

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 22 May 2017

Present: Professor C Ennew (Chair), Professor A Clarke (Chair of the Faculty of Medicine), Ms R Drinkwater (Group Finance Director), Professor S Gilson (Chair of the Faculty of Arts), Professor C Hughes (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education)), Professor D Leadley (Academic Member of the Senate), Mr L Pilot (President of the Students' Union), Ms R Sandby-Thomas (Registrar), Professor M Shipman (Chair of the Faculty of Science), Professor L Young (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Planning and Resources)).

Apologies: Professor S Croft (Vice-Chancellor), Professor M Nudds (Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences), Professor J Palmowski (Academic Vice-President), Professor S Swain (Pro Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement)), Professor P Thomas (Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research)).

In Attendance: Dr G Carden (Secretary), Ms K Dixon (Administrative Office (Governance) and Assistant Secretary), Dr M Glover (Academic Registrar), Professor F Griffiths (Head of Division, Warwick Medical School), Professor S Kumar (Dean of Warwick Medical School) (for items 341/16-17 and 342/16-17), Professor C Macdougall (Head of Medical Education) (for items 341/16-17 and 342/16-17) Ms G McGrattan (Director of Human Resources), Mr B Pithouse (Head of Institutional Resilience) (for item 340/16-17), Mr I Rowley (Director of Development, Communication and External Affairs).

331/16-17 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the open and restricted minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017 be approved.

332/16-17 Conflicts of Interest

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That, should any members or attendees of the Steering Committee have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items for the meeting, they should be declared in accordance with the Committee of University Chairs (CUC) Higher Education Code of Governance (2014).

NOTE: No declarations were made.

333/16-17 Assistant Secretary

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the Committee wished to thank Emma Morrison for her work in supporting the committee.

334/16-17 2018 Guardian University Guide

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the University of Warwick had risen one position to eighth place in the 2018 Guardian University Guide.

335/16-17 Four New Academic Leadership Appointments

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That Professor John Davey and Professor Laura Green had been appointed as Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Research), and that Professor Jacqueline Hodgson and Professor Kerry Kirwan as Academic Directors (Research).

336/16-17 NSS Boycott

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the formal survey period for the National Student Survey had closed at the end of April, but as a result of student boycotts, HEFCE and Ipsos MORI had reopened the survey in at least five universities, including UCL, University of the Arts London, Bristol, Manchester, and Cambridge, where response rates had failed to meet the required 50% threshold for the publication of results.

337/16017 Athena Swan Results

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the University had retained Silver status in the Athena Swan Charter in national results announced by the Equality Challenge Unit (ECU), and that a number of departments had also achieved or retained awards, including Chemistry and Physics which both received Silver status.

338/16-17 Funding from the National Express Foundation for Disadvantaged Students

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the University of Warwick had received £30k from the National Express Foundation to support eight scholars per year, from black and ethnic minority backgrounds, those who grew up in care, and students with disabilities, with priority to be given to those from lower income households.

339/16-17 New Chancellor Installed

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the Rt Hon. The Baroness Ashton of Upholland GCMG PC was installed as the University of Warwick's new Chancellor in a special ceremony on the University campus on Wednesday 3 May, and is the University's first female Chancellor.

340/16-17 *Records Management Policy

CONSIDERED:

The draft University Records Management Policy (SC.128/16-17), {restricted}.

RESOLVED:

That the University Records Management Policy be approved in principle, subject to the revisions requested by the Steering Committee, and noting discussions with the Audit and Risk Committee and the Research Committee.

341/16-17 *Draft Response to the Department of Health Consultation on Expansion of Undergraduate Medical Education

CONSIDERED:

The Draft Response to the Department of Health consultation on the expansion of undergraduate medical education (SC.129/16-17), {restricted}.

RESOLVED:

That the draft response to the Department of Health consultation on expansion of undergraduate medical education be approved in principle, subject to the revisions requested by the Steering Committee.

342/16-17 *Warwick Medical School Collaboration with the University of Chester

CONSIDERED:

A report on a proposed collaboration with the University of Chester to establish a new medical school (SC.130/16-17), {restricted}.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed collaboration between WMS and the University of Chester to establish a new medical school be approved in principle.

343/16-17 *Social Inclusion Strategy

RECEIVED:

The draft Social Inclusion Strategy (SC.134/16-17), {restricted}.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee recommended that there be further consultation with faculties and the student body prior to implementation.

As at 30 May 2017