

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 16 July 2007

Present: Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
Professor L Bridges
Professor A Caesar
Professor Y Carter
Mr B Duggan
Professor J Jones
Professor R Lindley
Professor M Luntley
Professor S B Palmer
Professor M Smith
Professor H Thomas
Professor M Whitby

Apologies: Mr J Kirby, Ms N Snodgrass.

In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Director of Finance, Director of Estates, Registrar,
University Secretary, Ms H Sinclair.

598/06-07 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2007 be approved.

599/06-07 WUAP and Performance Monitoring of the University Access Agreement

CONSIDERED:

The draft University Access Agreement Monitoring Statement for the academic year 2006/07 for submission to the Office for Fair Access (OFFA) (SC.443/06-07).

REPORTED: (by the Head of Student Finance)

- (a) That the University had renegotiated its Access Agreement for the academic year 2007/08 and was seeking to renegotiate its Access Agreement for the academic year 2008/09 in the light of the recent Government announcements regarding changes to the student support system.
- (b) That the University was sending further information to students who had not consented to share their personal data in full with the University for the purpose of obtaining a bursary, with a view to encouraging students to provide the University with the relevant data, and it was hoped that, together with the redesign of the Warwick Undergraduate Aid Programme (WUAP) scheme for 2007/08, this would reduce the percentage of students who do not give consent to share their data in future years.

RESOLVED:

That the draft University Access Agreement Monitoring Statement for the academic year 2006/07 be approved for submission to the Office for Fair Access (OFFA) as set out in paper SC.443/06-07, noting that there may be minor changes made to the levels of expenditure included within Section 1 and Section 2 of the report to reflect final actual figures in the run up to the submission date of 27 July 2007.

600/06-07 EPSRC Science and Innovation Awards: 2nd Stage Bid for Analytical Science
(minute 561/06-07 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A paper providing further information on the financial implications of the proposal to establish a Centre in Analytical Science to be submitted to the EPSRC/HEFCE before the deadline of 27 July 2007 (SC.444/06-07).

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

That the financial information included in the paper represented the maximum estimated cost for the project including equipment costs.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Steering Committee approve the request for the allocation of £0.6m from the University's anticipated allocation of funding from the Science Research Investment Fund (SRIF) for the proposal for the establishment of a Centre in Analytical Science.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposal for the establishment of a Centre in Analytical Science be submitted to the EPSRC in advance of the deadline of 27 July 2007.
- (b) That the Finance Director circulate to the Steering Committee details of all other forward commitments which had been made against the University's anticipated allocation of funding from the next round of the Science Research Investment Fund (SRIF).

601/06-07 UCEA

RECEIVED:

A paper from the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) providing an update on the latest developments together with a report of the responses to the UCEA Consultation on the 2006 pay dispute (SC.447/06-07).

REPORTED:

(by the Registrar)

- (a) That a statement by UCEA on the Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff (JNCHES) reported that that it was unlikely that agreement would be reached between the University and College Union (UCU) and UCEA on the current proposals.

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (b) That it was not yet known who would be leading the review of the JNCHES negotiating machinery.

- 602/06-07 Annual Monitoring Statement
- RESOLVED:
- That the University Annual Monitoring Statement be circulated electronically to the Steering Committee for consideration and approval prior to submission to the HEFCE by 27 July 2007.
- 603/06-07 Vote of Thanks
- RESOLVED:
- That the Steering Committee record its formal thanks to Mr Brian Duggan for his contribution to the Committee in his capacity as President of the Students' Union for the academic year 2006/07 and offer its best wishes to him for the future.
- 604/06-07 World Conference on Gifted and Talented Education
- RECEIVED:
- A copy of a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 17th Biennial World Conference of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children to be hosted by NAGTY at the University from 5 to 10 August 2007(SC.445/06-07).
- 605/06-07 CBI Submission for the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review
- RECEIVED:
- The Executive Summary of the CBI submission to the Government for the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review (SC.446/06-07).
- 606/06-07 Access to the 2007 National Student Survey Results and launch of the Unistats web-site
- RECEIVED:
- HEFCE circular letter number 19/2007 providing information on access to the 2007 National Student Survey results and the launch of the UniStats website in August 2007 which will replace the Teaching Quality Information (TQI) website (SC.448/06-07).
- 607/06-07 Self Assessment of People Management in HEIs (Rewarding and Developing Staff in HE)
- RECEIVED:
- A copy of a letter from the HEFCE to the Vice-Chancellor informing the University that the HEFCE will be removing the conditions on the remaining Rewarding and Developing Staff in HE (R&DS) grant with effect from August 2007 (SC.449/06-07).

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