RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 11 March 2009 be approved.

REPORTED:

That the Council, at its meeting on 18 March 2009, approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

(a) Adoption of a University Dignity at Work and Study Policy (minute 66/08-09 refers)
(b) Revisions to the University Governing Instruments to Support Change of Faculty Name from Social Studies to Social Sciences (minute 73/08-09 (b) refers)
(c) Amendments to University Regulation 9.5 (minute 75/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

That, in accordance with Regulation 2.3, a notice had appeared on Insite and in Inbox Insite seeking nominations to fill two vacancies in the representatives of the Assembly on the Senate, noting that only one of the two appointees could be of professorial status as one of the continuing Assembly Representatives was a Professor.
(b) That a single nomination from a non-professorial member of the Assembly had been received and Dr Melanie Pope (Institute of Education) had been appointed as an Assembly Representative on the Senate for the period from 1 August 2009 through 31 July 2012.

(c) That, by the published deadline of 21 May 2009, 3 nominations of individuals of professorial status were received by the Registrar from members of the Assembly and, therefore, notification of an election on 10 June 2009 was circulated via email to all members of the Assembly.

(d) That the names of the following individuals appeared on the ballot:

Professor Tim Jones (Chemistry)
Professor Peter Mack (English and Comparative Literary Studies)
Professor Jacqueline Labbe (English and Comparative Literary Studies)

(e) That the deadline for ballot papers to be received by the Deputy Registrar’s Office was 5pm on 10 June 2009.

(f) That Professor Labbe of the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies was elected following the ballot as a Representative of the Assembly on the Senate for the period from 1 August 2009 through 31 July 2012.

82/08-09 Queen’s Birthday Honours

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record its congratulations to the following colleagues, friends and partners of the University who had been recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honours:

Professor Yvonne Carter (Warwick Medical School) CBE for Services to Medical Education
Dr Roger Gadsby (Warwick Medical School) MBE for Services to Diabetes
Mr Keith Beddell-Pearce (member of the Advisory Board of Warwick Business School) MBE for Services to Public Service
Mrs Marion Plant (Principal of North Warwickshire and Hinckley College – a partner college of the University) OBE for Services to Further Education

83/08-09 Press Coverage of WMG’s Formula 3 Eco-Racing Car

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That Warwick had continued to achieve international press coverage for a range of stories throughout the year, noting the ecologically friendly Formula 3 racing car developed in the Warwick Manufacturing Group, in particular, captured significant attention receiving worldwide press, radio, internet and TV coverage.
84/08-09 **Visit to China**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That a Warwick delegation led by him and which included the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Research) and the Director of the International Office had recently visited China holding meetings with the Chinese Minister for Education and the Universities of Peking, Renmin, Tsinghua and Shanghai Jiaotong amongst others.

(b) That the visit had increased the University’s visibility in China and that it was important to capitalise on this.

85/08-09 **Next Meeting of the Senate**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the next meeting of the Senate to be held on 1 July 2009 would begin with consideration of the University Financial Plan prior to it being considered by the Council on 8 July 2009, noting that as in previous years, all current and newly appointed Heads of Department would be invited for this item of the agenda.

86/08-09 **Warwick Alumni Weekend**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the inaugural Warwick Alumni Weekend would take place on 20 and 21 June 2009 and that over 700 former students were registered to attend.

(b) That he wished to extend his thanks to colleagues who were engaged with the event and reminded members that they were welcome to attend.

87/08-09 **Warwick Festival of Social Sciences**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the Festival of Social Sciences had been taking place over the course of the week and that the events would continue over the weekend.

(b) That he extended his thanks to Professors Lindley and Hughes and other colleagues in the Faculty and the administration who had worked to organise the event.

88/08-09 **SPLAT – The Warwick Students’ Arts Festival**

(a) That the Warwick SPLAT (Student Performance Literature, Art and Theatre) Festival was the largest student run arts festival in Europe and that this year’s event would take place from 21 to 25 June 2009.

(b) That the festival continued to go from strength to strength with many new features being included this year including a performance space near the Maths and Statistics building, collaboration with STARS (a national refugees charity), an outreach programme for over 120 gifted and talented learners in local schools, increased media profile and free tickets being made available for members of the local community.
89/08-09 University Financial Position

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That since the previous meeting of the Senate in March 2009, the University had gained greater insight on its financial position within the current external economic context.

(b) That it was clear that the sector would experience substantial cuts in HEFCE core funding from the 2010/11 academic year and that the reduction could be approximately 3 or 4 percent per annum for a period of three to four years.

(c) That there were increasing external regulatory and legal requirements being placed on the University (e.g. UK Border Agency rules, the Quality Assurance Agency, capping of student numbers by Government and issues relating to pensions).

(d) That it was crucial for the University to maintain momentum in progressing its Strategy despite the challenging financial situation and that Warwick was well placed to be able to do so, particularly given its low reliance on HEFCE core grants and active commercial income streams relative to most UK HEIs.

90/08-09 Constitutional Review

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That, following discussion at the most recent meeting of the Heads’ Forum, he was establishing a fixed-term Constitutional Advisory Group (CAG), chaired by Sir Martin Harris, the Director of the Office for Fair Access and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester and the University of Essex, to consider the outcomes of the ongoing reviews of financial arrangements for devolved departments, governance and constitutional issues for research centres and the effectiveness of the Senate governance structures.

(b) That the membership of the CAG, to be drawn from the University’s academic community, would be reported to the Senate at its next meeting.

(c) That the CAG would be active over Summer and through the Autumn Term, with a view to reporting by the end of the calendar year to inform subsequent discussion within the University’s existing governance structures.

91/08-09 Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.37/08-09 {parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items together with a report from the Vice-Chancellor:

(a) Budget 2009

REPORTED:

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That the implications for universities of their inclusion within the remit of the new government Department of Business, Innovation and Skills on
the HE sector were not yet clear but was not generally seen as a positive step across the sector.

(ii) That the now dissolved Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills had been advised that it must make significant efficiency savings in both 2009/10 and 2010/11 which would continue to apply under the new Department.

(iii) That concurrently the HEFCE had confirmed that universities must maintain their Home/EU recruitment intakes for 2009/10 at the same level as for 2008/09 with the potential for genuine financial penalties in the event of over-recruitment.

(By the Registrar)

(iv) That the DIUS efficiency savings would result in a £65m cut in HE funding for 2009/10 with an estimated £600k reduction in Warwick’s teaching grant allocation in the next financial year.

(v) That, following the immediate cost-saving actions taken by colleagues, the University’s projected deficit had returned to the initial planned amount of circa £2.6m.

(b) Research Excellence Framework (REF) Update

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That the University’s preparations for REF were well underway despite the still unclear parameters for the assessment criteria.

(ii) That HEFCE was due to consult on the proposals for the REF in Autumn 2009, noting that the University would circulate the documents to departments and research centres for comment and feedback prior to making an institutional response.

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

(iii) That early indications received from HEFCE regarding weightings within the REF suggested that outputs would be 60%, impact 20% and environment 20%, noting that the esteem category present in the RAE was likely to be removed.

(c) Providing the Warwick Publications Service

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That the creation of a Publications Database capturing the outputs of Warwick’s academic community would provide an appropriate mechanism for meeting the external reporting requirements that exercises such as REF would entail, as well as providing a service to record and enable analysis of Warwick publications to inform performance and progress against the research strand of Vision 2015.

(ii) That the recommendations for the Publications Database were being considered by the Financial Plan Sub-Committee as part of the Financial Plan.
(d) **National League Tables**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That Warwick was positioned as follows in the national League Tables published to date, noting that further analysis of the position will be circulated to the Senate at its next meeting:

- The Complete University Guide (6th)
- (The Independent)
- The Guardian (4th)
- The Times (6th)

(e) **University of Warwick’s Case for Support**

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That on Thursday 14 May 2009 staff from each faculty had joined the Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor Richard Lambert at the BT Tower in London to announce Warwick’s plans for a £50 million fundraising campaign in support of the University’s Strategy.

(ii) That many academic departments were already working closely with the Development and Alumni Relations Office and that it was hoped that many more would be part of the University’s campaign in the future.

(f) Research Fortnight Article: Benchmarking Research Awards

(g) National Student Forum

(h) Proposed Additional HR Policies

(i) PULSE: Staff Survey Results 2009

(j) Policy Update: Admissions and Recruitment

(k) International Programme in Leadership and Management

(l) Strategic Departmental Review (SDR) Update

(m) Professor Howard Thomas

(n) EPSRC Funding Awards

(o) EPSRC Knowledge Transfer Account

(p) EPSRC International Review of Chemistry – Provision of RAE 2008 Data

(q) Advantage West Midlands – Corporate Plan Review

(r) Science City Interdisciplinary Alliance (SCIRA) Monitoring Report

(s) HEFCE 2009/03: Recurrent Grants for 2009/10

(t) Policy Update: Research Strategy

(u) Universities’ Superannuation Scheme

(v) UUK I-Note I/2009/040 – HEIs as Employers and the new Immigration System

(w) Policy Update: Postgraduate Issues

(x) Senior Officers’ Visit to US Universities (January 2009)

(y) Warwick’s Response to the UUK Survey on Points-Based Immigration

(z) Health Innovation and Education Clusters (HIECs)

(aa) Office for Fair Access: Monitoring Outcomes for 2007/08

(bb) HEFCE Circular 05/2009: Bringing Forward Capital Spending from 2010/11 Round 2

(cc) HEFCE Circular 04/2009: Revolving Green Fund – Second Round of Institutional Small Project Strand

(dd) HEFCE Letters 07/2009: Leading Transformational Change

(ee) HEFCE 2009/07: A New University Challenge – Proposals for New Higher Education Centres
CONSIDERED:

A report from the Equality and Diversity Committee (S.38/08-09) and its resolutions recorded under the following items together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research: Arts and Social Studies):

(a) **Annual Report on Equality and Diversity and Single Equality Action Plan**

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report on Equality and Diversity, together with the revised Single Equality Action Plan, be approved as set out in EDC.13/08-09 and EDC.14/08-09 respectively.

(b) PULSE: Staff Survey 2009 Results

RECEIVED:

A report from the Information Policy and Strategy Committee (S.39/08-09) and its resolutions recorded under the following items together with an oral report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research: Science and Medicine):
(a) Strategic Overview Library Five Year Plan: Periodicals Review

REPORTED:

(By the University Librarian)

(i) That all Heads of Department had been invited to comment on the prioritisation of periodicals purchased by the Library in the light of the probable reduction in funding available and their increased cost due to currency fluctuations.

(By the Finance Director)

(ii) That the University would consider the benefits and costs associated with potentially buying currency in advance, particularly in relation to larger EU funded research projects.

(b) Strategic Overview ITS Five Year Plan: E-Learning Options

94/08-09 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Arts

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Arts (S.40/08-09) and its resolutions and recommendations under the following items, together with an oral report from the Chair of the Faculty:

(a) Disestablishment of the Centre for Translation and Comparative Cultural Studies (CTCCS)

REPORTED: (by Professor Burns)

(i) That without challenging the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Arts and any resolution of the Senate, he had concerns that, effectively, the report by an individual had been the primary driver for the decision.

(By the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

(ii) That on establishing that an external appointment to the position of Director of CTCCS could not be made he had, as Chair of the Committee on the Appointment of Heads of Departments, asked the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research: Arts and Social Studies) to produce a report for consideration by the Academic Resourcing Committee.

(iii) That the determination that the CTCCS was not financially sustainable as an independent centre was a decision of the Academic Resourcing Committee which considered the report alongside other contextual information available to it.
(By the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies)

(iv) That a meeting was held with all students of the Centre to assure them that they would continue to be supported.

(v) That there was an appropriate supervisor for all existing PhD students of the Centre.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the Centre for Translation and Comparative Cultural Studies be disestablished from the end of the 2008/09 academic year.

(ii) That the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Arts and the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies continue with discussions with the aim of ensuring that:

(A) Arrangements are confirmed to enable all students currently enrolled within CTCCS to complete their programmes, and

(B) Where possible, those activities currently located within CTCCS which are academically and financially viable are able to continue.

(iii) That the Board of the Faculty of Art’s wish for an appropriate means to ensure that Translation Studies as a discipline continues to have a visible and interdisciplinary future within the Faculty be noted, further noting the likelihood that the Board may bring forward proposals in this regard for consideration by the Senate during the 2009/10 academic year.

(iv) That any consequential changes to the University governing instruments as a result of this decision be brought forward to a future meeting.

(b) Elections to University Committees

RESOLVED:

That the following members of academic staff in the Faculty of Arts be appointed to serve on the Committees indicated for the academic year 2009/10:

(i) Equality and Diversity Committee:

Dr Jenny Burns Italian
Dr Margaret Shewring Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies

(ii) Undergraduate Appeals Committee Panel:

Dr Stanley Ireland Classics
Dr Roger Fagge Comparative American Studies
Professor Jackie Labbe English and Comparative Literary Studies
Professor Nick Hewlett French Studies
Dr Helmut Schmitz German Studies
Dr Guy Thomson History
Dr Louise Campbell History of Art
(iii) Graduate Appeals Committee Panel:

Dr David Lines  Italian
Dr Ingrid de Smet  French Studies
Dr Chris Bilton  Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies
Dr Catherine Constable  Film and TV Studies

(iv) Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating Panel:

Mr Jose Arroyo  Film and TV Studies
Professor Jackie Labbe  English and Comparative Literary Studies
Dr Jenny Burns  Italian
Professor Douglas Morrey  French Studies
Mr Michael Hulse  English and Comparative Literary Studies

(v) Committee on the Admission of Students to Courses of Study:

Mr Jose Arroyo  Film and TV Studies
Professor Karen O’Brien  English and Comparative Literary Studies

(c) Representation of the Faculty on the Senate

REPORTED:

(i) That the continuing members of the Senate appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Arts are as follows:

Professor Rob Burns (2010)  Head of the Department of German Studies
Professor Thomas Docherty (2010)  English and Comparative Literary Studies
Professor Nick Hewlett (2011)  French Studies

(ii) That, in accordance with University Regulation 2.2 on Annual Elections, four of the six representatives appointed by the Board must be Professors and Heads of Departments, and thus that the three vacancies to be filled must be filled by Heads of Departments.

(d) Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Arts and its Committees 2009/10

95/08-09  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 11 March 2009 (S.41/08-09).

RESOLVED:
That, in addition to those awards and distinctions set out in paper S.41/08-09, the Senate record its congratulations to the Warwick University Drama Society for its spectacular performances this year.

96/08-09 Senate Committees

RESOLVED:

That the Regulations for the timetable of Committee Elections require that, at its meeting in the Summer Term, the Senate shall be asked to empower its Committees to continue in being with such powers as they have exercised previously until 30 September 2009.

97/08-09 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Science

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Science (S.42/08-09) and its resolutions and recommendations recorded under the following items:

(a) Faculty of Science Representatives on University Committees

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 2009/10:

(i) Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating Panel:

Dr Ken Flint Biological Sciences
Dr Jim Robinson Physics
Dr Mike Joy Computer Science
Dr Paul Taylor Chemistry

(ii) Equality and Diversity Committee:

Professor Jane Hutton Statistics
Dr Evor Hines Engineering

(iii) Committee on the Admission of Students to Courses of Study:

Dr Ken Flint Biological Sciences
Dr Jim Robinson Physics

(iv) Graduate Appeals Committee Panel:

Professor Colin Robinson Biological Sciences
Dr Kevin Neailey Engineering
Dr Amanda Dowd Engineering
Dr David Leadley Physics

(v) Undergraduate Appeals Committee Panel:

Dr Isabelle Carré Biological Sciences
Professor Julie MacPherson Chemistry
Dr Nasir Rajpoot Computer Science
Dr Alex Tiskin Computer Science
Mr William Crofts Engineering
Dr Ken Mao Engineering
Professor John Rawnsley Mathematics
Professor Gregory Jones Psychology
Dr Barbel Finkenstadt Statistics
Dr Sigurd Assing Statistics
Dr Gary Bending Warwick HRI
Dr David Chandler Warwick HRI

(b) Membership of the First Year Board of Examiners for 2009/10

RESOLVED:

That the membership of First Year Board of Examiners for the academic year 2009/10 be approved as set out in S.42/08-09.

(c) Membership of the Senate

REPORTED:

That the representatives of the Faculty of Science on the Senate were as follows:

Professor Malcolm Cooper Physics (2010)
Professor Andrew Easton Biological Sciences (2010)
Professor Jane Hutton Statistics (2010)
Professor Jonathan Seville Engineering (2011)
Professor Colin Sparrow Mathematics (2010)
Professor Roland Wilson Computer Science (2010)

(d) Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Science 2009/10
(e) Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Science 2009/10
(f) Membership of the Sub-Faculty of Science for 2009/10
(g) Membership of the Graduate Studies Committee for 2009/10

98/08-09 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine (S.43/08-09) and its resolutions and recommendations recorded under the following items:

(a) Faculty Representatives on University Committees

RESOLVED:

That the following members of academic staff in the Faculty of Medicine be appointed to serve on the Committees indicated for the academic year 2009/10:

(i) Three of the up to five co-opted members, external to the University on the Board of the Faculty of Medicine:

Mr Ian Fraser University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
Dr Christopher Marguerie South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr Peter Handslip George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust

(ii) Equality and Diversity Committee:
Ms Deborah Markham Warwick Medical School
Professor Swaran Singh Warwick Medical School

(iii) Graduate Appeals Committee Panel:
Dr Paul O’Hare Warwick Medical School
Dr Doug Simkiss Warwick Medical School
Professor Donald Singer Warwick Medical School
Dr Adrian Stokes Warwick Medical School
Mrs Janet Cooper Warwick Medical School

(iv) Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating Panel:
Dr Jane Kidd Warwick Medical School
Dr Neil Johnson Warwick Medical School
Dr Carolyn Rodgers Warwick Medical School
Professor Jill Thistlethwaite Warwick Medical School
Dr David Davies Warwick Medical School

(v) Committee on the Admission of Students to Courses of Study:
Professor Jill Thistlethwaite Warwick Medical School
Dr David Davies Warwick Medical School

(b) Representation of the Faculty on the Senate

REPORTED:

(i) That the continuing members of the Senate appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Medicine were as follows:

Professor Steven Thornton (2010) Warwick Medical School
Professor Martin Underwood (2011) Warwick Medical School

(ii) That Professor Neil Johnson (2012), Professor Jill Thistlethwaite (2012), Professor John Davey (2012) and Professor Sarah Stewart-Brown (2012), all of Warwick Medical School were elected to represent the Board on the Senate to serve for three years from 1st August 2009 until 31st July 2012.

(c) Membership of the Faculty Board and Sub-Committees 2009/10

99/08-09 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies (S.44/08-09) and its resolutions and recommendations recorded under the following items:
(a) **Establishment of Centre for Human Rights in Practice**

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to establish the Centre for Human Rights in Practice be approved in principle as set out in BFSS.11/08-09 (revised), noting that the formal constitution for the Centre should be brought forward for the consideration of the Senate at a future meeting.

(b) **Faculty of Social Studies Representatives on University Committees**

RESOLVED:

That the following members of academic staff in the Faculty of Social Studies be appointed to serve on the Committees indicated for the academic year 2009/10:

(i) Panel for the Committee on the Admission of Students to Courses of Study

Dr Steven Kettell  Politics and International Studies  
Dr Fergus McKay  Centre for Lifelong Learning

(ii) Graduate Appeals Committee Panel

Dr Robert Carter  Sociology  
Dr Annamaria Pinter  Applied Linguistics  
Professor Jonothan Neelands  Institute of Education  
Dr Trevor Colling  Warwick Business School  
Dr Fiona Anderson-Gough  Warwick Business School

(iii) Undergraduate Appeals Committee Panel for the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies

Dr Stephen Butterfill  Chair  
Dr Peter Ferdinand  Politics and International Studies  
Dr J Martin Corbett  Warwick Business School  
Dr Stephanie Stray  Warwick Business School  
TBC  Economics  
Dr Fergus McKay  Centre for Lifelong Learning  
Dr Stephen Butterfill  Philosophy  
Professor Lee Bridges  Law  
Dr Charles Turner  Sociology  
Dr Sarah Dahl  Education

(iv) Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating Panel

Professor Andrew Reeve  Politics and International Studies  
Dr Charles Turner  Sociology  
Professor Ruth Davies  Warwick Business School  
Dr Richard Smith  Applied Linguistics  
Professor Prue Huddleston  Centre for Education & Industry
(v) Equality and Diversity Committee

Professor Robert Jackson  Institute of Education
Professor Alan Dolan  School of Health and Social Studies

(c) Election to Membership of the Senate

REPORTED:

(a) That the continuing members of the Senate appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies were as follows:

Professor Christina Hughes (2010)  Department of Sociology
Professor Ben Rosamond (2011)  Department of Politics and International Studies
Professor Howard Thomas (2011)  Warwick Business School
Dr Christine Harrison (2011)  School of Health and Social Studies

(b) That Professor Abhinay Muthoo (Department of Economics) and Professor Julio Faundez (School of Law) be elected to represent the Board on the Senate to serve for three years from 1 August 2009 until 31 July 2012.

(d) Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies 2009/10
(e) Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies for 2009/10
(f) Membership of the Undergraduate Studies Committee for 2009/10
(g) Membership of the Graduate Studies Committee for 2009/10
(h) Membership of the Faculty of Social Studies IT Committee for 2009/10
(i) Membership of First-year Board of Examiners for 2009/10
(j) New Director of the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation

100/08-09 Pension Scheme Issues

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

That the University was considering a range of issues in relation to the University Superannuation Scheme and that these included the areas raised by Professor Hutton relating to death in service and health issues.

101/08-09 Students’ Union Feedback Campaign

REPORTED: (by the Students’ Union Education Officer)

(a) That the Students’ Union had been running a campaign regarding feedback on assessments and examinations.

(b) That students were keen to receive more feedback and that the lack of existing feedback mechanisms had contributed to low scores in this category in the 2009 National Student Survey.