

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 19 June 2017

- Present: Professor S Croft (Vice-Chancellor and Chair), Professor C Ennew (Provost), Ms R Drinkwater (Group Finance Director), Professor C Hughes (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education)), Professor D Leadley (Academic Member of the Senate), Professor M Nudds (Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences), Mr L Pilot (President of the Students' Union), Ms R Sandby-Thomas (Registrar), Professor M Shipman (Chair of the Faculty of Science).
- Apologies: Dr G Carden (Director of Strategic Planning & Analytics and Secretary), Professor A Clarke (Chair of the Faculty of Medicine), Professor S Gilson (Chair of the Faculty of Arts), Professor J Palmowski (Academic Vice-President), Professor S Swain (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement)), Professor P Thomas (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)), Professor L Young (Academic Vice-President).
- In Attendance: Mr J Breckon (Director of Estates), Ms K Dixon (Administrative Office (Governance)) (Assistant Secretary), Dr M Glover (Academic Registrar), Ms G McGrattan (Director, People Group), Mr B Pithouse (Head of Institutional Resilience) (for item 369/16-17), Mrs R Roke (Director of Strategic Programme Delivery) (Secretary), Mr I Rowley (Director of Development, Communication and External Affairs).

361/16-17 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the open and restricted minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2017 be approved.

362/16-17 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.

363/16-17 Workplace Wellbeing Charter Mark

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the University had been awarded the Workplace Wellbeing Charter Mark, following assessment by Coventry City Council, in a number of key areas across the University, including leadership, absence management, mental health and wellbeing, smoking and tobacco-related ill-health, physical activity, healthy eating, alcohol and substance abuse and health and safety; it was acknowledged that it had taken hard work from staff to achieve this.

364/16-17 Election Results

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the hung parliament result of the UK general election held on 8 June 2017 be noted; and that the Rt Hon Justine Greening would continue as Secretary of State for Education and Jo Johnson as the Minister of State for Universities, whilst the Conservative party remained in power.

365/16-17 QS Rankings – Warwick in world Top 100

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the QS World University Rankings 2018 had named the University of Warwick as one of the world's top 100 universities, having been ranked 57<sup>th</sup>, one place lower than in the previous five years; it was noted that international competition is increasing, particularly in Asia.

366/16-17 Vice Chancellor to become new Chair of ECU

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That Professor Stuart Croft was to succeed Professor Janet Beer, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, as chair of the board of trustees of the Equality Challenge Unit, the further and higher education equality body for the UK; it was noted that ECU is progressing towards a merger with the Higher Education Academy and the Leadership Foundation, and that the role of the new Chair would be to retain the excellent work of the ECU and the staff within it, and to ensure equality and diversity remains a key focus of the new entity.

367/16017 \*Q3 2016/17 Financial Summary from Budget Steering Group

CONSIDERED:

The Q3 2016/17 Financial Summary from Budget Steering Group (SC.142/16-17 {restricted}).

RESOLVED:

That the Q3 2016/17 Financial Summary from Budget Steering Group be noted.

368/16-17 \*Campus and Commercial Services Report

CONSIDERED:

The Campus and Commercial Services Report (SC.143/16-17 {restricted}).

RESOLVED:

That the Campus and Commercial Services Report be noted.

369/16-17 \*Institutional Risk Register

CONSIDERED:

The Institutional Risk Register (SC.144/16-17 {restricted}).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee recommended that the suggested amendments be made to the content of the Institutional Risk Register, and that discussions should be had with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) in relation to individual risks.

370/16-17 19/06/2017 London Terror Attack

REPORTED: (by the President of the Students' Union)

That the student community would welcome a message of support and solidarity following the terror attack outside a London Mosque in the early hours that morning.

371/16-17 \*University Accommodation

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Director of Estates on University Accommodation.

RESOLVED:

That the report on University Accommodation be noted.

372/16-17 Professor Laura Green OBE

REPORTED: (by the Chair of the Faculty of Science)

That the committee wished to congratulate Professor Laura Green on her award of an OBE for her services to the health and welfare of farmed livestock.

As at 28 June 2017