UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10 March 2015

Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Professor R Ball, Professor D Branch, Professor A Clarke, Dr C Constable, Professor S Croft, Professor J Davey, Professor M Freely, Mr R Green, Professor S Hand, Mrs K Hughes, Professor Christina Hughes, Professor S Jacka, Professor C Jenainati, Professor T Jones, Miss M Khan, Professor G Lindsay, Miss M Mirza, Professor D Morley, Professor A Muthoo, Professor A Norrie, Professor J Palmowski, Professor A Reeve, Professor L Roberts, Professor A Rodger, Professor C Sparrow, Professor N Stocks, Professor S Swain, Mr A Thompson, Miss C Turhan, Professor P Winstanley, Professor L Young.

Apologies: Administrative Officer (Academic Registrar’s Office), Academic Registrar, Professor A Coats, Ms J Cooper, Professor L Green, Professor Christopher Hughes, Professor L Kumar, Dr S Lamb, Professor A Menezes, Dr M Nudds, Professor S Shapiro, Professor N Stocks, Professor M Taylor, Professor P Thomas, Professor V Zammit.

In attendance: Group Finance Director, Deputy Registrar, Registrar, Deputy Academic Registrar.

68/14-15 Universities’ Superannuation Scheme

CONSIDERED:

An oral report from the Registrar and Group Finance Director updating members on the latest position with regard to USS.

REPORTED:

(a) That the consultation shortly to get underway was with individual members of USS, not employers;

(b) That a meeting of the Assembly was being called for April in order to debate the revised proposals;

(c) That the institutional response previously submitted was understood to have had some impact, resulting in revisions to the original proposals, notably in relation to demographic assumptions, and culminating in those now being brought forward and that every encouragement was being given to staff to respond to the survey in order that further changes might yet be made;

(d) That it be noted that Professors S Jacka and J Hutton from the Department of Statistics were due to meet with representatives of USS shortly to discuss the proposals;

(e) In response to a question from Professor R Ball, that it was unlikely that any specific attempt would be made to compensate for the 4% net reduction in remuneration package for staff above the £55k salary threshold owing to the already significant additional institutional costs of the proposed scheme.
RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 28 January 2015 be approved.

70/14-15 Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) California

RECEIVED:

An oral update from the Provost on developments on California since consideration of the proposal to establish academic and student activities and a physical presence in California at the meeting of the Senate held on 28 January 2015, it being noted that the Council, at its meeting held on 11th February 2015, approved the recommendation from the Senate (minute 31/14-15 referred).

REPORTED:

(i) That a meeting was due to be held on Monday 19th March for Heads of academic departments and members of the Senate in order to discuss workstreams and identify leads for approval by the Steering Committee.

(ii) That further discussions with the Students’ Union were indicated in order to determine how best to work collaboratively on the project;

(iii) That presentations had been made to Faculty Boards and an open meeting held for University staff, noting that work continued meanwhile towards the first identified gateway in Autumn 2016.

(b) Progress of Senate Recommendations

REPORTED:

That the Council, at its meeting on 11 February 2015, noted the report from the meeting of the Senate on 28 January 2015 and approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

(i) Proposed amendments to Ordinance 7 on the Constitution of Boards of the Faculties to reflect the disestablishment of the Centre for Education and Industry; the establishment of the Centre for Education Studies and the Centre for Professional Education; additional constitutional amendments brought forward by the Faculty of Science and the separation of the roles of the Chairs of the Boards of the Faculty of Medicine and the Dean of the Warwick Medical School for the second time (minute 61/14-15 referred).

(ii) Proposed amendments to Ordinance 4, Appointment of Lay Members to the Council to reflect changes in the membership and Terms of Reference of the Nominations Committee for the second time (minute 62/14-15 referred).

(iii) Proposed amendments to Regulation 4, Annual Review to reflect changes to the teaching criteria approved by Senate on the 3 July 2014 as set out in paper S.22/14-15 (minute 50/14-15 referred).
(iv) Proposed amendments to Regulation 8.10, Regulations for the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) and for the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMedSci) to reflect a removal of November re-sits for finalists, and to bring appeals guidance in line with other Faculties, as set out in paper MUSC.61/14-15 (minute 64/14-15(b) referred).

(v) Proposed amendments to Regulation 8.13, Regulations for the Part-Time Degree of BEng in Applied Engineering to allow second year resits for the part-time BEng in Applied Engineering to take place in the September of the same year in which a student has not passed his/her module(s), rather than the following summer, as set out in paper SUGS.2/14-15 (minute 64/14-15(c) referred).

(vi) Proposed amendments to Regulation 11, Procedure to be Adopted in the Event of Suspected Cheating in a University Test to reflect an explicit link between Regulation 11 and the ‘Senate Examination and Degree Conventions’, as set out in paper BGS 8.14/15 (minute 64/14-15 (a) referred).

71/14-15 Vice-Chancellor's Business: £6k Tuition Fee

REPORTED:

That the Labour Party had announced that if elected at the General Election it would implement a £6k p.a. tuition fee.

72/14-15 Vice Chancellor’s Business: National Student Survey

REPORTED:

That the National Student Survey 2015 had launched on 9th February, and that currently 55% of eligible Warwick students had completed the survey, with particularly high responses rates already being seen in PAIS, film & Television Studies and Law.

73/14-15 Vice Chancellor’s Business: Warwick Commission

REPORTED:

(a) That the Warwick Commission had launched its report Enriching Britain: Culture, Creativity and Growth on 17 February which had already been picked up by the Labour Party.

(b) The next Warwick Commission, to be chaired by Sir Richard Lambert, would focus on the future role of the University in the region and was due to report by the end of the calendar year.

74/14-15 Vice Chancellor’s Business: Research Income

REPORTED:

That the latest position for Quarter 2 forecast research income in excess of £100M, noting that WMG was currently making a significant contribution to this position.
75/14-15  Vice Chancellor’s Business: Capital Development

REPORTED:

(a) That the NAIC building contract had been signed and construction would start imminently on site.

(b) That plans for the new Teaching and Learning Building were progressing well with a consultation with academic staff and students on the design and technology for the teaching spaces to be undertaken shortly; it being noted that work was due to start by April, and that an increased budget of £18.8M had been approved by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

76/14-15  Vice Chancellor’s Business: 50th Anniversary Events

REPORTED:

(a) That the first of the international GRP events would take place in Singapore in March, followed by the first in the Vice-Chancellor’s 50th Anniversary Distinguished Lecture Series which would get underway with an event to be addressed by Professor Brian Cox and Dr Michael Scott from the Department of Classics and Ancient History.

(b) That a music festival would take place in May followed by the Festival of the Imagination in October.

77/14-15  Vice Chancellor’s Business: Midland Business Award

REPORTED:

That Warwick’s International Gateway for Gifted Youth (IGGY) had won a Midland Business Award for outstanding performance from a university promoting innovation.

78/14-15  Registrar’s Business: Appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor

REPORTED:

That immediately prior to the meeting of the Senate, a meeting had been held for members of the Senate having responded to the invitation to meet Dan Perrett from Perrett Laver, the search consultants appointed to support the Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate on the Appointment of the Vice-Chancellor.

79/14-15  Registrar’s Business: Students’ Union Sabbatical Officer elections

REPORTED (by the President of the Students’ Union):

(a) That elections had been held in week 8 of term and that all bar one role had been contested.

(b) That the incoming President would be Isaac Leigh, currently Societies Officer.

(c) That in spite of the fact that a strong team was in place for the 2015-16 academic year, it was disappointing that the Sabbatical team did not represent the diversity of Warwick’s student body and that steps should be taken to explore and understand the reasons for voting behaviour on this occasion, noting that the wider, part-time officer team did constitute a more diverse group.
80/14-15  Registrar’s Business: The Summit on Peaceful Protest

REPORTED:

That a Summit on Peaceful Protest would take place at the Warwick Arts Centre on 12 March from 4-6pm, with speakers to include the Vice-Chancellor, the President of the Students’ Union, Coventry Police Commander Chief Superintendent Claire Bell, the Registrar and Deputy Registrar and representatives of ‘Warwick for Free Education’.

81/14-15  Registrar’s Business: Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellor

REPORTED:

That Professor Mark Taylor had recently written to the Vice-Chancellor to decline the offer of the role of Pro-Vice-Chancellor and would instead remain in his current role as Dean of the Warwick Business School.

82/14-15  Role of the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A paper proposing revisions to the remit of the Steering Committee, with effect from the academic year 2015-16, (S.36/14-15) together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar noting:

(a) That the Senate had previously considered a paper setting out potential changes to the remit of the Steering Committee in October and whilst signalling broad support, had called for further information relating to the transparency of Senate business and further detail on changes to the Terms of Reference;

(b) That the new paper reflected the recommendation of the Steering Committee that henceforth the Registrar and Group Finance Director serve as members of the Committee, it being noted that the role of Secretary would transfer to the Deputy Registrar;

(c) That a further recommendation made by the Steering Committee was that nominations be sought annually from amongst Senate members for an academic representative of the Senate to sit on the Steering Committee to enhance the transparency of consideration of business;

(d) That if approved, the intention was to start an operational implementation with immediate effect in order that workflow and reporting issues could be addressed for full implementation by the start of the academic year 2015-16.

(e) In response to a query from Professor R Ball, that the assumption by the Registrar and Group Finance Director of member status did not imply that more staff would be required to be ‘in attendance’ at Steering, since the role of Secretary to the Steering Committee would pass to the Deputy Registrar, and that, in the event that there was more than a single nomination from Senators for membership of the Steering Committee annually, an election would be held.

RESOLVED:

(f) That the proposed expansion of the remit of the Steering Committee be approved as set out in paper S.36/14-15.
(g) That the proposed amendments to the terms of reference and membership of the Steering Committee be approved as set out in Annex 3 and 4 of the paper S.36/14-15.

83/14-15 Establishment of the Warwick International Higher Education Academy

CONSIDERED:

An oral report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) updating colleagues on the establishment of the Warwick International Higher Education Academy, it being noted:

(a) That the Academy was in ‘soft launch’ phase, and that further information was being provided to staff via the website at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/academy and at Faculty Teaching and Learning Showcase events.

(b) That the formal launch would take place at the Institutional Teaching and Learning Showcase to be held on 7 May 2015, during which there would be a link-up to colleagues in Monash who were themselves launching an Education Academy with some similarities of purpose.

(c) That work was in progress to define and recruit to the role of Director of the Academy and that a key area of activity over the coming months would be engagement with academic departments in order ensure good levels of knowledge about the work of the Academy, which included delivery of teaching and learning objectives from the University Strategy.

84/14-15 Establishment of the Centre for Television History, Heritage and Memory Research

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Research Committee proposing the establishment, with immediate effect, of a new University Research Centre for Television History, Heritage and Memory Research as set out in paper S.37/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to establish the Centre for Television History, Heritage and Memory Research as a new University Research Centre, be approved as set out in paper S.37/14-15.

85/14-15 Report from the Steering Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the Steering Committee, (S.38/14-15 {Part 1} {Restricted}), and its resolutions under the following items:

(a) Funding for Higher Education in England for 2015-16: HEFCE Grant Letter from BIS
(b) *Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill and draft Response to Prevent Duty Consultation
(c) Consultation on the Proposed Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill Guidance
(d) Summit to Explore Future of Peaceful Protest at Warwick
(e) *California Update
CONSIDERED:

A joint report from the Boards of the Faculties of Arts, Sciences and Social Sciences (S.39/14-15) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

(a) Board of the Faculty of Arts:

(i) Membership Changes
(ii) Humanities Building
(iii) Results of the Research Excellence Framework 2014

(b) Board of the Faculty of Science:

(i) Appointment of the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Science
(ii) Membership Changes
CONSIDERED:

A report from the Equality and Diversity Committee (S.40/14-15) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

(a) Athena SWAN Charter and the Gender Equality Charter Marks
(b) Race Charter Mark and BME Staff Network
(c) Equality and Diversity in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework

CONSIDERED:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 28 January 2015, (S.42/14-15).

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee, (S.38/14-15 {Part 2}) and its resolutions, recorded under the following items:

(a) Universities UK Analytical Briefing A-2015-01 REF 2014 Outcomes
(b) HEFCE Annual Monitoring Statement Query on 2014/15 CIF2 Spend
(c) The Future of Quality Assessment in Higher Education: Discussion Document
(d) National Student Survey- Testing to Inform the Design of a New NSS
(e) HEFCE Evidence and Input to the 2014 Government Consultations on the Science and Innovation Strategy and Science Capital Roadmap
(f) HEFCE Case Studies: How University Income is Spent: Information for Students
(g) HEFCE Business Plan 2015-2020 Launched
(h) Which? Investigation - Higher Education: A Review of Providers’ Rights to Change Courses

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (S.41/14-15 {Part 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

(a) Amendments to Committee membership as set out in paper AQSC.1/14-15 (revised 2) had been approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Senate.
(b) A report from the Widening Participation Strategy Steering Group (paper AQSC.33/14-15).
(c) Amendments to Regulation 8 (Regulations for First Degrees, pertaining to Pass degree status) as set out in paper BUGS.8/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the amendments to Regulation 8 (Regulations for First Degrees, pertaining to Pass degree status) be approved as set out in paper BUGS.8/14-15.

(d) Amendments to the wording of the additional credit convention proposal by the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, as set out in paper SUGS.15/14-15.

RESOLVED

That the amendments to the wording of the additional credit convention proposal by the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, be approved as set out in paper SUGS.15/14-15.

(e) A proposal from the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science for the waiving of assessed module components for low credit weight, as set out in SUGS.18/14-15(revised).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science for the waiving of assessed module components for low credit weight, be approved as set out in SUGS.18/14-15(revised).

(f) Amendments to Ordinance 13 to introduce the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) as a new award of the University as set out in paper AQSC.31/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the amendments to Ordinance 13 to introduce the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) as a new award of the University, be approved as set out in paper AQSC.31/14-15.

(g) A proposal from the Department of Politics and International Studies to introduce a new Double MA in Global Governance at the University of Waterloo, Canada, based at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and the University of Warwick, Department of Politics and International Studies, as set out in papers GFSS 85(a)/13-14 and CFDLSC.116/13-14 (revised) and 117/13-14 (revised).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the Department of Politics and International Studies to introduce a new Double MA in Global Governance at the University of Waterloo, Canada, based at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and the University of Warwick, Department of Politics and International Studies, be approved as set out in papers GFSS 85(a)/13-14 and CFDLSC.116/13-14 (revised) and 117/13-14 (revised).
(h) A proposal from the Department of Politics and International Studies to introduce a new Double MA in International Service based at the American University, Washington DC based at the School of International Service and the University of Warwick as set out in paper GFSS.84(a)-(d)/13-14.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the Department of Politics and International Studies to introduce a new Double MA in International Service based at American University, Washington DC based at the School of International Service and the University of Warwick, be approved as set out in paper GFSS.84(a)-(d)/13-14.

(i) A proposal for Joint Doctorates Degree in Chemistry to be delivered in collaboration with the Universidad del Pais Vasco, Université du Mons and Université Bordeaux 1 respectively, as set out in papers CFDLSC.65(b-d and h)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for Joint Doctorates Degree in Chemistry to be delivered in collaboration with the Universidad del Pais Vasco, Université du Mons and Université Bordeaux 1 respectively, be approved as set out in papers CFDLSC.65(b-d and h)/14-15.

(j) A proposal for an extension to a current collaborative programme in Thailand as set out in paper CFDLSC.60/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for an extension to a current collaborative programme in Thailand, be approved as set out in paper CFDLSC.60/14-15

(k) A proposal for an extension to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Programme as set out in paper CFDLSC.68/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for an extension to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Programme, be approved as set out in paper CFDLSC.68/14-15.


RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a franchise variant of Financial Analysis & Control System module in Cyprus, be approved as set out in paper CFDLSC.69/14-15 (revised).

(m) A proposal for the delivery of two existing courses, the BA (Hons) Health and Social Policy (2+2) and the BA (Hons) Social Studies (2+2) with Warwickshire College (an existing partner) as set out in papers CFDLSC.59(a-d)/14-15.
RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the delivery of two existing courses, the BA (Hons) Health and Social Policy (2+2) and the BA (Hons) Social Studies (2+2) with Warwickshire College (an existing partner), be approved as set out in papers CFDLSC.59(a-d)/14-15.

(n) A proposal for a new route (KLC II route) of the Post Graduate Certificate in International Education (PGCIE) with an existing partner, KLC II in Singapore as set out in papers CFDLSC.61(a-h)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a new route (KLC II route) of the Post Graduate Certificate in International Education (PGCIE) with an existing partner, KLC II in Singapore, be approved as set out in papers CFDLSC.61(a-h)/14-15.

(o) A proposal for a revision to the Post Graduate Certificate in International Education (PGCIE) delivered in partnership with SSAT in Abu Dhabi as set out in papers CFDLSC.62(a-c)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a revision to the Post Graduate Certificate in International Education (PGCIE) delivered in partnership with SSAT in Abu Dhabi, be approved as set out in papers CFDLSC.62(a-c)/14-15.

(p) A proposal formally outlining discontinued and withdrawn collaborative provision following the disestablishment of the Institute of Education as set out in paper CFDLSC.63/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal formally outlining discontinued and withdrawn collaborative provision following the disestablishment of the Institute of Education, be approved as set out in paper CFDLSC.63/14-15.

(q) A proposal for a Postgraduate Certificate in Reproductive Health in collaboration with the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, as set out in papers CFDLSC.66(a-f and h)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a Postgraduate Certificate in Reproductive Health in collaboration with the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, be approved as set out in papers CFDLSC.66(a-f and h)/14-15.

(r) A proposal from Warwick Business School to extend the delivery of the existing Global Energy Masters Business Administration for an additional four years as outlined in CFDLSC.58(a-b)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from Warwick Business School to extend the delivery of the existing Global Energy Masters Business Administration for an additional four years, be approved as outlined in CFDLSC.58(a-b)/14-15.
The Senate noted the following:

(s) That the Board of Undergraduate Studies had approved the following new courses:

(i) BA Liberal Arts  
(ii) BA Linguistics with French (with optional year abroad)  
(iii) BA Linguistics with Spanish (with optional year abroad)  
(iv) BA Linguistics with German (with optional year abroad)  
(v) BA Linguistics with Italian (with optional year abroad)  
(vi) BA Linguistics with Chinese (with optional year abroad)  
(vii) BA Linguistics with Arabic (with optional year abroad)  
(viii) BA Linguistics with Russian (with optional year abroad)  
(ix) BA Linguistics with Portuguese (with optional year abroad)  
(x) BA Linguistics with Japanese (with optional year abroad)  
(xi) BA Education Studies (Intercalated Year)  
(xii) BA Honours French Studies with Linguistics  
(xiii) BA Honours French Studies and Linguistics  
(xiv) BA Honours German Studies and Linguistics  
(xv) BA Honours German Studies with Linguistics  
(xvi) BA Honours Italian Studies and Linguistics  
(xvii) BA Honours Italian Studies with Linguistics  
(xviii) BA Honours Hispanic Studies and Linguistics  
(xix) BA Honours Hispanic Studies with Linguistics  
(xx) BA Honours Modern Languages and Linguistics  
(xxi) BA Honours Modern Languages with Linguistics  
(xxii) Global Sustainable Development with Economic Studies  
(xxiii) Global Sustainable Development and Life Sciences  
(xxiv) Global Sustainable Development and History  
(xxv) Global Sustainable Development and Philosophy  
(xxvi) Global Sustainable Development and Sociology  
(xxvii) Global Sustainable Development and Business Studies

(t) That the Board of Graduate Studies had approved the following new courses:

(i) PgA Career Development  
(ii) MA in Politics and International Studies: Big Data and Quantitative Methods  
(iii) MSc in Healthcare Operations Management  
(iv) MSc in Medical Biotechnology and Business Management  
(v) Double MA in Politics and International Service  
(vi) Double MA in Global Governance  
(vii) Postgraduate Certificate in Reproductive Health

(u) That the Board of Graduate Studies had approved revisions to the following courses:

(i) PGCE Variants  
(ii) MA/Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate in Career Coaching and Coaching Studies (CDCS)  
(iii) MSc Integrative Bioscience  
(iv) MSc Integrative Bioscience and Business  
(v) MSc in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research  
(vi) EngD (International)  
(vii) MSc Integrative Bioscience and MSc Integrative Bioscience with Business  
(viii) MSc in Health Sciences (Plastic Surgery)
That the Board of Graduate Studies had approved the discontinuation of the following courses:

(i) MA in Educational Research Methods
(ii) MA in Educational Leadership and Innovation
(iii) MA in Educational Leadership (Future Leaders)
(iv) PG Certificate in Leading Professional Enquiry (CPD)
(v) PG Certificate in The Teaching of Shakespeare
(vi) PG Certificate in Mathematics Subject Leadership
(vii) PG Certificate in Teaching Further Mathematics (MEI)
(viii) PG Certificate in Learning and Teaching (International)
(ix) PG Award in Multi-Agency Leadership
(x) PG Award in Exploring Leadership

91/14-15 Vice-Chancellor’s Action

REPORTED:

(a) That on 2\textsuperscript{nd} February 2015, the Vice-Chancellor took action on the behalf of the Senate to approve the proposal that Dr Nicholas Monk (Director of IATL) be appointed to the Board of Graduate Studies with immediate effect, to fill a vacancy as one of the four co-opted members of the Board, occasioned by the departure of Dr Paul Taylor from the University in December 2014.

(b) That on 17\textsuperscript{th} February 2014, the Vice-Chancellor took action on behalf of the Senate to approve a proposal from the Department of Politics and International Studies to introduce a new Double MA in Politics and International Studies with Pompeu Fabra University, Spain.

92/14-15 Student and alumni deaths

REPORTED:

That the University had been informed of the death of the following colleagues associated with the University and alumna of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 28 January 2015:

Professor Alec Ford, Department of Economics, 1965-1989.

\textit{Alumna}:

Dr Penny Jane Lacey, BEd Social Studies, 1986

93/14-15 Date of the next meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Senate would be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 10 June 2015 in the Council Chamber, Senate House.