

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 14 January 2008

- Present: Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
Professor S Bassnett
Professor A Caesar
Professor Y Carter
Professor R Higgott
Mr J Kirby
Professor K Lamberts
Professor R Lindley
Professor S B Palmer
Professor M Smith
Professor H Thomas
Professor M Whitby
- Apologies: Professor L Bridges
- In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Director of Campus Affairs, Director of Communication, Director of Estates, Director of Finance, Registrar, University Secretary, Vice-Chancellor's Executive Officer.
- 238/07-08 Minutes
- RESOLVED:
- That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2008 be approved.
- 239/07-08 Death of Professor Sir Howard Dalton, FRS
- REPORTED: (By the Vice-Chancellor)
- That Professor Sir Howard Dalton had died suddenly on 12 January and that members of the Committee would be advised when the funeral and subsequent memorial arrangements had been confirmed.
- RESOLVED:
- That the condolences of the Committee be passed to Professor Dalton's family.
- 240/07-08 Campus Development Plan
- REPORTED: (By the Director of Estates)
- That the planning application submitted to Coventry City Council in relation to the Campus Development Plan was expected to be considered by the Council in the coming week.
- 241/07-08 Closure of Gibbet Hill Road
- REPORTED: (By the Director of Estates)
- (a) That Gibbet Hill Road was expected to be closed completely for a period of approximately 20 weeks to allow Transco to undertake required replacement work for gas mains.
- (b) That the work was planned to commence on 28 January 2008, but this was subject to confirmation.
- (c) That information had been published on Insite, advising staff and students of the proposed closure.

- 242/07-08 QAA Institutional Audit
- REPORTED: (By the Pro Vice-Chancellor [Teaching and Learning])
- That Gillian King, formerly of the University of Cambridge, had been identified as the lead QAA Officer for the forthcoming Institutional Audit.
- 243/07-08 University Secretary
- REPORTED: (By the Vice-Chancellor)
- That this would be the last meeting of the Committee with the University Secretary in attendance prior to her departure from the University on 31 January 2008.
- RESOLVED:
- That the Committee's sincere gratitude be conveyed to the University Secretary for her commitment, diligence and support for the Committee over many years.
- 244/07-08 WBS Quarter-End Report
- CONSIDERED:
- The WBS Quarter-End Report (SC.189/07-08)
- REPORTED: (By Dean of the Warwick Business School)
- (a) That whilst academic fees were broadly on plan, research income was down.
- (b) That significant effort was being invested to address the reduction in research income and provide substantive and sustainable improvement.
- (c) That work was ongoing to reduce the cost base within WBS, but this was not expected to be reflected in the accounts until Quarter 2.
- RESOLVED:
- That the 1st Quarter statement for the WBS Devolved Budget for the financial year 2007/08 and variations between revised forecast and original budget be noted and approved as set out in SC.189/07-08.
- 245/07-08 BBSRC Capacity Building for Energy Initiative
- CONSIDERED:
- Three outline bids which were proposed for submission to the BBSRC Capacity Building for Energy Initiative (SC.181/07-08)
- RESOLVED:
- That the outline bids be submitted and that the establishment of three new academic posts as outlined in the bids be supported on the assumption that the posts would be funded by the academic departments identified in the bids with the approval of the Academic Resourcing Committee.
- 246/07-08 AHRC 2008 Open Studentship Competition
- CONSIDERED:
- A letter from the AHRC outlining arrangements for the 2008 Open Studentship Competition (SC.191/07-08)

REPORTED: (By the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Arts)

That departments in the Faculty of Arts would be convening a panel to consider and prioritise applications to the 2008 Open Competition prior to their submission in order to maximise the University's success rate.

247/07-08

Gowers Review of Intellectual Property

CONSIDERED:

An UK intellectual Property Office consultation document arising from the Gowers Review of Intellectual Property (SC.190/07-08)

RESOLVED:

That the Registrar co-ordinate the University's response to the Consultation to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee prior to the submission date of 8 April 2008.

248/07-08

Voluntary Giving Update

RECEIVED:

UUK Information Note 1/07152 providing update information on the proposed DIUS Voluntary Giving Scheme (SC.192/07-08)

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