

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2007

- Present: Vice Chancellor (in the chair), Dr J Ahearne, Professor C Aubrey, Ms A Bell, Professor L Bridges, Professor S Bright, Professor A Caesar, Dr L Campbell, Professor E Carter, Professor Y Carter, Professor M Cooper, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Mr B Duggan, Professor P Edwards, Professor M Finn, Professor J Gardner, Professor M Harrison, Professor R Higgott, Dr C Hughes, Dr C Jenainati, Dr J Kidd, Professor K Lamberts, Professor R Lindley, Ms C Longworth, Professor M Luntley, Professor P Mack, Professor S Palmer, Professor E Peile, Dr A Price, Professor M Smith, Professor C Sparrow, Professor S Thornton, Professor M Waterson, Professor M Whitby, Professor V Zammit.
- Apologies: Professor S Bassnett, Professor J Davey, Professor R Freedman, Mr A Gumusay, Professor A Harris, Professor G Hundt, Professor J D S Jones, Mr J Kirby, Professor S Kumar, Dr J MacPherson, Professor A Phizacklea, Mr P Ptashko, Dr J Read, Ms A Rodrigo, Director of Estates.
- In attendance: Registrar, University Secretary, Director of Finance, Academic Registrar, Ms Y Salter Wright, Ms H Sinclair, for items 86/06-07 to 88/06-07: Professor P Burnham, Professor R Burns, Professor A Easton, Dr C Hughes, Professor J Hutton, Professor A Prout, Professor P Smith, for item 96/06-07: the Director of Campus Affairs.

86/06-07 University Strategy and Implementation Plan

CONSIDERED:

The University Strategy document and high-level Implementation Plan together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor (S.44/06-07).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the University Strategy document and high-level Implementation Plan be welcomed and approved and forwarded to the Council for consideration at its meeting on 11 July 2007, together with a brief report highlighting the main issues discussed and agreed at the meeting of the Senate including the following points and proposed additions to the document:
- (i) That, while some members expressed concern about whether the objective of attaining 50 ISI highly cited staff was achievable, the need to develop goals which could be measured and which matched the University's aspirations was acknowledged and it was suggested that a group of research related indicators be developed in addition to the objective included in the Strategy document of achieving 50 highly cited staff by 2015.
 - (ii) That reference to the valuable contribution which the University alumni make to Teaching and Learning activities should be included in the text of section 2.

- (iii) That reference to the University's Centre in Venice be included in the International Portal section.
 - (iv) That the meaning of "overhaul of research governance" and "boost the 'surplus' from research income" included in section 5 be clarified in the text of the final version of the document.
 - (v) That reference be included in the 'Supporting our strategic goals' section to potential investment in IT infrastructure and library and information services to ensure that the University can support and deliver a fast, innovative culture.
 - (vi) That the section 'Warwick: Towards 2015' be expanded to include examples of other future innovative University projects and developments together with a statement on what makes Warwick distinctive amongst UK and International Higher Education.
- (b) That a full review of progress against the Strategy and the Implementation Plan be undertaken by no later than 2010.

87/06-07 University Financial Plan: 2007-2011

CONSIDERED:

The University Financial Plan for the period to 2010/2011, incorporating a risk analysis of the Financial Plan, recommended for approval by the Finance and General Purposes Committee (S.45/06-07) together with an oral report and presentation from the Director of Finance noting that the following major assumptions and provisions had been incorporated within the Plan:

- (a) Income rising from £354m in 2007/08 to £419m in 2010/11.
- (b) A recurrent surplus of 3.4% (£10m) by 2010/11 from a forecast break-even point of 0.9% of net surplus in 2006/07.
- (c) The application of lower net safety factors than those applied in previous Plans of £1.3m in 2007/08, £2.6m in 2008/09, £3.5m in 2009/10 and £4.4m in 2010/11.
- (d) Forecast future increases in grant settlements from the HEFCE of 2.7% per annum for both T and R Grants.
- (e) Planned increases in income from £354m in 2007/08 to £419m in 2010/11.
- (f) Increases in overseas undergraduate student numbers by an average of 3% per annum and overseas student fees by 6% per annum.
- (g) A forecast rise of approximately 3% per annum in independently-funded course fee income.
- (h) Increases in research grant and contract income of approximately 16% per annum between 2006/07 and 2008/09 and approximately 10% thereafter.
- (i) Compound increases in other operating income of 2.5% per annum.

- (j) An increase in the percentage investment in staff costs from 51% to 55%.
- (k) Increased spend on the Library over the period of the Plan to £9.7m by 2010/11 including the establishment of a Digital Repository.
- (l) An increase in central IT expenditure by an average of 6% annually from £8.7m in 2005/06 to around £11.6m by 2010/11 to include expenditure on new projects including a wireless network upgrade, limited Apple Mac support and Mobile E-mail support.
- (m) Increased investment in the Central Administrative Budget of £0.52m, £0.59m, £0.23m and £0.23m in each of the years of the Plan primarily to enable the full implementation of the HR Framework Agreement and investment in the Centre for Academic and Professional Development.
- (n) An increase in the block grant to the Students' Union of £146k between 2005/06 and 2007/08.
- (o) The application of a vacancy factor of 4% on general activities' staff costs amounting to £5.5m in 2007/08 and rising to £6.2m by 2010/11.
- (p) University contributions to the University of Warwick Pension Scheme and the Universities Superannuation Scheme at rates of 19% and 14% respectively per annum.
- (q) Total capital expenditure on buildings, refurbishments and equipment of £207.92m over the period 2007/08 to 2010/11 including expenditure on the expansion of the new Warwick Medical School, refurbishment of Milburn House, expansion of student bedspaces, replacement of car park 7 and construction of a new University hotel, a new University nursery, a new Estates Building, Tennis Centre and the Warwick Digital Laboratory.
- (r) Increased costs associated with Estates premises arising from the construction and occupancy of new University buildings.
- (s) The approved arrangements for the refinancing of the University's borrowings and the consequent reduction in cash balances from 2006/07 year end forecasts of £39m to around £20m.
- (t) Provision of £750k in 2007/08 and £1m per annum thereafter in the Plan to support those items of the new University Strategy which had not already been incorporated fully within the Plan.
- (u) That the main risks to the Financial Plan were shortfalls in student recruitment, a possible downturn in commercial income and attainment of targets for growth in research income and that these would be monitored regularly through the University's existing financial monitoring arrangements.

REPORTED:

(by the Director of Finance)

- (a) That Direct Payroll was the largest area of expenditure growth for the University over the course of the Financial Plan, rising from circa 51% to 55% of total income by 2010/11.

- (b) That teaching and research staff numbers were projected to increase by over 350 by 2010/11 compared to 2005/06 and that average staff student ratios in non-devolved academic departments were predicted to fall from 17.2 in 2005/06 to 15.2 in 2007/08.
- (c) That it was assumed in the Financial Plan that the University would receive a significant allocation for capital investment in the next round of the Science Research Investment Fund (SRIF).
- (d) That, while the business plan for the development of the proposed University hotel was not yet finalised, the initial analysis indicated that the proposal would be economically viable.
- (e) That all UK universities faced a risk of shortfalls in University run pension schemes and potential significant increases in contributions to the Universities Superannuation Scheme.
- (f) That there were areas of potential income which had not been incorporated in the Financial Plan, including the receipt by the University of any large donations, proceeds from the sale of any spin-out companies, land or buildings, any rise in undergraduate home/EU student fees over 2.5% inflation, increases in income from growth in postgraduate research numbers and contributions from initiatives to be introduced as part of the new University Strategy.
- (g) That, in view of the current financial market borrowing climate in which it was cheaper to borrow over the long-term than over the shorter-term, the University Council had recently approved the refinancing of the University's borrowing arrangements whereby a sum of £40m had been borrowed on a repayment basis over a 30 year period and a bank borrowing facility of a further £20m.
- (h) That the current compound 6% increase in fee levels for overseas students would be reassessed when considering the Financial Plan in 2008.
- (i) That the budget variances against the approved Financial Plan would be closely monitored in 2007/08 since any fall in projected income would need to be matched by a reduction in expenditure.

(by the University Librarian)

That, in addition to the current £3.6m Library refurbishment project, the introduction of compact mobile shelving would increase space efficiency in the Library and that as a consequence of these two measures the library would have access to approximately ten years expansion space.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the University Financial Plan for the period 2006/07 to 2010/11, incorporating a risk analysis of the Financial Plan, be approved for submission to the HEFCE as set out in paper S.45/06-07.

88/06-07 University Corporate Planning Statement 2007

CONSIDERED:

The University Corporate Planning Statement for 2007 providing a general update of the University's progress during 2006/2007 against previously identified strategic priorities (S.46/06-07) together with an oral report from the University Secretary.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the University Corporate Planning Statement 2007 as set out in paper S.46/06-07 together with a copy of the new University Strategy Document, setting out the University's strategic priorities and key areas of activity in 2007/08, and subject to any further minor proposed amendments forwarded to the University Secretary, be submitted to the HEFCE.

89/06-07 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 20 June 2007 be approved.

90/06-07 Working Group on Pro-Vice-Chancellors (minute 71/06-07 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A paper proposing the establishment of a Working Group to review the terms of office and appointment arrangements for the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (S.57/06-07).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a Working Group be established to review the current terms of office and appointment arrangements for the Pro-Vice-Chancellors as prescribed within the University Statutes and University Ordinance 3 as proposed in paper S.57/06-07.
- (b) On the recommendation of the Steering Committee, that the membership of the Working Group be as follows:

Chair, a member of the Professorial Staff
of the University:

Professor A Caesar

Three members of the Professorial Staff
of the University:

Professor N Crafts
Professor J Gardner
Professor S Lamb

91/06-07 Joint Meeting of the Senate and the Council (minute 79/06-07 refers)

REPORTED: (by the University Secretary)

That the joint meeting of the Senate and the Council to consider the re-appointment of the University Chancellor would be held in London at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 11 July 2007 London immediately prior to the meeting of the University Council.

92/06-07 Membership of the Senate

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the membership of the Senate for the academic year 2007/2008 (S.47/06-07).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That Professor Lindley had been appointed as the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies.
- (b) That elections were being conducted in the Faculties of Arts and Social Studies for appointment to the vacant positions in the representatives of these Faculties on the Senate.

93/06-07 Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.48/06-07 {Parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items together with an oral reports from the Vice-Chancellor:

- (a) Community Affairs
 - (b) University Value for Money Committee
 - (c) University Degree Congregation
 - (d) Purchase of Cryfield Grange Farm
 - (e) Times Higher Education Supplement Awards
 - (f) UUK Submission to the Sainsbury Review
 - (g) Arts and Humanities Council: Regional Meetings
 - (h) QAA Collaborative Provision Audits
 - (i) QAA Access to Higher Diploma
 - (j) Higher Education Outreach: Targeting Disadvantaged Learners
 - (k) Bologna Process Ministerial Summit
 - (l) UUK Note on Evidence to FE and Training Bill Committee
 - (m) Consultation on Flexible Retirement in the Universities Superannuation Scheme
 - (n) HRI QE Financial Report and Update
 - (o) Warwick Medical School QE Financial Report
 - (p) Warwick Business School QE Financial Report
 - (q) Academic Resourcing Committee QE Financial Report
- (a) Brown Government Appointments

RECEIVED:

The Committee's report of its consideration of information on new appointments made to Cabinet and Ministerial positions by the incoming Prime Minister.

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That there would be a Minister assigned to each of the regions and that as a consequence of the abolition of the Department for Education and Skills and

the Department of Trade and Industry and the creation of the Department for Children, Schools and Families and a Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills, management of Diploma level qualifications will be spread across two Government Departments.

(b) University Policy on Readmission of Students

CONSIDERED:

- (i) A report from the Steering Committee of its decision, taken on behalf of the Senate and on the recommendation of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, to permit two students whose registrations had been terminated on the joint Leicester Warwick Medical Schools MBChB course to be admitted to the first year of the Warwick Medical School MBChB course in the light of exceptional and mitigating circumstances.
- (ii) A report from the Steering Committee of its resolution that the Senate be invited to consider the desirability or otherwise of introducing a University Regulation which provided guidance on the readmission of students to a course of study from which they had previously been required to withdraw.

RESOLVED:

That a draft policy and Regulation be brought forward on the readmission of students to courses of study for consideration by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee.

(c) Structure of the Warwick Medical School

RECEIVED:

A report from the Steering Committee on its consideration and approval of a request from the Warwick Medical School for the establishment of a new position within the School of Associate Dean (External Affairs) to which Professor Sudesh Kumar would be appointed.

94/06-07 Report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meetings of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee held on 17 May and 14 June 2007 (S.49/06-07 {Parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning):

- (a) HEFCE/QAA Task Group on Quality Assurance and Employer Engagement in Higher Education
- (b) Report on Periodic Review
- (c) External Examiners: Report Forms and Guidance
- (d) Warwick Medical School: MBChB Entry Requirements
- (e) Annual Course Review Report Summaries
- (f) Guidelines on the Use of Postgraduate Students for Teaching

(a) Assessment: Marking Scales and Degree Classification Conventions

CONSIDERED:

- (i) The Committee's report of its consideration of proposals from the Assessment Conventions Working Group of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on the introduction of new University marking scales and degree classification conventions.
- (ii) The Final Report of the Assessment Conventions Working Group of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee and its proposals for the introduction of new University marking scales and degree classification conventions paper AQSC 78/06-07 (revised 3).
- (iii) The following recommendations of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee:
 - (A) That a new marking scale of seventeen grade points be introduced for the assessment of all undergraduate work at the start of the 2007-08 academic year, as proposed in paper AQSC 78/06-07 (revised 3).
 - (B) That academic departments be consulted on the outline proposals for the introduction of new degree classification conventions and invited to consider current practice in the operation of degree classification conventions.

REPORTED:

(by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor {Teaching and Learning})

- (i) That, while the proposals currently under consideration for the introduction of a new University marking scale would apply to undergraduate courses only, following introduction at undergraduate level the University might wish to initiate further discussions on the potential introduction of University marking schemes at the postgraduate level.
- (ii) That the introduction of a new University marking scale for undergraduate courses was a necessary preliminary to the introduction of new University degree classification conventions which would be the subject of discussion under the aegis of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee during the next academic year.
- (iii) That it had been necessary to impose a shorter schedule for implementation of the proposed changes in marking practices than was desirable due to the University having determined that the Final Report from the Working Group on Assessment Conventions be delayed until account could be taken of the outcome of the Burgess Report into measuring and recording of student achievement.

(by the President of the Students' Union)

- (iv) That there was strong student support for the introduction of the proposed changes to University marking conventions, in particular to facilitate more frequent application of the full range of marks available to examiners.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Senate was in favour of exploring the possibility of introducing changes to University assessment conventions if these were no worse than current practice in some departments and better than current practice in most departments.

(Following a vote: 33 in favour and 1 abstention)

- (ii) That a trial, based upon the Assessment Convention proposals put forward by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, be piloted in those University departments who expressed a wish to participate in the pilot commencing in the Autumn Term 2007/08 as part of continuing discussions on moves towards the harmonisation of marking for implementation in the academic year 2008/09.

(Following a vote: 30 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions)

- (b) Accreditation of Prior Learning Policy

RESOLVED:

That the policies on the accreditation of prior learning be revised as set out in paper AQSC 77/06-07 (revised 3), including the accumulation of modules towards qualifications and a process to consider proposals for blanket exemptions for holders of named qualifications from specified elements of particular Warwick courses.

- (c) Professional, Statutory and Regulation Body (PSRB) Engagements

RESOLVED:

That the proposed process for the Teaching Quality section of the Academic Office to engage with departments in advance of PSRB inspections or accreditation events be introduced as set out in paper AQSC 85/06-07.

- (d) Mark Release Policy

RESOLVED:

That the policy on the release of marks to students be clarified as set out in paper AQSC 88/06-07 (revised) proposed by the Assistant Registrar (Student Records).

- (e) Cheating in University Tests

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee of its consideration of a recommendation from the Board of Undergraduate Studies that examination convention F7 be revised.

RESOLVED:

That examination convention F7 proposed by the Board of Undergraduate Studies be revised to read:

- (i) That students be required to submit assessed work in a suitable electronic form which allows the department concerned readily to submit the work to plagiarism detection software.
- (ii) That Heads of Department should retain the discretion to permit students to submit assessed work in manuscript form should there be individual circumstances justifying this.

(f) New and Extended Collaborative Courses

- (i) Department of Economics Erasmus Mundus Course

RESOLVED:

That a proposal from the Department of Economics to introduce a new MA in Economic Development: Growth, Institutions and History in collaboration with Lund University, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid and Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po) with effect from October 2007 be approved as set out in paper BGS 49/06-07, it being noted that this course is the subject of a bid to the European Commission's Erasmus Mundus scheme.

- (ii) School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies Erasmus Mundus Course

RESOLVED:

That a proposal from the School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies to introduce a new MA in International Performance Research in collaboration with the Universities of Amsterdam and Tampere be approved as set out in paper BGS 59/06-07 and AQSC 93/06-07 with effect from October 2008, it being noted that this course is subject of a bid to the European Commission's Erasmus Mundus scheme.

- (iii) School of Law, Warwick Manufacturing Group and Warwick Medical School: Collaboration with Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

RESOLVED:

That a proposal from the School of Law, Warwick Manufacturing Group and Warwick Medical School to introduce a new Postgraduate Diploma in Regulatory Occupational Health and Safety in collaboration with the Health and Safety Executive be approved as set out in papers GFSS 203 & 204/06-07 and CFDLSC 73 & 92/06-07 with effect from September 2007.

- (iv) Warwick Medical School and Management Society for Healthcare Professionals (MSHP), Hong Kong

RESOLVED:

That a proposal from Warwick Medical School to set up a new collaboration with the Management Society for Healthcare Professionals, Hong Kong, to deliver the existing MSc in Health Services Management be approved with effect from October 2007 as set out in papers CFDLSC 80 & 81/06-07, subject to the submission of a covering letter from the Management Society for Healthcare Professionals, Hong Kong before any formal agreement covering the course is signed.

- (v) School of Health and Social Studies: Postgraduate Diplomas in Specialist Social Work with Coventry University

RESOLVED:

That a proposal from the School of Health and Social Studies to include a module taught by Coventry University, Enabling Others, in two courses offered by the School of Health and Social Studies, a Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Children and Young People, their Families and Carers) and a Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults) and in the undergraduate Diploma variants of these courses be approved with effect from 1 August 2007 as set out in paper CFDLSC 60/06-07.

- (vi) Department of Classics and British School at Rome

RESOLVED:

That a proposal from the Department of Classics to incorporate an eight-week course delivered by the British School at Rome into a new MA in the Visual and Material Culture of Ancient Rome be approved with effect from October 2008 as set out in papers AGSC 33/06-07 and CFDLSC 63/06-07.

- (vii) Centre for Lifelong Learning: PCET

RESOLVED:

That a proposal from the Centre for Lifelong Learning to introduce new qualifications in Post Compulsory Education and Training (PCET) to replace existing Cert Ed (PCET) qualifications, working with existing partner institutions and Warwickshire College on either a validated or a franchised basis (to be agreed in due course with each partner institution) be approved with effect from September 2007 as set out in papers UFSS 106 & 110/06-07 and CFDLSC 76, 77 & 78/06-07.

Note: Papers AQSC 33 and 93/06-07, CFDLSC 60, 63, 73, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81 and 92/06-07, GFSS 203 and 204/06-07, BGS 49 and 59/06-07 and UFSS 106 and 110/06-07 were available at the meeting and will be attached to the official archived Senate papers.

(g) New and Revised Undergraduate Courses

REPORTED:

That the Board of Undergraduate Studies at its meeting on 6 June 2007 approved:

- (i) The retitling of the existing BA (Hons) Comparative American Studies to BA (Hons) History, Literature and Cultures of the Americas and
- (ii) The following new courses:
 - (A) Open Studies Advanced Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Practice for Person-centred Therapists.
 - (B) Undergraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Children and Young People, their Families and Carers).
 - (C) Undergraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults).

(h) New and Revised Postgraduate Courses

That at its meetings on 22 February, 3 May and 7 June 2007 the Board of Graduate Studies approved the following new and revised course proposals:

New Courses

- (i) Diploma in English Language and Engineering Management, subject to the clarifications requested by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Sciences
- (ii) Postgraduate Award entitled 'Developing Young Children in an Educational Context';
- (iii) MSc in Modelling Biological Populations and Interactions;
- (iv) MSc in Statistics;
- (v) MSc in Computer Science and Applications;
- (vi) MSc/PhD in Complexity Science;
- (vii) PhD in Systems Biology;
- (viii) MA in International Security;
- (ix) CPD course entitled Contracts and Procurement;
- (x) PG Cert in Academic and Professional Practice, subject to minor amendments and clarification of the University's policy for the accumulation of credits towards larger qualifications;
- (xi) Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults);
- (xii) MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies;
- (xiii) Postgraduate Award, 'Understanding Sexual Dysfunction'
- (xiv) LLM in Socio-Legal Studies;
- (xv) Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Children and Young People, their Families and Carers);
- (xvi) Four-year PhD in Economics.

Revised Courses

- (xvii) MSc in Process Technology and Business Management;
- (xviii) Postgraduate programmes in Academic and Professional Practice;

- (xix) MA in Academic and Professional Practice;
- (xx) Postgraduate Award, 'Introduction to Academic and Professional Development';
- (xxi) Postgraduate Award, 'E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice';
- (xxii) MA in English Literature;
- (xxiii) MSc Health Services Management;
- (xxiv) MSc Economics.

Name Changes

- (xxv) from MA/PGDip and PGCert in British and Comparative Cultural Studies to MA/PGDip and PGCert in Comparative Cultural Studies;
- (xxvi) from an MA degree specialism Art and Its Spaces to an MA degree specialism The History and Politics of Display;
- (xxvii) from LLM Corporate Law and Governance to LLM Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation.
- (xxviii) from Community Gynaecology Masters, Certificate and Diploma courses to Sexual and Reproductive Health Care (Community Gynaecology) Masters, Certificate and Diploma courses.

(i) Discontinued Postgraduate Course

REPORTED:

That, at the meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies on 7 June 2007, it was reported that the MA in Philosophy and Social Theory would no longer be offered to students.

(j) Amendments to University Regulations

(i) Regulation 14 Governing Higher Degrees: Provisions Applying to the Degree of Doctor of Engineering (EngD)

RECOMMENDED:

That Regulation 14 Governing Higher Degrees: Provisions Applying to the Degree of Doctor of Engineering (EngD) be amended as set out in paper SGS 52/06-07 (revised).

(ii) Regulation 14(F) Governing Higher Degrees

RECOMMENDED:

That proposed amendments to Regulation 14(F) Governing Higher Degrees be approved as set out in paper BGS 51/06-07.

(iii) Regulation 16.3(1): Regulations Governing Appeals at Postgraduate Research Level

RECOMMENDED:

That proposed amendments to Regulation 16.3(1) Regulations Governing Appeals at Postgraduate Research Level be approved as set out in paper BGS 56/06-07.

95/06-07 Report from the Information Policy and Strategy Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Information Policy and Strategy Committee held on 14 June 2007 (S.50/06-07) together with its resolution recorded under the following item:

Five-Year Plan for IT Services

96/06-07 Report from the Campus Life Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Campus Life Committee held on 4 June 2007 (S.51/06-07) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Social Facilities and Amenities – Lakeside and Heronbank
- (b) Appointment of a University Muslim Chaplain
- (c) UK Schools Games: August 2007
- (d) Review of Student Support Services
- (e) Chaplaincy
- (f) Annual report from the Counselling Service

97/06-07 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Science

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 6 June 2007 (S.52/06-07).

- (a) Report from the Sub-Faculty of Science on Student Support

RECEIVED:

A report of the consideration by the Faculty Board of the Report from the Sub-Faculty of Science on issues relating to Student Support, and in particular, the concerns of the Faculty of Science regarding the waiting times experienced by students in accessing the University Counselling Service during a period where the volume of requests was very high.

REPORTED:

That it was expected that improvements would be introduced to ease similar difficulties in the future following the review of Student Support Services which was being undertaken by the Director of Campus Affairs.

- (b) Representation of the Faculty on the Senate

RECEIVED:

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Science to the Senate for the 2007/08 academic year.

(c) Faculty of Science Elections

RECEIVED:

- (i) A report from the Board of the Faculty of Science on membership of Faculty Committees for the 2007/08 academic year.
- (ii) A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Science to University Committees for the academic year 2007/2008.

CONSIDERED:

The appointment of academic staff in the Faculty of Science to serve on University Committees for the academic year 2007/08.

RESOLVED:

That the following members of academic staff in the Faculty of Science be appointed to serve on the Committees indicated for the academic year 2007/08:

Equality and Diversity Committee	Professor JL Hutton Dr E Hines
Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating	Dr K Flint Dr J Robinson Dr A Manning Dr M Joy Dr PC Taylor
Graduate Appeals Committee Panel	Professor C Robinson Dr K Neailey Dr A Dowd Dr D R Leadley
Committee on Admission of Students to Courses of Study	Dr K Flint Dr J Robinson

98/06-07 Appointment of Representatives of the Senate to the Council

CONSIDERED:

The appointment of five representatives of the Senate to the Council for the period 1 August 2007 to 31 July 2009.

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 five representatives of the Senate to the Council.

- (b) That four nominations for appointment were received for the five vacant places by the deadline of 26 June and that in accordance with Ordinance 5, Professors Davey, Caesar, Lindley and Zammit were therefore deemed to have been appointed as four of the six appointees of the Senate to the Council for the period 1 August 2007 to 31 July 2010.
- (c) That a further election to fill the remaining vacant place would be conducted as soon as practicable and in any event by no later than the beginning of the Autumn term.

99/06-07 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions that have been conferred upon members of the University since the meeting of the Senate held on 20 June 2007 (S.55/06-07).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That, in addition to the Awards and Distinctions reported in the paper, Mr Jamie Darwen, Project Manager for Warwick Volunteers, had been elected to a position on the England Volunteering Development Council (EVDC).

100/06-07 University Committee Timetable and Term Dates

CONSIDERED:

The draft Committee Timetable for the academic year 2007/2008 and University term dates for 2017/2018 (S.56/06-07).

REPORTED: (by the University Secretary)

- (a) That the Committee Timetable presented proposed dates and times of meetings of University bodies under the current Committee structure and that the review of the University Committee structure being undertaken currently and any resulting proposals for amendments to the Committee structure might require consequent changes to the Timetable.
- (b) That proposals for amendments to the Committee structure would be brought forward for consideration at the next meeting of the Senate in October, and in particular amendments relating to space allocation and the capital planning process and the proposed abolition of the University Strategy Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the draft Committee Timetable for the academic year 2007/2008 and University term dates for 2017/2018 be approved as set out in paper S.56/06-07, subject to minor revisions which will be reflected in the final published version of the Timetable.

101/06-07 Sabbatical Officers in the Student's Union

CONSIDERED:

In accordance with Regulation 24(4), the conferral of registered student status for the academic year 2006/2007 on:

President:	Jonathan (Joe) Kirby, 3 rd year English and Comparative Literary Studies student
Education Officer and Deputy President:	Peter Ptashko, MA Globalisation and Development student
Finance, Democracy and Strategy Officer:	Thomas Callow, 3 rd year Politics, Philosophy and Economics student
Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officer:	Edward John Callow, 3 rd year Psychology and Philosophy student
Commercial Development and Communications Officer:	James Antony Gadsby-Peet, 3 rd year BEng Engineering student
Sports Officer:	Kate Elaine Bennet, 3 rd year History and Politics student
Societies and Student Development Officer:	Thomas James Lindsay, 3 rd year BSc Mathematics student

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Regulation 24(4), registered student status be conferred on Jonathan Kirby, Peter Ptashko, Thomas Callow, Edward Callow, James Gadsby-Peet, Kate Bennet and Thomas Lindsay for the academic year 2007/2008.

102/06-07 Board of the Faculty of Social Studies

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies held on 30 May 2007 (S.53/06-07).

(a) Election of Faculty Chair

RECEIVED:

A statement on the process for the academic year 2007/08 for the election of the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies.

(b) Membership of the Faculty Board and its Sub-Committees

RECEIVED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies on membership of Faculty Committees for the 2007/08 academic year.

(c) Faculty Board Elections

RECEIVED:

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies to University Committees for the academic year 2007/2008.

(d) Faculty Research Centres

(i) Warwick Centre for Public Economics

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies to dis-establish the Warwick Centre for Public Economics.

RESOLVED:

That the Warwick Centre for Public Economics be dis-established.

(ii) Centre for the Study of Safety and Well-being

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the School of Health and Social Studies and the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies to change the constitution of the Centre for the Study of Safety and Well-being.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the School of Health and Social Studies and the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies that Dr D Chung be appointed as the sole Director of the Centre for the Study of Safety and Well-being from 1 August 2007 be approved.

103/06-07 Board of the Faculty of Medicine

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine held on 29 May 2007 (S.54./06-07).

(a) Membership of the Faculty Board and Sub-Committees 2007/08

RECEIVED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine on membership of Faculty Committees for the 2007/08 academic year.

(b) Representation of the Faculty on the Senate

RECEIVED:

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine to the Senate for the academic year 2007/08.

(c) Faculty Board Elections

RECEIVED:

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine to University Committees for the academic year 2007/2008.

CONSIDERED:

The appointment of academic staff in the Faculty of Medicine to serve on University Committees.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That Professor P Abrahams and Dr F Griffiths be appointed as two of the up to three permanent full-time members of staff at the University of Warwick co-opted on the Board of the Faculty of Medicine.
- (ii) That Dr M Walzman, a Consultant Physician and the Clinical Education and Research Lead at George Elliott Hospital, be appointed as one of the up to five co-opted members, external to the University on the Board of the Faculty of Medicine.
- (iii) That the following members of academic staff in the Faculty of Medicine be appointed to serve on the Committees indicated for the academic year 2007/08:

Equality and Diversity Committee

Ms D Markham
Professor S Singh

Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating

Dr J Kidd
Dr N Johnson
Professor E Peile
Dr C Rodgers
Dr H Randeva

Graduate Appeals Committee Panel

Dr P O'Hare
Dr D Simkiss
Professor D Singer
Dr A Stokes
TBC