

## THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 24 November 2003

Present: Vice-Chancellor (Chair)  
Professor Dyson  
Professor Easton  
Professor Jones  
Mr R Jones  
Professor Lauder  
Professor McCrae  
Professor McFarlane  
Professor Mullender  
Professor Palmer  
Professor Thomas  
Professor Whitby

In Attendance: Registrar, Academic Registrar, Administrative Secretary, Finance Director, Director of Personnel Services, Director of Student and Ancillary Services, Miss E Clewlow.

94/03-04 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2003 be approved.

95/03-04 NHS University

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the institutions which had submitted second stage bids to become the principal academic partner of the NHS University had been informed that shortlisted institutions would be invited to make presentations before the NHS University on 3 and 4 December.

96/03-04 Higher Education Funding

CONSIDERED:

A letter to *The Times* from the heads of LSE, UCL and ICL and the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge regarding Government proposals for the future funding of higher education together with associated press coverage (SC.63/03-04, tabled at the meeting).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee recognised that current public funding arrangements for Higher Education were no longer tenable and would wish to see a funding structure put in place which would remit to the University both a level of funding and a degree of financial self-determination sufficient to pursue its commitment to competing as a world-class teaching and learning community and to recruiting the most able students regardless of social and economic background.

97/03-04 Academic Statistics 2003/2004

CONSIDERED:

The Academic Statistics document for 2003/2004 together with an oral report from the Academic Registrar on the range of data presented in the document, noting that it would be referred as a matter of course to the Estimates and Grants Committee and the Academic Quality and Standards Committee

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Academic Office be asked to expand further the analysis undertaken of the University's academic statistics in the context of comparative data from other institutions in the sector.
- (b) That the Academic Registrar undertake further analysis of the apparent increase in non-completion rates in the University and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

98/03-04 e-Learning Holding Company Limited

CONSIDERED:

Notification of the Annual General Meeting of the e-Learning Holding Company (SC.60/03-04).

RESOLVED:

That Professor Whitby identify a member of staff to represent the University at the Annual General Meeting of the e-Learning Holding Company to be held on 5 December.

99/03-04 Naming of National Grid House

RECOMMENDED: (to the Building Committee)

That the building known hitherto as National Grid House be named University House.

100/03-04 Senate Business

RESOLVED:

That the comments and recommendations of the Steering Committee on items of business for the meeting of the Senate to be held on 3 December 2003 be as set out in the papers circulated for the meeting of the Senate.