Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Dr J Ahearne, Mr T Arnold, Professor S Bassnett, Ms A Bell, Professor L Bridges, Professor S Bright, Professor P Burnham, Dr P Byrd, Professor A Caesar, Professor E Carter, Professor Y Carter, Professor M J Cooper, Professor J Davis, Professor M Devereux, Professor T Docherty, Mr B Duggan, Dr M Finn, Professor A Harris, Professor M Harrison, Dr C Hughes, Dr C Humphreys, Professor J Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor K Legge, Professor R Lindley, Professor M Luntley, Dr J MacPherson, Professor A McFarlane, Dr H Nesi, Professor S B Palmer, Professor A Phizacklea, Professor E Peile, Dr A M Price, Dr P Roberts, Professor D Singer, Professor M Smith, Dr C Sparrow, Ms K Stark, Professor S Thornton, Professor M Waterson, Professor M Whitby, Professor R Wilson.

Apologies: Professor R Freedman, Professor G Hundt, Professor I Lauder, Professor P O’Hare.

In Attendance: Professor H Thomas, Academic Registrar, Acting Director of Finance, Director of Academic and Student Affairs, Director of Estates, Director of IT Services, Registrar, University Secretary, Singapore Feasibility Study Project Manager, Singapore Feasibility Study Finance Project Manager, Ms N Snodgrass.

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CONSIDERED:

(a) The final Singapore Feasibility Study Report (S.10/05-06).

(b) Two letters from the Chairman of the Singapore Economic Development Board dated 7 and 10 October respectively, concerning issues relating to research funding and academic freedom (S.12/05-06).

(c) Financial information on the Feasibility Study presenting a series of feasible scenarios relating to cash flow, surpluses and deficits (S.13/05-06, tabled at the meeting).

(d) The motion that, on the basis of the findings of the Feasibility Study, the University develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) as a precursor to a formal contractual agreement on the development of a second campus in Singapore, which would be presented to both the Senate and the Council for consideration and approval prior to signing (S.11/05-06).

RECOMMENDED:

That the motion set out in (d) above be not approved.

Note: In the light of extensive discussion at the meeting and following a secret ballot conducted amongst all members present at the meeting; 13 in favour, 27 opposed, 3 abstentions.