

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 October 2007

- Present: Vice Chancellor (in the chair), Professor S Bassnett, Ms A Bell, Professor L Bridges, Professor S Bright, Professor S Bruzzi, Professor R Burns, Professor A Caesar, Professor Y Carter, Professor M Cooper, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Professor A Easton, Professor M Finn, Dr M Hadley, Professor R Higgott, Professor J Hutton, Dr C Jenainati, Dr J Kidd, Mr J Kirby, Professor K Lamberts, Professor R Lindley, Professor P Mack, Professor J MacPherson, Professor S Palmer, Professor E Peile, Mr P Ptashko, Dr J Read, Mr A Rodrigo, Professor M Smith, Professor C Sparrow, Professor M Waterson, Professor M Whitby, Professor V Zammit.
- Apologies: Professor J Davey, Professor P Edwards, Professor J Gardner, Professor G Hundt, Professor S Kumar, Professor A Phizacklea.
- In attendance: Professor A Prout, Professor H Thomas, Registrar, University Secretary, Director of Finance, Academic Registrar, Ms Y Salter Wright, Ms H Sinclair.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed new members and members beginning a new period of office to their first meeting of the Senate for the academic year 2007/08.

1/07-08 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 4 July 2007 be approved.

2/07-08 Progress of Senate Recommendations

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Council, at its meeting on 11 July 2007, approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

- (a) Report from the Health and Safety Executive Committee, item (a) University Health and Safety Committee Annual Report (minute 78/06-07 refers)
- (b) Report from the Board of the Institute of Education (minute 84/06-07 refers)
- (c) Amendments to University Regulations (minute 85/06-07 refers)
- (d) University Financial Plan: 2007-2011 (minute 87/06-07 refers)
- (e) University Corporate Planning Statement 2007 (minute 88/06-07 refers)
- (f) Report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, item (g) (minute 95/06-07 refers)

3/07-08 Working Group on Pro-Vice-Chancellors (minute 90/06-07 refers)

REPORTED: (by the University Secretary)

That a replacement for Professor Julian Gardner would be required to serve as one of the three members of the Professorial staff on the Working Group on Pro-Vice-Chancellors in view of Professor Gardner's period of Study Leave during the academic year 2007/08 .

RESOLVED:

That the replacement for Professor Gardner on the Working Group on Pro-Vice-Chancellors be considered and approved by the Steering Committee on behalf of the Senate.

4/07-08 Membership of the Senate

RECEIVED:

The membership of the Senate for the academic year 2007/2008 (S.1/07-08).

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Senate and the Council were not of the view that the appointment of a Head of a Department or the Dean of a School as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University would lead to a significant conflict of interests for the individual appointee.
- (b) That Statute 19 (1) states that the Senate may appoint "The holders of such other posts, including persons charged with the welfare of the students of the University, as the Senate may from time to time determine."
- (c) That Statute 19 (1) provides for the appointment of "Six permanent full-time members of the academic staff employed by the University to be appointed by the Assembly, of whom not more than two shall be Professors."
- (d) That the period of appointment of Professor Lee Bridges as a member of the Senate, in his capacity as the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies, expired on 31 July 2007.
- (e) That the period of appointment of Professor Simon Bright as a member of the Senate, in his capacity as the Director of Warwick HRI, expired on 31 July 2007.
- (f) That the Board of the Faculty of Science would shortly be holding elections to fill the vacancy arising in its representation on the Senate occasioned by the appointment of Professor Koen Lamberts as Chair of the Board of the Faculty.
- (g) That the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies would shortly be holding elections to fill the vacancy arising in its representation on the Senate occasioned by the appointment of Professor Robert Lindley as Chair of the Board of the Faculty.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, under the provisions of Statute 19(1), Professor Lee Bridges be reappointed to membership of the Senate, in his capacity as the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies, for the period until July 2010.
- (b) That, under the provisions of Statute 19(1), Professor Simon Bright be reappointed to the Senate, in his capacity as Director of Warwick HRI, for the period until July 2010.
- (c) That the University Secretary investigate the implications of the conferment of the title of Professor on Professor Julie McPherson for the representation of members of the Assembly on the Senate in the context of the provisions of Statute 19(1).

5/07-08 Coming Up Weekend

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the arrangements for the reception and enrolment of students during Coming-Up Weekend had run smoothly and efficiently.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its thanks to all those members of staff and students who had contributed to the success of Coming-Up Weekend for new and returning students and their families.

6/07-08 Ministerial Visits

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That Ian Pearson MP, Minister of State for Science and Innovation at the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, had visited the Warwick Manufacturing Group on 1 October 2007 and that the Minister had also met student representatives to discuss student fees.
- (b) That Liam Byrne MP, Minister for the West Midlands, had held a conference with senior regional policy makers at the University and that this was the first in a series of meetings around the region co-ordinated by the Minister for the West Midlands to discuss priorities for the West Midlands.

7/07-08 Emeritus Professors and Readers

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That he had taken Chair's Action on behalf of the Academic Staff Committee and the Senate to recommend the conferral of:
 - (i) the title of Emeritus Professor on Professors Layton-Henry and Trigg with effect from 30 September 2007;
 - (ii) the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Dyson with effect from 31 December 2007;

- (iii) the title of Emeritus Reader on Dr G. Cousin with effect from 31 August 2007.
 - (iv) the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Parker with effect from his retirement on 30 September 2009.
- (b) That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's Action on behalf of the Council to approve the recommendations set out in (a) above.

8/07-08 Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.2/07-08 {Parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with oral reports from the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, the Academic Registrar, the Director of the Institute of Advanced Study and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning and International Affairs):

- (a) Brown Government Appointments
- (b) Undergraduate and Postgraduate Admissions
- (c) THES Analysis of Research Grant Applications and Awards
- (d) Research Concordat
- (e) New National Researcher Development Scheme
- (f) Russell Group/RSA Lecture Series
- (g) WUAP and Performance Monitoring of the University Access Agreement
- (h) Government Changes to Student Support System
- (i) UUK Information Note - Variable Tuition Fees in England: Assessing the Impact on Students and Higher Education Institutions
- (j) National Student Survey
- (k) University League Tables
- (l) HESA Performance Indicators 2007
- (m) Full Economic Costs: Guidance Notes
- (n) QAA Draft Report: Audit of Warwick Manufacturing Group's Collaborative Courses with Hong Kong Polytechnic
- (o) University and Colleges Employers Association
- (p) UK Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO) Consultation on Knowledge Transfer and IP
- (q) Higher Education-Business and Community Interaction Survey
- (r) Response to West Midlands Economic Strategy Consultation
- (s) Coventry Business Improvement District Newsletter August 2007
- (t) Talent Wars, the International Market for Academic Staff
- (u) The Changing Academic Profession in the UK: Setting the Scene
- (v) Midlands Manufacturing Research Centre
- (w) University Bid to Host the Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire (CECAM)
- (x) ESRC Research Centres Competition 2007/08: Centre for Financial Innovation and Public Policy
- (y) Funding Higher Education in England: How HEFCE Allocates its Funds
- (z) HEFCE Guidance on the Strategic Development Fund
- (aa) CBI Submission for the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review
- (bb) TRAC for Teaching: HEFCE Bulletin
- (cc) Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004-2014: Annual Report 2007
- (dd) Leitch Review of Skills: Government Response and Implementation Plan

- (ee) Learning and Skills and the Government Restructure
- (ff) Government Response to the Report of the Select Committee on the Cooksey Review
- (gg) Government Response to the Report of the Select Committee on Science and Technology on Research Council Initiatives
- (hh) NAO Report on Retention of Students in HE
- (ii) Delivery Partnerships: Improving the Higher Education Process
- (jj) 14-19 Curriculum Development
- (kk) Immigration Issues Update
- (ll) New Home Office Arrangements for the 'Accreditation' of Private Education Providers
- (mm) Academic Technology Approval Scheme
- (nn) EPSRC Science and Innovation Awards: 2nd Stage Bid for Analytical Science
- (oo) UK Panel for Research Integrity in Health and Biomedical Sciences
- (pp) UCEA Consultation: Pay Arrangements for Clinical Academics Below the Level of Consultant
- (qq) Appointment of Chief Scientist
- (rr) Appointment of Vice Principal, University of Birmingham
- (ss) Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies

(a) Funding for Equivalent or Lower Level Qualifications

RECEIVED:

A copy of a letter from the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) to the HEFCE together with an email from UUK and a letter from the University to the HEFCE regarding Government proposals to reduce funding for students in possession of a first degree wishing to obtain equivalent or lower level qualifications (SC.499/06-07).

REPORTED:

That the University was investigating the implications of the DIUS announcement on the Warwick Medical School MBChB programme and other University courses.

(b) Institute of Advanced Study

RECEIVED:

A report on current developments in the Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) including staffing, finances, space allocation and current and future programming (SC.426/06-07) together with a list of Short-Term Visiting Fellows for 2008/08 (tabled at the meeting) and an oral report from the Director of the Institute.

(c) University Development Plan (Argent House)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University was investigating the possibility of the purchase of Argent House on the University Science Park.

(d) Siddiqui Review of 'Islam at Universities in England

RECEIVED:

UUK Information Note I/07/79 providing an update on the review of 'Islam at Universities in England' being conducted by Dr Ataullah Siddiqui on behalf of the Government (SC.460/06-07, {Part}).

REPORTED:

(by the Registrar)

- (i) That Dr Ataullah Siddiqui had visited to University in March 2007 as part of his review and had met with the Director of Campus Affairs.

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (ii) That the University had established the position of University Muslim Chaplain prior to the publication of the Siddiqui Review and was in the process of making an appointment to this position.
- (iii) That Professor Shaheen Ali in the School of Law was contributing to a forthcoming HEFCE seminar on the Siddiqui Review.

9/07-08 RAE 2008

RECEIVED:

A report on the University's final stage preparations for the Research Assessment Exercise 2008 including data on the staff submission rate as at 3 October 2007 (S.4/07-08) together with an oral report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

10/07-08 University Committee Structures, Membership of Senate Committees and Related Matters

CONSIDERED:

- (a) Proposed revisions to University Committee Structures and to the constitutions of Committees of the Senate (S.5/07-08).
- (b) The appointment of the Committees of the Senate for the 2007/2008 academic year (S.6/07-08).

REPORTED: (by the University Secretary)

- (a) That the membership of the Advisory Boards and Management/Executive Committees of Research Centres and Institutes for the 2007/2008 academic year would be set out in the University Calendar 2007/2008.
- (b) That proposals for the revision of the University Committee structures and the constitutions of the Committees of the Senate would be brought forward for consideration at the December meeting of the Senate in order that further consideration could be given by the Steering Committee to the detail of the proposals.

RESOLVED:

(a) Board of Undergraduate Studies

That the constitution of the Board of Undergraduate Studies be revised to provide for the appointment of a Chair of the Committee other than a Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(b) Membership of Senate Committees

That membership of the Committees of the Senate for the academic year 2007/2008 be as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the minutes in the official minute book.

11/07-08 Amendments to University Regulations

RECOMMENDED:

That proposed amendments to the following University Regulations be approved as set out in paper S.7/07-08:

- (a) Regulation 5 (16) governing the Granting of Study Leave
- (b) Regulation 14 (G) governing the provisions applying to the award of the degree of PhD by submission of published work.

12/07-08 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the Awards and Distinctions that had been conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 4 July 2007 (S.8/07-08).

13/07-08 Appointment of Representatives of the Senate to the Council

REPORTED:

- (a) That, in accordance with the procedure approved by the Senate at its meeting on 2 November 1983, the University Secretary had written to members of the Senate to seek nominations for the appointment of one representative of the Senate to the Council.
- (b) That no nominations had been received by the deadline of Friday 28 September to fill the remaining vacancy in the academic membership of the Council and that one vacancy therefore remained for the appointment of a representative of the Senate on the Council .
- (c) That the University Secretary would be making a further call for nominations to fill the vacancy in the Senate representatives on the Council , in accordance with the procedure approved by the Senate at its meeting on 2 November 1983, in advance of the next meeting of the Senate.

14/07-08 Appointment of the University Senior Tutor

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

That the deadline for applications to the post of University Senior Tutor had been extended beyond the original deadline with the aim of raising increased awareness of the vacancy within the academic community.

15/07-08 Report from the Academic Staff Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the Academic Staff Committee (S.3/07-08) on its decisions relating to the promotion of staff to Personal Professorships with effect from 1 October 2007, Professorial Fellowships with effect from 1 October 2007 and Senior Research Fellowships with effect from 1 March and 1 August 2007.

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