

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2012

- Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Professor R Ball, Professor C Bates, Mr L Boe, Professor A Caesar, Ms A Chambers, Professor S Croft, Professor A Czumaj, Professor M Finn, Professor S Gilson, Professor S Hand, Professor N Hewlett, Professor Christina Hughes (from item 57/11-12), Dr C Jenainati (from item 56/11-12), Professor N Johnson, Professor T Jones, Mr P Krishnamurthy (from item 56/11-12), Professor J Labbe, Professor K Lamberts, Professor G Lindsay, Professor J McCarthy (until item 68/11-12), Professor A Muthoo, Professor A Norrie, Mr D Persaud, Professor A Reeve, Mr S Ruston, Professor M Shipman, Professor C Sparrow, Professor S Stewart-Brown, Professor S Swain, Professor P Thomas.
- Apologies: Professor J Davey, Professor C Dowson, Dr N Holdsworth, Professor Christopher Hughes, Professor S Jacka, Dr J Kidd, Professor M Luddy, Dr D Roper, Professor N Stallard, Professor M Taylor, Mr S Williams, Professor P Winstanley.
- In attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar, Director of Finance and Financial Strategy, Head of Corporate Governance, Head of Governance Support Services, Administrative Officer (Governance), Acting Librarian.

54/11-12 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Senate held on 25 January 2012 and 22 February 2012 be approved.

55/11-12 Progress of Senate Recommendations

REPORTED:

That the Council, at its meeting on 23 February 2012, approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

- (a) Anti-Bribery Policy (minute 29 (h)/11-12 refers)
- (b) Amendments to University Regulation 28 governing Intellectual Property Rights (minute 32/11-12 refers)
- (c) Amendments to University Regulation 4 governing Annual Review by the Academic Staff Committee (minute 35(b)/11-12 refers)
- (d) Single Equality Act and Equality Objectives (minute 36/11-12 refers)
- (e) Joint Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Warwick-Monash Alliance) (minute 37/11-12 refers)
- (f) Amendments to University Ordinance 7 governing the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties, for the first time (minute 39/11-12 refers)
- (g) Amendments to the University Regulation 8.10 governing the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) and for the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMedSci) (minute 42(b)/11-12 refers)

56/11-12 Distinguished Lecture Series

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That previous speakers at the Distinguished Lecture Series included Dame Julia Cleverdon and Marina Warner, and that both events had been highly stimulating.
- (b) That Dame Suzi Leather was a future speaker at the Distinguished Lecture Series and that he encouraged members of the Senate to attend her lecture.

57/11-12 Coventry House Council Chamber

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Senate would have the option of using the old Council Chamber in Coventry House for future meetings once renovated in time for the new academic year.

58/11-12 Wireless IT Access in Residences

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University was progressing a project to deliver wireless data access for all residential bedrooms on campus over the summer.

59/1-12 Research Income

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That some colleagues were performing well in obtaining grant income, but that the University was behind its main competitors, especially in Social Science and parts of Science.
- (b) That the Pro-Vice-Chancellors for Research would speak to specific departments regarding their performance in obtaining grant income.

60/11-12 Development Campaign

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the University had passed the half way mark in the 50 Forward development campaign, with £25,281,653 secured in gifts by the end of January.
- (b) That he extended his congratulations to all those involved in the 50 Forward Campaign.

61/11-12 Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.29/11-12 {parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Vice-Chancellor:

(a) Institutional Teaching and Learning Review: Review Reports and Responses

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That the Steering Committee was given online access to all departmental reports and responses from the Institutional Teaching and Learning Review and the thematic and summary reports, and that members of the Senate also had online access at: go.warwick.ac.uk/institutionalreview/reports
- (ii) That it was anticipated that the full review, including the Faculty Engagements, would provide significant evidence and examples of good practice and innovation in teaching, which the University could build on to continue to improve the student experience.

(b) HEFCE Grant Letter from BIS for 2012-13

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the HEFCE Grant letter provided details on HEFCE's recurrent grants for capital, teaching and research for the financial year 2012-13, and indicative totals for 2013-14.

(c) Funding for Universities and Colleges for 2012-13: HEFCE Board Decisions

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That there would be further small reductions in funding for high band courses and increased penalties for over-recruitment of students.
- (ii) That 2* research would no longer count towards QR funding and would be used instead to increase research degree programme funding; the overall effect of this latter change on Warwick was broadly neutral.
- (iii) That the HEFCE had provided additional funding for full time PGT students in price groups A to C, equivalent to £1,100 per FTE student.

(d) Development and Alumni Update

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That the Steering Committee had approved a Donor Naming Policy in principle, subject to revisions and clarifications of the governance routes to be considered by the Building Committee and the Council.
- (ii) That a number of the 50 Forward campaign goals provided naming opportunities, small and large, and that DARO were actively pursuing a number of possible leads.

(e) Revised Emergency Planning Policy and Plan

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That, in order to embed the University's emergency procedures across the institution and to raise awareness and familiarity with expectations

and responsibilities, details of the Emergency Policy and Plan would be appropriately disseminated.

- (ii) That the Steering Committee considered and approved the proposed revisions to the University Emergency Planning Policy and Plan and the suggested dissemination routes for the University's emergency management arrangements to the University community.
- (iii) That emergency planning was especially pertinent at a time when the University would be a host training venue for the Olympics.

(f) UK Border Agency

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That the Steering Committee continued to closely watch developments in UKBA policy, which posed a major strategic risk to the University and the UK sector overall.
- (ii) That the University still awaited the outcome of its application for Highly Trusted Sponsor (HTS) status, despite submitting over 6 months ago.
- (iii) That, in the most recent development, the Government had published its Statement of Intent on 29 February 2012, following its review of employment-related settlement, Tier 5 and overseas domestic workers, noting that this position was subject to change through the parliamentary process.
- (iv) That, as the Statement of Intent sets out, the government intended to:
 - (A) keep Tier 1 settlement rules unchanged and Tier 1 migrants will also be able to extend their temporary leave as now.
 - (B) continue to provide a route to settlement for the best Tier 2 migrants, subject to them meeting a minimum settlement salary threshold of £35,000 or the appropriate rate for their job as set out in the UK Border Agency Codes of Practice, whichever is higher.
 - (C) allow those who enter as PhD level scientists and researchers to qualify for settlement without having to meet the £35,000 minimum salary threshold, but with the proviso that they must still be paid the appropriate rate – this was a positive development for the sector.
 - (D) introduce a new visitor route for permitted paid engagements, which could be beneficial for the sector but the practical implications of the scheme needed to be carefully assessed.
 - (E) apply the new rules to those eligible to apply for settlement from April 2016 (i.e. those who entered the points-based system after the Immigration Rules changed on 6 April 2011).
- (v) That many representations from British universities, including Warwick, and from UUK, were made to the UKBA in response to the proposed changes to Immigration Rules.

- (vi) That lobbying of the government was not entirely unsuccessful, with concession made to enable a visitor route for permitted paid engagements.
- (vii) That, while the government appeared immovable on its policy to cut net migration, the method by which it planned to achieve this policy had the potential to change.
- (viii) That there had been no detrimental effect on the number of overseas applications to Warwick as yet, noting that nationally there was a downturn in applications from some categories, especially Indian students.

(by the Registrar)

- (ix) That the University would do as much as possible to ease the immigration process for students applying to Warwick through the work undertaken by the Student Admissions and Recruitment Office and the International Office.
- (x) That there would be a detrimental effect on the international image of UK universities as a whole, should the government succeed in meeting its target of cutting net migration.

(g) Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning (IATL) Update

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That IATL continued to pursue its priorities of interdisciplinarity and internationalisation, and would be centrally involved in facilitating the promotion of good practice identified in the thematic reports of the Institutional Review of Teaching and Learning.

(i) Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) Update

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That, in the short term, the IAS intended to focus its existing activities to support REF preparations and external grant bids, especially those focused on Europe.
- (ii) That IAS would shortly announce a new fellowship scheme.

(j) REF2014 Panel Criteria

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University's Equality and Diversity Code of Practice for REF 2014 was being drafted, and would be considered at the next REF Executive Steering Group to be held on 15 March 2012, and thereafter by the Steering Committee, prior to being submitted to the HEFCE for its approval by the deadline of 27 April 2012.

- (k) Key Information Set: Timetable and Further Information
- (l) Student Number Control Limit
- (m) Undergraduate Applications

- (n) Fees Working Group Report
- (o) IT Update
- (p) Postgraduate Issues
- (q) Student Careers and Skills Update
- (r) Research Strategy Group
- (s) Major Research Proposal: Royal Society/Wolfson Foundation – Warwick Insight Core
- (t) AHRC Block Grant Partnership 2 Expression of Interest
- (u) Major Research Proposal: ESRC Centres and Large Grants Competition 2011/12
- (v) International Office Update
- (w) HEFCE Note: Review of Charities Act 2006
- (x) Ofstead Consultation on Charges to the Framework for the Inspection of Initial Teacher Education
- (y) Teaching Quality Update Report
- (z) Draft Response to the QAA Consultation on the UK Quality Code Part C: Information about Higher Education Provision
- (aa) UUK Submission to Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act
- (bb) Russell Group Response to Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act
- (cc) HEFCE Equality and Diversity Scheme
- (dd) University Letter in Support of Warwickshire College Application for Foundation Degree Awarding Powers
- (ee) Enhanced Facilities for Commuting Undergraduates
- (ff) Learning and Development Centre Update
- (gg) Equality and Diversity Update
- (hh) Capital Developments and Space Management
- (ii) Open-space Learning in Real World Contexts
- (jj) Library Update
- (kk) David Willetts Speech
- (ll) Early Repayment Consultation
- (mm) Higher Education Academy Strategic Plan 2012-16
- (nn) Financial Times Global MBA Rankings 2012
- (oo) Ofsted Consultation on Changes to the Framework for the Inspection of Initial Teacher Education
- (pp) TDA Consultation on ITT Accreditation Criteria and Requirements
- (qq) UCAS Admissions Process Review Consultation
- (rr) UCAS Consultation on a Single Admissions Process for Postgraduate Initial Teacher Training
- (ss) UCAS Qualification Information Review Consultation
- (tt) Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTP)
- (uu) Higher Education Bill: Postponement
- (vv) Office of Fair Access
- (ww) Voluntary Giving to Higher Education
- (xx) Universities UK: Futures for Higher Education
- (yy) Wilson Review of Business – University Collaboration
- (zz) HEA Annual Report 2010-11 and Institutional Report
- (aaa) RCUK Consultation on a Capital Investment Roadmap
- (bbb) The Commission on the Future of Higher Education in England
- (ccc) Science Park
- (ddd) Coventry House Council Chamber
- (eee) Erica Vickers
- (fff) Integration Summit 2012
- (ggg) Go Green Week

- (hhh) Varsity 2012 Events
- (iii) Real Costs for Students
- (jjj) Mental Health Awareness Week
- (kkk) International Women's Week

62/11-12 Report from the Intellectual Property Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the Intellectual Property Committee (S.30/11-12) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer, Business Engagement and Research (Science and Medicine):

- (a) Student-Generated Intellectual Property
- (b) Monash - Warwick Joint PhD Studentships
- (c) Development of Intellectual Property Policy and Guidance
- (d) University Intellectual Property Regulation and Policy

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer, Business Engagement and Research (Science & Medicine))

That the Academic Registrar would seek to make the newly revised Regulation 28 covering Intellectual Property Rights more prominent at the point of student enrolment, following its approval by the Council at its meeting on 23 February 2012.

63/11-12 Report from the Research Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Research Committee (S.31/11-12) and its resolutions and recommendations recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer, Business Engagement and Research (Science and Medicine) and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research (Arts and Social Sciences):

- (a) Research Centre Governance

RESOLVED:

That the following Research Centres be formally disestablished, noting that the relevant Faculty Boards had considered and supported the formal disestablishment:

- (i) Centre for Research in East Roman Studies
- (ii) Centre for the History of Innovation and Creativity
- (iii) Centre for Advanced Materials
- (iv) Centre for Research into Gifted and Talented Education

(b) Global Priority Programmes (GPP)

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer, Business Engagement and Research (Science & Medicine))

- (i) That each GPP had provided a report on current and future activities to the Research Committee, and that Committee members were satisfied with the progress being made.

(by the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies)

- (ii) That GPPs should be encouraged to engage further with postgraduate and early career researchers.

(c) REF Planning Meetings

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer, Business Engagement and Research (Science & Medicine))

That, following a senior management away day to discuss REF preparations, a REF Investment Strategy to target additional support to improve the returns of a number of departments was drafted and had been approved by the Academic Resourcing Committee, noting that this would be in addition to bids submitted through the usual planning process.

(d) HR Excellence in Research

64/11-12 Report from the Equality and Diversity Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the University Equality and Diversity Committee (S.32/11-12) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor:

(a) Athena SWAN Charter

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That Warwick Medical School submitted for an Athena SWAN bronze award in November 2011.
- (ii) That HR would produce a framework for future submissions to assist departments in making successful applications to Athena SWAN, with a Steering Group to co-ordinate and oversee these submissions.

(b) HESA – Changes to Student Data

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

That the Students' Union had welcomed the opportunity to express its views on the proposals from HESA to collect data on sexual orientation and religion or belief.

(c) DisabledGo

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

That the University had received a proposal from DisabledGo to provide a web-based Access Guide of the University campus facilities for disabled people, but that the University would investigate undertaking a similar project in-house instead.

(d) REF – Code of Practice

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

That, once received and approved by the HEFCE, the University's REF Equality and Diversity Code of Practice would be disseminated to Heads of Departments.

(e) Equal Pay Review – Update

REPORTED: (by the Director of HR)

- (i) That following approval from the Steering Committee and the Senate, condensed versions of the Equal Pay Reviews for Levels 1a-8 and Level 9, had been published on the Equality and Diversity web pages in line with the deadline, 31 January 2012, dictated by the specific duties of the Equality Act 2010.
- (ii) That the legislation had been silent on the frequency of publishing Equal Pay Reviews.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

- (i) That the University undertake a light touch review on an annual basis for Levels 1a-8 staff, with a detailed review through the formal routes every two years.
- (ii) That for level 9 staff, where there is a disparity on gender data, a review be carried out on an annual basis with the ownership resting with the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Group.

(f) HESA – Changes to Staff Data

(g) Equality Analysis Package

65/11-12 Report from the Faculty of Medicine

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine (S.33/11-12) and its resolutions and recommendations recorded under the following items:

- (a) Constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Committees

RESOLVED:

That the proposals to amend the constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Committees, as set out in paper BFM 9/11-12, be approved.

- (b) Medical School Restructure
(c) General Medical Council

66/11-12 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions that have been conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 25 January 2012 (S.34/11-12).

67/11-12 Education and the Student Experience

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic and Quality Standards Committee (S.35/11-12 {parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions and recommendations recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience):

- (a) External Examiners Guidance and Forms

RESOLVED:

That the proposed revisions to the Guidance Notes for External Examiners, Report Forms and Nomination Forms as set out in paper AQSC.50/11-12 be approved for implementation from 2012/13.

- (b) Good Practice Guide on Monitoring Attendance

RESOLVED:

That the proposed revisions to the Good Practice Guide on Monitoring Attendance be approved as set out in paper AQSC.51/11-12 (revised).

- (c) Course Specifications

RESOLVED:

That the proposed revision to the Course Specification template be approved as set out in paper AQSC.60/11-12.

(d) Draft Policy on Recording of Lectures

RESOLVED:

That the amended version of the policy statement on the recording of lectures by students be approved, as set out in paper AQSC.69/10-11(revised).

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the amendment to Regulation 23: Disciplinary Regulations be approved as set out in paper AQSC.69/10-11(revised).

(e) Master of Advanced Study

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the proposal from the Board of Graduate Studies that a new degree title of Master of Advanced Study (M.A.St.) be introduced into Ordinance 13 (Degrees and Diplomas), as set out in Paper BGS. 57/11-12 be approved.

(f) Collaborative Course Proposals

RESOLVED:

(i) MSc in Oral Surgery/MSc in Oral Surgery with Supervised Clinical Training

That a proposal from the Warwick Medical School to introduce new courses entitled MSc in Oral Surgery (p/t) and MSc in Oral Surgery with Supervised Clinical Training (f/t), in collaboration with the Global Implant Forum and Teaching Foundation (GIFT), as set out in papers CFDLSC.66-67/11-12 be approved.

(ii) Extension to Warwick Dentistry Collaboration with GIFT

That a proposal from the Warwick Medical School to extend an existing partnership with Global Implant Forum and Teaching Foundation (GIFT), as set out in papers CFDLSC.80- 84 be approved.

(iii) WMG Collaborative Module

That a proposal from the Warwick Manufacturing Group to offer the 10 CATS module 'Organisation People and Performance' on a franchised basis through Eastern Mediterranean University be approved as set out in paper CFDLSC.87/11-12.

(g) Student Academic Complaints and Appeals 2010/11

(h) New and Revised Undergraduate Courses of Study

(i) New and Revised Postgraduate Courses of Study

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and the Student Experience) on a number of key areas of teaching and learning activity, noting in particular the following:

(a) QAA Institutional Review

- (i) That the QAA would review the University's teaching and learning provision in 2012/13, with the University's and Students' Union's written submissions to be sent to the QAA in early December 2012; a preliminary visit of the panel would take place in January 2013, with the full visit taking place in the week commencing 25 February 2013.
- (ii) That the Review process had changed substantially since the last QAA Audit in 2008 and there would be an enhanced focus on standards, with four judgement areas of the University's provision:
 - (A) Standards: That there would only be two findings on this judgement area; meets threshold standards or does not meet threshold standards;
 - (B) Quality of student learning opportunities;
 - (C) Enhancement;
 - (D) Public information.
- (iii) That, for the latter three judgement areas of the University's provision, there were four potential outcomes:
 - (A) Commended;
 - (B) Meets UK expectations;
 - (C) Requires improvement to meet UK expectations; and
 - (D) Does not meet UK expectations.
- (iv) That the final version of the UK Quality Code on Information on Higher Education would be published shortly and that this may result in the provision of revised guidance to departments on the information to be provided to students.
- (v) That the move to increased gradation of judgement could lend itself to use in league tables, while the binary finding on standards, combined with the enhanced focus of the Review on standards, gave rise to increased risks in this area for institutions.
- (vi) That, in addition to the four standard areas for review, there would also be a non-judged thematic element that changes annually; the theme for the current audit cycle was the first year student experience and the theme for next audit cycle, which would encompass the review of the University, was expected to be announced this month.
- (vii) That the University was conscious of the pressures placed on departments in readiness for the Review, and that effort had been made to stagger the activity required, noting that the timetable was not entirely within the University's control.

(b) Outcomes of Institutional Audit 2008

- (i) That the University was paying particular attention to the key issues raised in the previous Audit: Personal Tutoring, Joint Degrees and equity in assessment regulations.
- (ii) That the University Senior Tutor had undertaken a survey of all students and staff in the Autumn term on personal tutoring at the University, and

the Academic and Quality Standards Committee had reviewed the initial report with further work being done to provide departments with data.

- (iii) That Personal Tutoring and Joint Degrees would be subject to discussion at the Faculty Engagements.

(c) Student Charter (or Partnership Agreement)

- (i) That, in February 2011, the BIS Working Group published its report on Student Charters, recommending that all universities have such a document in place, while the updated sections of the UK Quality Code set the expectation that institutions should have a statement which clarified the mutual roles and responsibilities of students and the University.
- (ii) That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee and the Steering Committee endorsed this view, but agreed that the statement should not be called a Student Charter.
- (iii) That a working group had been established to develop the document and that the University would work closely with the Students' Union in the coming months to take this work forward, with a view to it being implemented from 2012/13.

(d) Institutional Teaching and Learning Review

- (i) That a Sub-Group of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee had been formed to review the recommendations arising from Institutional Review that have been referred to the Committee and to consider the thematic reports with a view to identifying enhancement opportunities.
- (ii) That the Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning and the Learning and Development Centre were closely involved in the discussions on how the University might disseminate good practice most effectively.

(e) Learning and Teaching Strategy

- (i) That a refreshed Learning and Teaching Strategy was now under development.
- (ii) That the refreshed Strategy would be more closely aligned to the refreshed Vision 2015 but would also reflect the outcomes of the Institutional Review of Teaching and Learning, particularly the Faculty Engagements.
- (iii) That it was expected that this refreshed Strategy would be brought to the Senate in the Summer term.

(f) IT Projects

- (i) That an assessment management system had been launched by ITS and successfully piloted in some departments, with a schedule for wider roll-out under development.

- (ii) That the Library was undertaking a 'Student as Researcher' project, funded by the Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning, to develop students' information and research skills.

(g) Grade Point Average (GPA)

- (i) That a number of institutions had met over recent months to discuss the possibility of introducing GPA scores for students on graduation, to provide improved delineation of marks beyond the current degree classification system.
- (ii) That, along with these institutions, Warwick had agreed that it would initiate a project to develop the proposals further and work would be commencing on this in due course.

(h) National Student Survey

- (i) That the current institutional response rate to the National Student Survey was 15% higher than at the same point last year and just 0.4% short of last year's final response rate of 65.76%.
- (ii) That, in order to reach the University's internal target response rate of 75%, a further 346 students from across all departments were required to complete the survey.
- (iii) That eight departments (Life Sciences, Economics, CAL, Philosophy, Psychology, Theatre, Classics, and Computer Science) had so far achieved a response rate of greater than 70%.

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

- (a) That an exercise would be undertaken to map the in-year demands made on departments for statutory requirements, as well as for developmental processes, to enable greater sensitivity in the timing of requests.
- (b) That, following discussion by the Steering Committee, there was a commitment to develop a University-wide Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), and that the Director of IT Services was collating departmental requirements and resource needs.
- (c) That the provision of a generic VLE solution for multiple disciplines would require some compromises to be made in terms of department-specific requirements.

68/11-12 Sabbatical Officers in the Students' Union

RECEIVED:

A paper outlining the results of the election for Sabbatical Officers in the Students' Union for the academic year 2012/13, together with a brief rationale for the changes in the officer titles and portfolios.

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the results of the election for Sabbatical Officers in the Students' Union for the academic year 2012/13 were as follows:

President:	Nick Swain, Accounting and Finance
Education Officer:	James Entwistle, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Democracy and Development Officer:	Cosmo March, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Sports Officer:	Natasha Cabral, Sociology
Societies Officer:	Silkie Cragg, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Welfare and Campaigns Officer:	Ben Hodges, Ancient History & Classical Archaeology
Postgraduate Officer:	Anna Chowcat, International Security

- (b) That, in accordance with Regulation 36.1 (12), it would be necessary for the Senate at its meeting on 4 July 2012 to consider the conferral of registered student status on the students named above.

(by the President of the Students' Union)

- (c) That Ben Hodges (Ancient History & Classical Archaeology) would not be taking up his post as the elected Welfare and Campaigns Officer for the 2012/2013 academic year, and therefore a re-election for the position of Welfare and Campaigns Officer for 2012/13 would take place at the start of the Summer term 2012.
- (d) That the portfolios of the Sabbatical Officers had been revised to reflect the need to be more effective at capturing the voice of the student body.

69/11-12 Students' Union Activity

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

- (a) That the Students' Union had launched an information gathering exercise to establish the average cost of being a student at the University in addition to tuition fees, to include costs such as core textbooks, laboratory equipment, transport and educational trips.
- (b) That this exercise formed part of a week of NUS action around the issue of Hidden Course costs and Higher Education Funding, noting that the Warwick Students' Union had opted not to support the NUS National Day of Action.

(by Mr S Ruston)

- (c) That he extended his thanks to those that attended the inaugural "STARS of Warwick" ceremony on 8 March 2012, which recognised lecturers and other student facing university staff in 11 categories, especially the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for introducing the ceremony.

(by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

- (d) That he extended his thanks to the Students' Union for organising the inaugural "STARS of Warwick" ceremony on 8 March 2012, and that it was an extremely positive initiative.

70/11-12 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Arts

RECEIVED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Arts (S.37/11-12) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Hispanic Studies
- (b) Sub-Faculty of Modern Languages
- (c) Awards made to Faculty members
- (d) Research Committee

71/11-12 Report from the Faculty of Science

RECEIVED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Science (S.38/11-12) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Appointment of a Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Science
- (b) Establishment/Disestablishment of Research Centres

72/11-12 Report from the Faculty of Social Sciences

RECEIVED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Social Science (S.39/11-12) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Research Income
- (b) UKBA Attendance Monitoring
- (c) University Policy on Remediating Failure at PGT level
- (d) Warwick Institute of Public Policy
- (e) Faculty IT Support

73/11-12 Revisions to University Regulations

CONSIDERED:

Proposed revisions to Regulation 2 on Committee Elections and Regulation 9 on Constitutions of Boards of Examiners (S.40/11-12).

- (a) Regulation 2 on Committee Elections

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the proposed amendments to University Regulation 2 on Committee Elections be approved as set out in S.40/11-12.

- (b) Regulation 9 on Constitutions of Board of Examiners

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the proposed amendment to Regulation 9 on Constitutions of Boards of Examiners be approved as set out in S.40/11-12.

74/11-12 Research Ethics Committee Membership

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That he had taken Chair's Action on behalf of the Senate to recommend to the Council that Dr D Davies and Dr C Jenainati be appointed by the Council on the University Research Ethics Committee as two of the three senior academic members of staff with expertise in relevant areas, in place of Professor R Leng and Professor T Docherty, and that the Council at its meeting held on 23 February 2012 had approved this recommendation.