

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 18 June 2007

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

Apologies: Professor Y Carter, Professor R Lindley, Professor M Smith.

In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Director of Communication, Director of Finance, Director of Estates, Registrar, University Secretary, Vice-Chancellor's Executive Officer, Ms H Sinclair.

558/06-07 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2007 be approved.

559/06-07 Guidelines on FEC of Research Grants (minute 551/06-07 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the Academic Resourcing Committee be requested to draft guidelines to Heads of Department regarding Full Economic Costing of grants, to include the full costs of academic staff salaries, in consultation with Research Support Services and the Finance Office for consideration by the Steering Committee at a future meeting.

560/06-07 Value for Money Committee

CONSIDERED:

A paper setting out the proposed Membership and Terms of Reference of a Value for Money Committee which would be considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting to be held on 27 June 2007 (SC.382/06-07).

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

That Professor Docherty had indicated that, if approached, he would be willing to Chair the proposed Value for Money Committee.

RESOLVED:

That consideration be given to the inclusion in clause four of the proposed Terms of Reference of the Value for Money Committee of a statement on the identification of areas where investment might serve to improve value for money and efficiency as well as identification of potential financial savings.

561/06-07 UUK Submission to Sainsbury Review

RECEIVED:

UUK Information Note I/07/65 setting out the Universities UK submission to the Sainsbury Review of the UK's Science and Innovation System (SC.383/06-07).

562/06-07 QAA Collaborative Provision Audits

RECEIVED:

UUK Information Note I/07/66 providing a summary of proposals from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) regarding Collaborative Provision Audits and an update on the work of the Quality Assurance Framework Review Group (SC.384/06-07).

563/06-07 Consultation on Flexible Retirement in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (minute 522(b)/06-07 refers)

RECEIVED:

The University's final response to the Universities UK (UUK) / Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) consultation document on flexible retirement within USS (SC.385/06-07).

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