UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

 SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 January 2011

Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the chair), Professor C Bates, Ms A Bell, Professor S Bruzzi, Dr J Burrows, Professor A Caesar, Professor J Davey, Professor J Faundez, Dr A-M Greene, Dr C Harrison, Professor M Harrison, Professor N Hewlett, Professor R Higgott, Dr N Holdsworth, Professor Christina Hughes, Professor S Jacka, Dr C Jenainati, Professor N Johnson, Professor T Jones, Professor J Labbe, Professor K Lamberts, Professor J McCarthy, Professor A Muthoo, Mr D Persaud, Dr D Roper, Mr S Ruston, Professor J Seville, Professor M Shipman, Mr M Smalley, Professor M Smith, Professor C Sparrow, Professor N Stallard, Mr D Stevens, Professor S Stewart-Brown, Professor M Taylor, Professor M Underwood, Professor P Winstanley.

Apologies: Professor H Beale, Professor A Czumaj, Professor C Dowson, Professor S Hand, Professor Chris Hughes, Professor S Swain, Professor J Thistlethwaite.

In attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar, Acting Head of Governance Support Services, Administrative Officer (Governance), Director of Development, Communications and Strategy (for item 24/10-11).

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed Professor John McCarthy to his first meeting of the Senate.

19/10-11 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 6 October 2010 be approved.

20/10-11 Membership of the Senate

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That, in accordance with Regulation 2.3, a notice had appeared on Insite and in Inbox Insite seeking nominations to fill a vacancy in the representatives of the Assembly on the Senate, noting that the vacancy had arisen from Professor Labbe being appointed to the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies, thus having ex officio membership of the Senate.

(b) That, by the published deadline of 11 October 2010, five nominations were received by the Registrar from members of the Assembly and, therefore, notification of an election by post was circulated via email to all members of the Assembly on 18 October 2010.

(c) That the names of the following individuals, together with their respective proposer and seconder, appeared on the ballot:

(i) Professor Stephen Jarvis Computer Science
(ii) Professor Roger Leng Law
(iii) Professor Chris Dowson Life Sciences
(iv) Dr Upamanyu (Pablo) Mukherjee English
That the deadline for ballot papers to be received by the Deputy Registrar’s Office was 5pm on 26 October 2010.

That Professor Chris Dowson of the School of Life Sciences was elected following the postal ballot as a representative of the Assembly on the Senate with immediate effect to 31 August 2013.

21/10-11 Progress of Senate Recommendations

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Council, at its meeting on 26 November 2010, approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

(a) Corporate Planning Statement (minute 9/10-11 refers)
(b) Amendments to University Ordinance 7 governing Boards of the Faculties, for the second time (minute 10(b)/10-11 refers)
(c) Amendments to University Regulation 9.5 governing the Constitution and Appointment of Boards of Examiners for the degrees of MB ChB (minute 10(c)/10-11 refers)

22/10-11 Re-structuring of Warwick Medical School (minutes 10 (a)/10-11 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies)

(a) That it did not appear that there was any female representation on the Warwick Medical School (WMS) Senior Management Group following the restructure.

(by the Dean of Warwick Medical School)

(b) That the WMS Senior Management Group did include female representation, and this representation would increase with recent and forthcoming appointments made, including Dr Sally Lamb and Mrs Wendy Coy.

(c) That WMS was developing a submission to gain Athena Swan accreditation, noting that WMS would invite the Athena Swan team to report to the Senior Management Group periodically.

23/10-11 Degree Congregation

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the recent Degree Ceremonies had been successful and thanks were expressed to the Degree Ceremony team and all other participants.

24/10-11 Research Excellence Framework

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That congratulations were extended to the members of academic staff who had been invited to sit on the forthcoming REF panels, and to the administrative staff invited to serve as Panel Secretaries.
(b) That all academic staff in the senior team would also be producing publications for submission to the REF panels.

RESOLVED:

That Heads of Departments be asked to check whether any further colleagues had been invited to serve on REF panels.

25/10-11 Doctoral Training Centres

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University had been awarded funding for two new doctoral training centres (DTCs) and that congratulations were extended to all colleagues involved in these bids, noting the increasing competition for Research Council funding:

(a) An EPSRC funded Industrial Doctorate Centre, one of only five that had been awarded in the country, which will address fundamental challenges in advanced manufacturing engineering and train Engineering Doctorate students – 10 in the first year, expanding to 30 per year shortly afterwards.

(b) An ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, which will fund 27 studentships per year, noting that of the DTCs that are to be hosted by single institutions, Warwick had the third highest number of studentships, after Oxford and the LSE.

26/10-11 Funding for Strategic Partnerships

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the University had been awarded £20,000 from the British Council’s New Partnerships Fund to support the development of its relationship with Boston University, noting that the proposal was deemed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for Business Innovation and Skills to have strong potential for ongoing activity.

27/10-11 Conferral of Emeritus Professorship

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That on behalf of the Academic Staff Committee and Senate, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor had conferred the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Ruth Davies with effect from her retirement from the University on 12 November 2010.

28/10-11 Sector Developments

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That Unison, Unite and GMB had now accepted the employers’ pay offer for 2010 of 0.4%; UCU remained in dispute over both the level of the pay offer and the lack of a sector wide agreement on job security, but the University would implement the pay offer in February, as advised by UCEA.

(b) That the UCU was likely to ballot for industrial action based on the proposed reforms to the USS.
That the University Assembly had been convened on 21 December 2010, attended by 143 colleagues at which a motion regarding the proposed changes to USS was debated, the motion being carried 117 in favour, 19 against and with 7 abstentions.

That staff and students needed to be mindful of the impact on the perception of UK higher education that their actions may have, both at home and overseas.

That excellence in both research and teaching was the key priority to secure the University’s future reputation, noting that all indicators confirmed that the quality of the student experience at Warwick is excellent but ongoing enhancement of our provision was a priority.

(by Professor S Jacka)

That the expansion of the senior tutor scheme would be welcomed, to support the student experience.

29/10-11 Vision 2015

CONSIDERED:

The refreshed University Strategy for Vision 2015 (minute 78/09-10 refers), (S.9/10-11)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That earlier drafts of the refreshed University Strategy for Vision 2015 had been shared with Senate and Council, with comments considered and incorporated, along with those from a number of other committees including Academic Resourcing Committee, Academic Quality and Standards Committee, International Committee, Heads of Department Forum, Faculty Boards and the Research Committee.

That the refreshed University Strategy for Vision 2015 reasserted the determination to pursue excellence in research, teaching, administration and commercial activities and to maintain and develop the University’s status as a distinctive institution, noting that access and widening participation were also foci of the refreshed strategy.

That, following minor editing to include the comments of the Senate, the Council would be asked to approve the refreshed strategy on February 17th 2011.

RESOLVED:

That the refreshed Strategy be approved for consideration by the Council, noting that issues raised by the Senate in its discussions would be considered in the further development of the Strategy’s implementation plan.
CONSIDERED:

A timetable for consideration of undergraduate tuition fees and financial support for students from 2012/13 (S.21/10-11).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the timescale for decision-making on fees, financial support arrangements and proposed activities and targets for widening participation had now effectively been determined by the requirement for submission of revised Access Agreements to Offa by 31 March 2011, noting that:

(i) Detailed guidance on Access Agreements would not be available from Offa until at least mid-February.
(ii) Details on the National Scholarship Scheme were unlikely to be available until after the submission of the Access Agreement.
(iii) Clarity on the level of resourcing for HEFCE funded subjects would not be available prior to submission of the Access Agreement.
(iv) It remained unclear when the Higher Education White Paper (which would cover any legislative changes in connection with fees and access proposals, as well as a review of the role and powers of HEFCE, the demarcation between FE and HE, and the position of private providers) would be published.

(b) That there were a broad range of issues that would need to be addressed in relation to the setting of fees including:

(i) Market conditions and the perceived value of the offering;
(ii) The need to embed widening participation within departments’ activities across the University given that current access activities and expenditure on this area would be considered the baseline for future development;
(iii) Expected investment in the continuing improvement of the student experience;
(iv) Potential differentiation of fees, noting that there was currently differentiation of Home/EU fees for a limited number of undergraduate courses, which are primarily focussed on widening access;
(v) The size and shape of the undergraduate population.

(c) That the meeting of the Council scheduled for 12th May has been brought forward to March to consider proposals prior to the deadline for submission to Offa.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposed timetable for consideration of undergraduate tuition fees and financial support for students from 2012/13 be approved as set out in paper S.21/10-11.

(b) That further consideration be given to the range of data that might be provided to departments to inform discussions on responses to the changing requirements on the University.
CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.11/10-11 {parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Vice-Chancellor:

(a) National Issues in Higher Education

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That overall reductions of approximately 40% in the Higher Education budget over the period to 2014/15 had been announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR), with areas of expenditure relating to teaching and learning being most significantly affected.

(ii) That in-year reductions in HEFCE grant were expected in the current financial year, with further reductions in 2011/12 and the majority of the cutbacks in HEFCE funding being phased in from 2012/13, as higher levels of fees are introduced.

(iii) That expenditure on science and research was expected to be maintained in cash terms, although this would constitute a reduction in real terms.

(iv) That the Secretary of State’s annual letter to the HEFCE recognised the contribution of science and research to the national economy and provided confirmation that the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) would continue, although the mechanism for distribution would be reviewed.

(b) OFFA: Access Agreements and WPSA Monitoring Return 2009/10

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That, as already been noted, the timetable for determining tuition fees for 2012 entry had been dictated by the deadline for submission of the University’s updated Access Agreement which would be submitted to OFFA by 31 March.

(c) New International Scholarship Programme

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Steering Committee had approved recommendations for a new postgraduate research scholarship scheme targeted at international students to be run through the Graduate School.

(d) Technology Innovation Centres

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Prime Minister had recently announced that there would be investment of £200m in Technology Innovation Centres across the UK, and
that discussions were ongoing with the Warwick Manufacturing Group concerning a potential bid.

(e) Immigration Issues

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(i) That the University’s responses to the Home Affairs Committee’s inquiry into the impact of proposed restrictions on Tier 4 Migration and to a consultation by the UKBA on changes to the Student Immigration System had stressed the inappropriateness of the proposed changes to Highly Trusted Sponsors and the negative impact that they could potentially have on the recruitment of overseas students to the UK.

(ii) That there were three significant changes proposed that could have a negative impact on the University; the removal of in-country visa applications, the end of the Tier 1 post-study work route, and the cessation of the right of students’ dependants to work in the UK.

(iii) That a number of staff were interacting with UKBA but it was hoped that the NUS would also increase their representation on behalf of students on these issues at a national level.

(by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

(iv) That, despite the fact that the University had used its interim allocation of Certificates of Sponsorship for staff appointments, the short listing and appointment of staff should continue as usual, pending further announcements regarding arrangements to be implemented from April 2011.

(f) Fees Review

(g) University Key Performance Indicators, Risk Register and Risk Status Summary Reports

(h) University Annual Monitoring and Corporate Planning Statements

(i) Institutional HESES Audit

(j) Provisional report on HEFCE grant adjustments

(k) Student Admissions and Recruitment Updates

(l) Report on Postgraduate Issues

(m) Report from the Fees Working Group

(n) Pay Negotiations

(o) Student protests

(p) Research Strategy Update

(q) Proposal for an EPSRC Centre in Innovative Manufacturing in Lightweight Vehicles

(r) WMG Advanced Technology Centre

(s) BIS EU Framework Programme – Call for Evidence

(t) Leverhulme Awards

(u) Advanced Materials and Process Technologies Project (AMPTP) and LOw CARbon vehicle Technology Embedding project (LOCATE)

(v) THE Research Council Success Rates

(w) Improving the Quality of Research Grant Proposals

(x) UK Magnetic Resonance Centre for Doctoral Training

(y) Research Proposal for Submission to BBSRC: Mechanochemical Systems Biology of the Dynamic Microtubule End Complex
(z) Industrial Doctoral Training Centres
(aa) ESRC Doctoral Training Centres
(bb) Research Council Delivery Plans
(cc) International Issues
(dd) International League Tables
(ee) USS Pensions Consultation
(ff) The Browne Report
(gg) Local Enterprise Partnerships
(hh) Health Innovation and Education Cluster Update
(ii) Higher Education Academy subject centres
(jj) HE STEM Midlands & East Anglia - Development of a Regional Action Plan for Higher Level Skills
(kk) National Audit Office Census of Higher Education Institutions
(ll) UK Professional Standards Framework for HE
(mm) HEFCE Consultation on Public Information about HE
(nn) UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation (UKCMRI)
(oo) OFFA Guidance – Timing of Access Agreements (4 October)
(pp) QAA: Recruitment of Reviewers and Review Secretaries for the Institutional Review Process
(qq) HEFCE Consultation on Developing a Shared Strategy for Relationship Management between HEFCE and Institutional Governing Bodies
(rr) QAA: Consultation on Changes to the Academic Infrastructure
(ss) Teaching Quality Update
(tt) “The Importance of Teaching” White Paper
(uu) Teach First ITT Allocations Bid
(vv) Liberating the NHS: Developing the Healthcare Workforce
(ww) IT Update
(xx) Arrangements for the Second Capital Investment Framework (CIF2)
(yy) Space Utilisation
(zz) Capital Development and Space Management
(aaa) PULSE Action Plan from the 2010 Survey
(bbb) Modern Records Centre Physical Redevelopment Project
(ccc) Centre for Student Careers & Skills - Update
(ddd) National Student Forum Annual Report
(eee) Warwick Arts Centre – Transform Funding
(ff) Health and Safety Update
(ggg) Human Resources Update
(hhh) Equality and Diversity Update
(iii) IAS Update
(jjj) IATL Update
(kkk) Development and Alumni Relations Office Update
(lll) Changes to the Constitution and Membership of the Fitness to Practise Committee for the Degree of MB ChB, Warwick Medical School
(mmm) University Financial Plan
(nnn) OFFA Statistical Analysis into Impact of Bursaries on Student Decision-Making
(ooo) University Response to Government Default Retirement Age Consultation
(ppp) UCEA 10:107: Consultation on Changes to Economic Migration Routes to the UK in Tiers 1 and 2
(qqq) Advantage West Midlands Project Review 2010 Output
(rrr) Ian Pearson
(sss) Professor Bertil Andersson
(ttt) Professor Adrian Smith
(uuu) Universities UK President
(vvv) New Year’s Honours
(www) Helen Martin Studio
.xxx Improving Public Information
(yyy) University Response to the UCEA Consultation on the Single Equality
(zzz) UKIERI Consultation Responses
(aaaa) Public Bodies Reform
(bbbb) UUK Patterns of Higher Education Institutions in the UK Report
(cccc) University Response to the UUK Research Conduct Survey
(dddd) Universities That Count
(eeee) Guidance for Researchers on Retractions in Academic Journals
(ffff) HEFCE Annual Conference Speeches
(gggg) AHRC Block Grant Partnerships
(hhhh) SALIX/HEFCE Revolving Green Fund - update
(iiii) HEFCE Collaborations, alliances, and mergers in higher education project
(jjjj) UUK: University Leaders Statement of Intent on Sustainable Development
(kkkk) Revised Unistats Employability Statement
(llll) West Midlands Regional Observatory
(mmmm) OFSTED Annual Report
(nnnt) Changes to QAA’s Causes for Concern Scheme
(oooo) “Taken for a ride” bus campaign
(pppp) University and Development: global co-operation
(qqqq) UCAS provisional end of cycle report 2009/2010
(rrrr) Student Charters
(ssss) RCUK notification of phased changes in Research Councils grant processing
(tttt) RCUK Business Plan Competition
(uuuu) UUK: Changes to immigration system: employment routes
(vvvv) Russell Group response to the House of Commons Inquiry on Technology and Innovation Centres
(wwww) UUK update: establishment of new HE panel on Freedom of Information
(xxxx) RCUK “Concordat for engaging the public with research”
(yyyy) CBI/NUS employability guide
(zzzz) UUK report: “Creating Prosperity: the role of HE in driving the UK's creative economy”
(bbbbb) University response to UUK Consultation: HE Exports and Government Support
(ccccc) Social Work Reform Board report
(eeeeee) Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (LFHE) Annual Review 2009-10
(fffff) Update on government proposals for university funding and student finance
(ggggg) Global Health collaboration survey – results (minute 277/09-10 refers)
(hhhhh) HEFCE Review of JISC
(iiiii) Knowledge Transfer Partnerships
(jjjjj) Royal Society Awards: Call for Nominations
(kkkkk) Universities Week campaign
(lllll) EC consultation on promotion and validation of non-formal and informal learning
CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic and Quality Standards Committee (S.12/10-11 {parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience):

(a) Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership: Board of Graduate Studies

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Board of Graduate Studies as set out in S.12/10-11 and below be approved (insertions underlined, deletions struck through):

(i) To regulate the admission of all graduate students and, subject to the Regulations Governing Taught Postgraduate Degrees and the Regulations Governing Research Degrees, the initial conditions of registration and any change of these conditions;

(ii) To make recommendations to the Senate, via the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, after consultation with the Boards of the Faculties, Departments and Graduate Studies Committees, if appropriate, on all matters to do with graduate study in the University;

(iii) To make recommendations on the appropriate provision of academic resources and social facilities for postgraduate students in the University;

(iv) To make awards partly or wholly established from University funds to graduate students and to nominate students for postgraduate awards made by external bodies;

(v) To advise the Senate, via the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, on any general or specific strategic considerations regarding postgraduate study or research in the University;

(vi) To review periodically all postgraduate courses in the University as required;

(vii) To scrutinise all new postgraduate degree and course proposals and recommend approval to the Senate via the Academic Quality and Standards Committee;

(viii) To advise the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on matters relating to examinations for postgraduate degrees;

(ix) To advise the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on the role of internal and external examiners for postgraduate degrees;

(x) To report to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee annually on the issues raised in reports by external examiners.
examiners’ reports, annual course reviews, Strategic Departmental Review reports and Student Staff Liaison Committee reports; to intervene with departments where issues arise and to advise the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on substantive issues of concern;

(xi) To consider requests for variations to the AP(C/E)L policy, referring to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee where matters of principle arise.

(b) Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership: Board of Undergraduate Studies

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Board of Undergraduate Studies as set out in S.12/10-11 and below be approved (insertions underlined, deletions struck through):

(i) To consider and make recommendations to the Academic Quality Standards Committee on issues relating to the assurance and enhancement of the quality of learning and teaching across all undergraduate provision;

(ii) To make recommendations to the Senate, after consultation with academic departments and the Boards of the Faculties, on all matters affecting undergraduate study in the University including strategic considerations;

(iii) To scrutinise all new undergraduate course proposals and report to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on consideration of such proposals;

(iv) To consider the Faculty Summary Reports of the Annual Course Review reports, teaching and learning-related sections of Strategic Departmental Reviews (together with relevant departmental responses) and the Undergraduate Student-Staff Liaison Committee Annual Report and liaise with departments regarding any issues of concern;

(v) To advise the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on matters relating to examinations in undergraduate courses;

(vi) To advise the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on the role of internal and external examiners for undergraduate degrees;

(vii) To report to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee annually on the issues raised in reports by External Examiners;

(viii) To consider submissions from the Boards of the Faculties for non-standard examination methods, including seen papers, open-book examinations and reading times, and to make recommendations to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee;

(ix) To exercise delegated powers on behalf of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee in approving, on personal grounds, minor
variations in the arrangements for the sitting of undergraduate examinations by individual students;

(x) To consider all matters affecting admissions practices and policy and make recommendations to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee where appropriate;

(xi) To consider requests for variations to the University’s Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) policy for individual students.

(c) Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership: Academic Quality and Standards Committee
(d) Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership: Collaborative, Flexible and Distributed Learning Sub-Committee
(e) Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership: Quality Enhancement Working Group
(f) Learning & Teaching Strategy 2008-2011
(g) Course and Module Approval Process
(h) King’s-Warwick Project
(i) Monitoring student progress and attendance
(j) New and Revised Postgraduate Courses of Study
(k) New and Revised Undergraduate Courses of Study
(l) Collaborative Course Proposals

Hong Kong VTC and Interact Learning

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the Warwick Manufacturing Group for a variation of the collaboration with Hong Kong VTC, be approved as set out in papers CFDLSC 5/10-11.

(m) Erasmus Mundus Applications Submitted in 2009/10
(n) QAA WMG-Singapore Audit

33/10-11 Report from the Information Policy and Strategy Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Information Policy and Strategy Committee (S.13/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research (Science and Medicine):

(a) Staff Email Outsourcing

RESOLVED:

That the proposal that staff email be outsourced be approved, subject to the identified issues regarding mass mailing limits and geographical data storage requirements being addressed by IT Services.

(b) Publications database
(c) Data Security and Encryption
(d) Data and Records Management Consultation
34/10-11  Report from the University Equality and Diversity Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the University Equality and Diversity Committee (S.14/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research (Science and Medicine):

(a)  Terms of Reference and Membership

RESOLVED:

(i) That the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Committee be approved as set out in paper EDC02/10-11 and as follows (deletions struck through, additions underlined):

One member of academic related staff
One member of technician staff
Two members of non academic staff grades 6 - 9
One clerical member of staff
One manual member of staff
Two members of non academic staff grades 1a - 5

(ii) That the proposed methodology for filling vacancies for non academic staff on grades 1a to 5 and on grades 6 to 9 on the Committee be approved as set out in paper EDC02/10-11.

(b)  Single Equality Act

35/10-11  Report from the Research Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the University Research Committee (S.15/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research (Science and Medicine):

(a)  Terms of Reference and Constitution

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments to the constitution and terms of reference for the Research Committee as set out in S.15/10-11 and below, be approved (insertions underlined, deletions struck through):

Chairs of the Boards of the Faculties, or his/her nominee (typically the Chair of the Faculty Research Committee)

Chairs of the Faculty Research Committees as approved by the relevant Faculty Board

(b)  Dialogue with Research Councils
(c)  Research Hubs
(d)  Research Income
(e)  Citations
CONSIDERED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences (S.10/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences:

(a) **Faculty Research Centres: Warwick Centre for Memory Studies**

RESOLVED:

That the Warwick Centre for Memory Studies be disestablished as requested by the Department Sociology, as set out in appendix 1 of S.10/10-11.

(b) **Faculty Research Centres: Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations**

RESOLVED:

That the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations be disestablished as set out in appendix 2 of S.10/10-11.

(c) **Elections to University Committees**

RESOLVED:

That Professor Peter Corvi replace Professor Paul Edwards as the Warwick Business School representative on the First Year Board of Examiners for 2010/11.

(d) **Warwick Festival of Social Sciences**
(e) **Proposal for Establishment of Warwick Institute of Public Policy (WIPP)**
(f) **Changes to the Membership of the Board and its Committees: Faculty Board**
(g) **Changes to the Membership of the Board and its Committees: Undergraduate Studies Committee**
(h) **Changes to the Membership of the Board and its Committees: Graduate Studies Committee**
(i) **Representation of the Faculty on the Senate**
(j) **Election to University Committees: Academic Quality and Standards Committee**
(k) **Election to University Committees: Other University Committees**
(l) **Changes to Committee Terms of Reference: Undergraduate Studies Committee**
(m) **Changes to Committee Terms of Reference: Graduate Studies Committee**
37/10-11 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Science

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Science (S.16/10-11) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with a report from the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Science:

(a) **Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership: Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Science and its Sub-Committees**

RESOLVED:

That, following the submission of nominations from the School of Life Sciences, Physics and WMG, the memberships of the First Year Board of Examiners, Undergraduate Appeals Committee Panel and Graduate Appeals Committee for the Faculty of Science for 2010/11 be approved as set out in S.16/10-11.

(b) **Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership: Constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Science**

RESOLVED:

(i) That the amended constitution of the Sub-Faculty of the Board of the Faculty of Science, to include up to three members per department rather than three members for the departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physics, be approved.

(ii) That the amended constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Science, to include only two members per department rather than three members for the departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics and WMG, be approved, noting that the removal of the requirement that Heads of Departments be members of the Board be not approved.

(c) Election to Representation from the Faculty on the Senate

38/10-11 Assembly

CONSIDERED:

Amendments to the membership of the Assembly (S.22/10-11).

RESOLVED:

That the amended rules for membership of the Assembly to reflect current employment legislation and harmonised terms and conditions of University staff be approved, as set out in S.22/10-11.
39/10-11 Revisions to University Ordinances and Regulations

CONSIDERED:

Proposed revisions to the following governing instruments of the University:

(a) Regulation 28 Governing Intellectual Property Rights

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendment to University Regulation 28 to reflect the changes made to the University's Financial Regulations be approved and recommended to the Council as set out in S.19/10-11.

(b) Regulation Relating to the Absence of Examination Marks as a Consequence of Significant Disruption (Force Majeure)

RESOLVED:

That the proposed Regulation relating to the absence of examination marks as a consequence of significant disruption (force majeure) be approved and recommended to the Council as set out in S.23/10-11.

40/10-11 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 6 October 2010 (S.17/10-11).

41/10-11 Designation of Emeritus Vice-Chancellor (United States)

RECEIVED:

A report from the Vice-Chancellor on the designation of the title of Emeritus Vice-Chancellor (United States) on Professor David VandeLinde, as set out in Paper S.24/10-11.

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That he had approved the designation of the title of Emeritus Vice-Chancellor (United States) on Professor David VandeLinde, by Chair’s action on behalf of the Senate.

(b) That Professor VandeLinde had agreed to work in a voluntary capacity to support the University in pursuit of its Strategy, and that the conferral of the title of Emeritus Vice-Chancellor (United States) reflected this role and would be for the period to 31 July 2016 in the first instance.
42/10-11 Report from the Honorary Degrees Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the Honorary Degrees Committee (S.18/10-11) setting out the persons awarded honorary degrees by the University at the degree congregations held in January 2011.

43/10-11 Academic Statistics Yearbook 2010/11

RECEIVED:

The 2010/11 edition of the Academic Statistics Yearbook (S.20/10-11), noting that the Yearbook was available online at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/mip/businessinformation.