 22 September 2012.

684/11-12 Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Joint Vice-President for Monash and Warwick (minutes 665/11-12 and 667/11-12 refer)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the appointments of Professor Lawrence Young as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor Andrew Coats as Joint Academic Vice-President for Monash and Warwick had been announced on Insite.

685/11-12 WMG "Centre for Innovation" in Beijing

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the Warwick Manufacturing Group had signed an agreement with Beijing City University which would replicate a similar arrangement to the successful Hong Kong enterprise education programmes that WMG has run in conjunction with Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
- (b) That the new 'Centre for Innovation' in Beijing would support urbanisation, modernisation and economic growth to help enable further innovation in Chinese enterprises, leading to a strengthening in China:UK collaboration and trade.
- (c) That the Centre would encompass a wide range of sectors including aerospace, healthcare, manufacturing, information and communications and infrastructure.

686/11-12 UKBA Immigration Policy Changes

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That a prohibition on studying for persons entering the UK on a general or business visitor visas had recently been introduced, meaning that the University was no longer able to enrol students holding this type of visa/entry clearance.
- (b) That this was expected to impact on students attending the University as part of their distance learning programme.

687/11-12 Arrivals Weekend

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That members of the Committee were encouraged to attend at least one of the days of the Arrival weekend on 29 and 30 September 2012.

688/11-12 Research Councils UK School-University Partnerships Initiative (minute 592/11-12 refers)

CONSIDERED:

An update paper outlining the decision not to submit a bid to the Research Councils UK (RCUK) School University Partnerships Initiative (SC.469/11-12).

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor Christina Hughes))

- (a) That, at its meeting held on 2 July 2012, the Steering Committee resolved that the University's response to the Call for Proposals to the RCUK School University Partnerships Initiative be compiled by the Student Admissions and Recruitment Office, and considered by the Steering Committee prior to the deadline of 25 September 2012.
- (b) That it was felt that there were difficulties in aligning all parties in a robust bid within the timescales set.

- (c) That the Director of RSS would maintain conversations with the RCUK about the availability of future resources.

(by the Chair of the Faculty of Science)

- (d) That any future bids should be considered by the Faculty Research Committees, who would welcome the opportunity to engage with these initiatives.

(by the Registrar)

- (e) That efforts to develop a proposal should continue.

RESOLVED:

That the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor Christina Hughes) formally request an extension to the RCUK School University Partnerships Initiative Call for Proposals.

689/11-12 Draft Response to the QAA Consultation on the Subject Benchmark Statement for Counselling and Psychotherapy

CONSIDERED:

The University's draft response to the QAA Consultation on the Subject Benchmark Statement for Counselling and Psychotherapy (SC.470/11-12).

RESOLVED:

That the University's response to the QAA Consultation on the Subject Benchmark Statement for Counselling and Psychotherapy, be approved as set out in SC.470/11-12.

690/11-12 Senate Business

RESOLVED:

That the comments and recommendations of the Steering Committee on the items of business for the meeting of the Senate to be held on 3 October 2012 be approved as set out in the papers circulated for the meeting of the Senate, subject to revisions as agreed in the meeting, noting in particular that paper S.6/11-12 (Improving Student Satisfaction: Proposed Plan of Action) would be circulated directly to the Senate without consideration by the Steering Committee.

691/11-12 Senate and Council Committee Events

REPORTED: (by the Head of Governance Support Services)

That an email would shortly be sent to communicate rescheduled dates for the Joint Senate and Council event, and the Induction for members of Senate and Council committees.

692/11-12 Governance Arrangements

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

- (a) That the primary responsibility for the Senate and its committees was moving from the Deputy Registrar's Office into the Academic Registrar's Office, with Roberta Wooldridge Smith as the lead contact.
- (b) That the primary responsibility for the Council and its committees was remaining within the Deputy Registrar's Office, with Yvonne Salter Wright as the lead contact.

693/11-12 Administrative Officer (Governance)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That he recorded his thanks to Mrs Kirsty Jenkins, Administrative Officer (Governance), for her service on the Secretariat of the Steering Committee on the occasion of her last meeting of the Steering Committee.

694/11-12

Report of the House of Lords, Select Committee on Science and Technology - Higher Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects

RECEIVED:

A report by the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology examining the provision for STEM subjects in the UK and making a number of recommendations around post-16 learning, postgraduate provision, quality assurance, careers advice and immigration (SC.472/11-12).

NO/SS/KP/steersshare/minutes/201112/Sept2012/24-09-2012