The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the incoming President of the Students’ Union, Leo Bøe to the meeting as an observer, prior to taking up the post from 1 August 2011.


CONSIDERED:

The draft University Financial Plan for the period to 2014/15 (S.54/10-11) together with oral reports from the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Finance Director.

REPORTED: (by the Finance Director)

(a) That Warwick’s income had increased by 2.4 per cent to £419M compared to the previous year, including the University’s highest ever annual research income.

(b) That the University continued to monitor the changing external context and was adapting its financial planning accordingly, it being noted that the situation regarding the future of the HEFCE, research and government linked funding remained uncertain, as well as the more immediate impact of the new fees and funding regime.

(c) That the draft University Financial Plan assumed ongoing investment in strategic priorities and the student experience over the next four years and that reducing surplus levels were forecast across the Plan period based on this assumption, falling from £15.2M in 2010/11 to £1.4M in 2011/12, but gradually
recovering to £12.3M in 2014/15.

(d) That capital investment levels were reduced post April 2011 in line with reduced level of capital funding, but that minor and major builds would continue to be pursued.

(By the Registrar)

(e) That work would be undertaken in response to the White Paper consultation prior to the deadline of 2 September 2011, to enable the impact of the “core and margin” model to be factored into the Financial Plan.

(By the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

(f) That there remained opportunity for investment in strategic priorities in 2011/12, as the Finance and General Purposes Committee had agreed to reduce the overall surplus in the Financial Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate be updated in the Autumn Term 2011 on any significant amendments from the draft Financial Plan presented in S.54/10-11.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the draft University Financial Plan for the period 2010/11 to 2014/15 be approved for operational purposes as set out in S.54/10-11, noting that additional work would be carried out over the summer by the Financial Plan Sub-Committee prior to further consideration of the final Plan by the Council at its meeting in November 2011 prior to submission to HEFCE by 1 December 2011.

93/10-11 Minutes

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 15 June 2011 be approved.

94/10-11 Membership of the Senate

CONSIDERED:

The membership of the Senate for the academic year 2011/12 (S.55/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That Sean Ruston and Matthew Smalley had both been re-elected as Student Representatives on the Senate for 2011/12.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate extend its thanks to the following colleagues for their service on the membership of the Senate as their period of office was due to expire on 31 July 2011:

Student Representative - Daniel Stevens
Professor S Bruzzi
Professor N Hewlett
The Executive Summary of the Government’s White Paper on higher education “Students at the Heart of the System”, setting out the proposed reforms for the sector (S.69/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the central focus of the White Paper was, as expected, on Teaching and the Student Experience, noting that a HEFCE consultation had been launched on Teaching and Student Number Allocation, to which the University must respond by early September 2011.

(b) That the White Paper sought to open up competition at the top end of the market and in relation to Widening Participation, with a proposal to introduce a ‘core and margin model’, and the intention to open up the HE market to entry of a diverse range of providers, including FE colleges and private providers.

(c) That, in terms of the QAA, the White Paper proposed to introduce a ‘genuinely risk-based’ approach to quality assurance which would apply to all providers.

(d) That while the ‘core and margin model’ presented opportunities to the sector, there was the risk that highly regarded institutions would not have the capacity to accept the demand from “AAB” students.

(by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

(e) That dialogue with departments would commence immediately given the potentially new requirements for offers and targets from the beginning of the 2011/12 academic year.

A letter from the Deputy Director (Audit) of the QAA’s Reviews Group confirming the University’s timetable for QAA Institutional Review (S.68/10-11).

A report outlining the proposals for an institution-wide review of teaching, learning and the student experience, as amended following the Heads of Department Forum held on 24 June 2011 (S.65/10-11).
REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That following the Harris review, a number of departments’ Strategic Departmental Reviews had been deferred from 2010/11, and the University’s Steering Committee had considered the effectiveness of the process.

(b) That the Steering Committee had approved an Interim Periodic Review process in April 2011 to commence autumn term 2012, in order to reinstate to the original schedule for quality assurance purposes.

(c) That, in the light of the strategic context, the proposal for a university-wide review of the teaching provision of all the University’s departments, while also engaging in faculty-wide reviews that looked at related issues that inform the student experience, was regarded as more productive at this point.

(d) That it was critical that the approach, from both a departmental and University perspective, would be efficient, forward-looking, and productive, while demonstrating both to students and to external audiences that the University’s programmes were quality assured and current.

(by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Student Experience)

(e) That a university-wide review of the teaching provision of all the University’s departments, would enable central data collation by administrative staff to reduce the burden on academic departments.

(f) That the institutional review would facilitate the accurate provision of information for the QAA mid-term Audit Review, the full Institutional Review and the Key Information Sets.

(by the Deputy Registrar)

(g) That, subject to the Senate’s approval of the proposals for an institution-wide review of teaching, learning and the student experience, it was intended that Heads of Departments would be contacted shortly to request suggestions for external reviewers.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals for an institution-wide review of teaching, learning and the student experience, as amended following the Heads of Department Forum held on 24 June 2011, be approved as set out in S.65/10-11.

98/10-11 Intellectual Property Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report outlining the proposed terms of reference of the new joint committee of the Council and the Senate, the Intellectual Property Committee (S.56/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Registrar)

That the membership of the proposed Intellectual Property Committee would include the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer and Business Engagement, a student representative, members of Senate, and lay a member of Council.
RESOLVED:

That the establishment, terms of reference and constitution of the Intellectual Property Committee as a formal joint committee of the Council and the Senate be approved as set out in S.56/10-11 and below:

(a) Constitution of the Intellectual Property Committee

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Knowledge Transfer and Business Engagement), Chair

Up to three academic members of staff nominated by the Senate covering intellectual property matters in relation to research and teaching

Director of Research Support Services

Chief Executive Officer of Warwick Ventures Ltd

Director of Human Resources or nominee

A lay member of Council, appointed to the membership of the Committee by the Council

A postgraduate student nominated by the Students’ Union and appointed by the Council

(b) Terms of Reference of the Intellectual Property Committee

(i) To recommend to the Council and the Senate an Intellectual Property Strategy for the management both of intellectual property ownership and of the benefits and risks arising from the development, use and commercialisation of the University’s IP, and to report on the ongoing review of the Strategy on an annual basis.

(ii) To recommend to the Council and the Senate such policies as may be required on intellectual property, as it applies to all members of the University.

(iii) To advise the Council and the Senate of the implications and risks to the University of any relevant legislative changes.

(iv) To provide regular monitoring reports to the Council and the Senate on the implementation of relevant policies across the University.

(v) To recommend to the Council and Senate guidelines on related issues within the context of the University’s Intellectual Property Strategy and related policies and in accordance with the University’s Regulations.

(vi) To consider and approve all proposals, not of material value, relating to intellectual property which constitute exceptions to the policies of the University whilst ensuring compliance with University Regulations.

(vii) To consider and approve submissions to external organisations on the University’s Intellectual Property Strategy and related policies.

99/10-11 Report from the Steering Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.57/10-11 (parts 1 and 2)) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.
(a) **Higher Education Innovation Funding 2011-12 to 2014-15: Policy, final allocations and request for institutional strategies**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That, as was reported at the last meeting of the Senate, the University had received confirmation of its allocation of HEIF funding for 2011-15.

(ii) That a methodology for the internal distribution of the funding had been approved by the Steering Committee, with the model largely based on internal strategic commissioning of projects.

(b) **Key Information Sets**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University had received the requirements of the Key Information Sets and the outcomes of the HEFCE, Universities UK and GuildHE consultation on the provision of information to the public about higher education.

(c) **“50 Forward” Fundraising Campaign**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That the University’s “50 Forward” Fundraising campaign was successfully launched on 16 June 2011 in London.

(ii) That a similar launch event was planned for New York City in Autumn 2011.

(d) QAA Mid-cycle Letter
(e) Development and Alumni Relations Office Update
(f) Pulse Results
(g) Professor Richard Higgott
(h) Postgraduate Issues
(i) Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards
(j) Technology and Innovation Centres
(k) Medical Research Council Doctoral Training Grant Competition 2011
(l) Response to HEFCE Consultation on Allocation of PGR Funding
(m) International Issues
(n) Prevent Strategy
(o) Quality Update
(p) UK Collaboration in Singapore: QAA Overseas Audit Report
(q) Library Update
(r) Benchmarking on Employability
(s) Fees Working Group Update
(t) HEFCE Strategic Advisory Committees
(u) Wolfson Neurology Initiative Research Proposal
(v) Mainstream ITT Funding and Allocations 2011-12
(w) Funding Announcement on Postgraduate Professional Development
(x) Speakers for Schools
(y) Minister of State for Universities and Science
(z) Consultation on Common Strategic Framework for EU Research an
(aa) JNCHES Reports
(bb) Interim Director at OFFA
(cc) Evaluation of HEFCE’s Programme of Support for Strategically
(dd) HEFCE Undergraduate Medical and Dental Intake Target
CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (S.58/10-11 (parts 1 and 2)) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience).

(a) Membership, Constitution and Secretariat of the Committee

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the Chair to augment the constitution of the Committee to include the Director of the Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning as an additional *ex officio* member be approved.

(b) Terms of Reference of the Committee

REPORTED:

(i) That an error in the draft Terms of Reference of the Committee in AQSC 58/09-10 had been noted, such that the recommended action in section 3(c) (supported by the Committee):

*That consideration of External Examiners’ reports, Annual Review reports, periodic review reports and SSLC reports be devolved to BUGS and BGS, together with the responsibility for intervening in departments where there were issues of concern. Serious issues of concern would also be raised with AQSC.*

had not been fully incorporated into the amended Terms of Reference.

(ii) That the Terms of Reference had subsequently been updated to reflect the original recommendation of the Committee (approved by Senate) by the deletion of clause (f):

*To consider an annual report on the operation of the Student-Staff Liaison system.*

(c) UUK-GuildHE Review of External Examining Arrangements

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience))
(i) That, while it was proposed that the length of appointment for external examiners be changed to four years (formerly three years), there would no longer be the option to extend appointments for a fifth year.

(by Professor S Jacka)

(ii) That he was concerned about asking external examiners to commit to four years in the first instance, noting that a shorter term could be requested with a view to extension to a fourth year.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the proposal to increase the length of appointment for external examiners from three to four years be approved.

(ii) That the current form for nominating external examiners for undergraduate and taught postgraduate degrees to the Senate Steering Committee (included as Annex A of paper S.58/10-11 (part 1)) be amended to include reference to the recommended ‘national criteria for appointment’ (Annex B of paper S.58/10-11 (part 1)), asking Heads of Department to confirm that their recommendation is in line with the listed requirements, subject to the further amendments outlined in paper S.58/10-11 (part 1).

(d) Master of Fine Arts

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to introduce a new degree title of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) into Ordinance 13 (Degrees and Diplomas) be approved.

(e) Amendment to Regulation 38 Governing Research Degrees

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation from the Board of Graduate Studies that Regulation 38 Governing Research Degrees be amended as set out in paper BGS 80/10-11 be approved.

(f) Policy on the Recording of Lectures

RESOLVED:

That the policy statement on the recording of lectures by students (as outlined in paper AQSC 69/10-11) be adopted by the University, noting that it was suggested that the policy be subject to agreement by the University’s Legal Advisor and Disability Services Team.

(g) Agreement with East Mediterranean University, Northern Cyprus

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to establish an agreement with East Mediterranean University to deliver the MSc in Engineering Business Management and the MSc in Supply Chain & Logistics Management, be approved as set out in paper S.58/10-11 (part 1).
(h) **New Collaborative Courses**

RESOLVED:

That the proposals for the new collaborative courses listed in paper S.58/10-11 (part 1) be approved (subject to minor amendments or clarifications as noted by CFDLSC) as follows:

(i) Postgraduate Award in Leading Operations and Process Management in the Service Sector
(ii) Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education (Emerging Leaders in Special Education)
(iii) Postgraduate Award in Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement
(iv) MSc in Engineering Business Management for Defence and Security
(v) Double MA with Warwick PAIS and University of Konstanz, Germany

(i) **Revised Collaborative Courses**

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the revised collaborative course “PG Diploma / MA in the History and Business of Art and Collecting” as listed in paper S.58/10-11 (part 1) be approved (subject to minor amendments or clarifications) as recommended by CFDLSC.

(j) Scrutiny of External Examiners’ Reports
(k) PGT Grade Descriptors and Award of Merits
(l) Student Academic Complaints and Appeals 2009-10
(m) Internal Audit Follow-up: Student Academic Complaints
(n) Diplomas for employability
(o) Online submission of assessed work
(p) PSRB Review of the Warwick Business School by EQUIS
(q) National Student Survey
(r) Personal Tutoring
(s) Warwick Medical School – audit of module approval process and monitoring attendance scheme
(t) QAA: Doctoral degree reference point draft
(u) International Student Barometer (ISB)
(v) Degree Classification Conventions
(w) Course and module approval process
(x) Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR)
(y) SSLC Reforms
(z) Erasmus Mundus Grand Committee
(aa) Credit and module framework – Stage 1 language modules
(bb) New and Revised Courses

101/10-11 **Report from Academic Staff Committee**

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic Staff Committee (S.59/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor.
(a) Membership of Academic Staff Committee 2011/12

REPORTED: (by the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor)

That Professor Laura Green had been proposed as a member of the Academic Staff Committee for 2011/12, as a representative from the Faculty of Science appointed by the Senate.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the membership of the Academic Staff Committee for the 2011/12 academic year be approved as set out in ASC.11/10-11.

(ii) That Professor Laura Green be approved as a member of the Academic Staff Committee for 2011/12, as a representative from the Faculty of Science appointed by the Senate.

(b) Annual Review 2010/11: Promotion to Professorships, Associate Professor (Readerships), Principal Teaching Fellowships, Senior Teaching Fellowships, Senior Research Fellowships and Research Fellowships

RESOLVED:

That the Senate extend its congratulations to the following colleagues who had achieved promotion with effect from 1 October 2011:

(i) To Professorships:

Dr J Ahearne (French Studies)
Dr V Buchanan-Wollaston (Life Sciences)
Dr R Earle (History)
Dr V Gelfriech (Mathematics)
Dr D Leadley (Physics)
Dr J T Mottram (Engineering)
Dr J Nokes (Life Sciences)
Dr P Raffield (Law)
Dr G Thomson (History)
Dr M Turnor (Physics)
Dr R Walton (Chemistry)
Dr A Williams (Law)
Dr J Winston (Education)

(ii) To Associate Professor (Readerships):

Dr G Barker (Physics)
Dr T Gershon (Physics)
Dr M Leeson (Engineering)
Dr T-S Li (Computer Science)
Dr E Mason (English)
Dr U Mukherjee (English)
Dr M Shewring (Theatre Studies)
Dr D Ueltschi (Mathematics)
Dr J Warren (Statistics)
Dr N Whybrow (Theatre Studies)
(iii) To Principal Teaching Fellowships

Dr D Condon (WBS)

(iv) To Senior Teaching Fellowships

Ms Z Guo (Language Centre)

(v) To Senior Research Fellowships

Dr D Cheung (Chemistry)
Dr M Gibson (Chemistry)
Dr M Hicks (Chemistry)
Dr C Foullon (Physics)
Dr D Quigley (Physics)

(vi) To Research Fellowships

Mrs R Kearney (Language Centre)

102/10-11 Report from the University Health and Safety Executive Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the University Health and Safety Executive Committee (S.60/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Registrar.

(a) Occupational Health Surveillance Questionnaires
(b) Health and Safety Strategy Direction
(c) Smoking Policy
(d) Health and Safety Well-being Website
(e) Asbestos Management Policy
(f) Annual Review of Incidents
(g) Annual Review of Health and Safety in the Commercial Group
(h) Annual Health and Safety Report for 2010 and Action Plan for 2011
(i) ‘Stress’ Sickness Absence
(j) HSE Guidance on Nanosafety
(k) The Lofstedt Review
(l) UCEA/USHA Guidance on Health and Safety in Fieldwork
(m) University Genetic Modification and Biosafety Committee
(n) Incident Investigation
(o) Terms of Reference for University Health and Safety Executive Committee
(p) Terms of Reference for University Health and Safety Committee
(q) Review of Ionising Radiation

103/10-11 Report from the Research Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Research Committee (S.61/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research: Science and Medicine).
(a) **Research Centre Governance**

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research: Science and Medicine))

That the proposed amendments to Research Centre Governance were intended to give the Faculty Boards a greater advisory role.

RESOLVED:

That the principles of Research Centre Governance as set out in paper RC.47/10-11 be approved subject to the following amendment to 1b (deletions struck through, additions underlined), and noting the concerns of the Research Committee:

(...)

Faculty Boards may offer a view on proposals but it is not a requirement that they do so will be invited to provide a view and advice but will not have responsibility for the final decision.

(...)

(b) **Research Data Management**

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research: Science and Medicine))

That the Research Committee had recommended to the Information Policy and Strategy Committee that an institutional policy on research data management be developed as a matter of urgency.

(c) **HEIF**

RESOLVED:

That the Constitution of the Research Committee be amended to include the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer and Business Engagement.

(d) **Membership**

RESOLVED:

That the following changes to the Research Committee membership be approved as set out in paper S.61/10-11 and below (deletions struck through, additions underlined):

Pro-Vice Chancellor(s)  Professor K Lamberts

with a research portfolio: TBC

The Chair of each of the Boards of the Faculties:

Science:  Professor T Jones  Professor P Thomas

Medicine:  Professor P Winstanley

Social Sciences:  Professor C Hughes
104/10-11 Report from the Research Ethics Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Research Ethics Committee (S.62/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Registrar.

(a) **Research Code of Practice**

**RESOLVED:**

That the new Research Code of Practice be approved as set out in REC.10/10-11 noting that it provided a framework within which more detailed standards, guidance and advice would be made more accessible than currently.

(b) **Code of Conduct for the Investigation of Research Misconduct**

**RESOLVED:**

That the revised Code of Conduct for the Investigation of Research Misconduct, as set out in Paper REC.11/10-11 be approved.

(c) Human Tissue Authority (HTA) Licence – Self-assessment

(d) Human Tissue Authority (HTA) Summary Report of Performance Against HTA Standards for All Sectors

(e) Periodic Reports from the Sub-Committees

(f) Future of the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)
105/10-11 Proposed 2010/11 Dates for Meetings of the Senate and Term Dates

CONSIDERED:

The dates for meetings of the Senate for the academic year 2011/12 and University term dates for 2021/22 (S.63/10-11).

RESOLVED:

(a) That the provisional dates for meetings of the Senate in the 2011/12 academic year be approved as set out in S.63/10-11, noting that the full timetable of meetings of Council and Senate committees would be confirmed over the summer and published online in September and reported at the next meetings of the Senate and the Council in October 2011.

(b) That the term dates for the academic year 2021/22 proposed following the formula previously agreed by the Senate be approved as set out in S.63/10-11.

106/10-11 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 15 June 2011 (S.64/10-11).

107/10-11 School of Engineering

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to amend the constitutional arrangements for the School of Engineering (S.66/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That Professor Jonathan Seville, the current Dean of the School of Engineering, would be taking a new appointment at the University of Surrey from 1 October 2011.

(b) The appointment of Professor Seville’s replacement presented the opportunity to amend the title of the Dean of the School of Engineering to reflect the change in organisation following last year’s restructure.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the title of “Dean” of the School of Engineering be amended to “the Head”.

(b) That, in due course, the Steering Committee would further discuss the proposal to re-title the School of Engineering to the Department of Engineering and make a decision on behalf of the Senate.

(c) That further consideration of the nomenclature used to define “departments” and “schools” within the University’s academic framework would be undertaken in due course.
108/10-11 Honorary Degrees

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That, since the last meeting of the Senate at which a report from the Honorary Degrees Committee was received, the University had been notified that Ms Prue Leith was no longer able to attend to receive her honorary degree in July 2011 and, therefore, the award would be made at a future ceremony yet to be agreed (minute 86/10-11 refers).

(b) That Professor Harriet Zuckerman would receive an honorary degree at the ceremony to be held on the afternoon of Monday 18th July and that Dr Alan Tuckett would receive an honorary degree at a ceremony to be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th July.

(c) That that the Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Council, John Leighfield, would be awarded an honorary degree at the ceremony to be held on the morning of Wednesday 20th July and that Professor Stuart Palmer would be awarded an honorary degree at the ceremony to be held on the morning of Friday 22nd July.

(d) That the full list of those being awarded honorary degrees would be made available on the University’s website.

109/10-11 Sabbatical Officers in the Student’s Union

CONSIDERED:

In accordance with Regulation 36(12) the conferral of registered student status for the academic year 2011/12 on:

President: Leo Bøe, Politics and International Studies
Education Officer: Sean Ruston, Politics and International Studies
Democracy Officer: Christopher Luck, History and Politics
Sports Officer: Christopher Sury, History
Union Development Officer: George Whitworth, Mathematics
Societies Officer: Matthew Rogers, History
Welfare Officer: Isobel John, English Literature

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Regulation 36(12), student status for the academic year 2011/12 be conferred on the named students above.

110/10-11 Conferral of the Titles of Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Reader

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That he, on behalf of the Senate, had conferred the title of Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Reader respectively on the following colleagues with effect from their retirement (given in brackets below):

Emeritus Professor
Professor Gregory Jones, Department of Psychology (30 September 2011)
Professor David Arnold, Department of History (30 September 2011)
Professor David P Woodruff, Department of Physics (30 September 2011)
Professor Colin Crouch, Warwick Business School (30 September 2011)
Professor Robin Wensley, Warwick Business School (31 December 2011)
Professor Richard Higgott, Department of Politics and International Studies (1 July 2011)

Emeritus Reader
Dr Anthony K Manning, Department of Mathematics (30 September 2011)

Chair of the Higher Education Foundation Programme Board of Studies

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That he, on behalf of the Senate, had taken Chair’s Action to approve the appointment of Professor Ann Caesar to the Chair of the Higher Education Foundation Programme Board of Studies for this term (vice Professor Higgott), pending a longer term nomination being brought forward for the next academic year.