

## UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

### SENATE

There will be a meeting of the Senate on **Monday, 12 October 2015 at 10.00am** in the Council Chamber, Senate House.

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Registrar

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### STRATEGIC ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

The following agenda item constitutes the main strategic item for discussion at the meeting. Up to 45 minutes of the scheduled meeting time may be allocated to discussion of this topic.

1. The HEFCE Quality Assurance Consultation and the Teaching Excellent Framework (TEF)

TO REPORT:

- (a) That in June the HEFCE released a consultation on future approaches to quality assessment which raised a number of issues of principle and practice, [http://www.hefce.ac.uk/media/HEFCE,2014/Content/Pubs/2015/201511/2015\\_11.pdf](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/media/HEFCE,2014/Content/Pubs/2015/201511/2015_11.pdf)
- (b) That in June the Universities Minister, Jo Johnson MP, set out plans to widen participation and drive up teaching quality through a Teaching Excellence Framework, <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/teaching-at-the-heart-of-the-system>

TO CONSIDER:

- (c) A paper from the Deputy Academic Registrar setting out issues of significance contained within the HEFCE QA Consultation and the University's response, together with a summary of information currently available about the emerging TEF, (S.1/15-16) attached.
  - (d) Oral reports from Professor Christina Hughes, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, (Teaching & Learning) and Dr Giles Carden, Director, Strategic Planning & Analytics.
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### AGENDA

2. Donna Barnes

TO REPORT:

The sad news that Miss Donna Barnes, a member of staff for 27 years based in the Student Records team, passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> September following a long illness.

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3. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 29 June 2015 (attached).

4. Matters Arising on the Minutes

Progress of Senate Recommendations

TO REPORT:

- (a) That the Council, at its meeting on 8 July 2015, noted the report from the Senate and approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:
- (i) Proposed amendments to Ordinance 7 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences to limit the number of departmental representatives and update the other membership categories to better reflect the Board's strategic role, for the first time (minute 114/14-15 refers);
  - (ii) Proposed amendment to Ordinance 13 to include a new award title of Bachelor of Arts & Sciences (BASc), for use in connection with the new fully interdisciplinary degree courses in Global Sustainable Development, for the first time. (minute 146/14-15 refers).
- (b) That following consultation by correspondence during the summer vacation, the Council approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items, subsequent to the additional period afforded the Board of the Faculty of Arts for consultation on the detail of proposed amendments and consideration on behalf of the Senate by the Steering Committee of feedback received:
- (i) Proposed changes to the University Complaints Framework arising from the first year of operation (minute 131/14-15), members of the Council having considered and approved paper SC.177/14015, available online at <https://files.warwick.ac.uk/senate/browse#Senate+Papers+2015-16+%28Open%29/2015+12+10+Open/University+Complaints+Framework>
  - (ii) Proposed changes to the University Discipline Framework comprising regulatory and other changes (minute 132/14-15), members of the Council having considered and approved paper SC.178/14-15, available online at <https://files.warwick.ac.uk/senate/browse#Senate+Papers+2015-16+%28Open%29/2015+12+10+Open/University+Discipline+Framework>

5. Membership and Terms of Reference of the Senate

TO RECEIVE:

The Membership and Terms of Reference of the Senate for the academic year 2015/16, (S.2/15-16), attached.

TO REPORT:

That as a consequence of her recent change of role, Professor Pam Thomas stepped down as a representative of the Senate on the Council with effect from 31 July 2015 and that nominations are invited for a representative on the Senate to serve on the Council for the period 1 August 2015 - 31 July 2018, as set out in Ordinance 5 at

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/calendar/section2/ordinances/senateappointedcouncil/> it being noted that nominations should be sent to the Registrar by 12 noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015.

6. Procedure for proposing a revision to a recommendation of the Senate

TO RECEIVE:

The previously-approved 'Procedure for proposing a revision to a recommendation of the Senate', (S.3/15-16), attached.

7. Conflicts of Interest

TO REPORT:

That, should any members or attendees of the Senate have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items for the meeting, they should be declared in accordance with the CUC Guide for Members of Higher Education Governing Bodies in the UK, available at <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2009/200914/>

8. Vice-Chancellor's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

9. Registrar's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Registrar.

10. \*California

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Provost updating members of the Senate on developments regarding California (S.4/15-16 {restricted} attached).

11. \*University Strategy

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Director of Strategic Programme Delivery, providing an update on progress towards the achievement of goals set out in the University Strategy, (S.5/15-16 {restricted} attached).

12. \*University Rankings

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Director of Strategic Planning & Analytics updating members of the Senate on the outcome of recent university rankings (S.6/15-16 {restricted} attached).

13. \*University Access Agreement 2016/17 to 2019/20

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from Professor Christina Hughes, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, (Teaching & Learning), setting out high level changes to the University's Access Agreement 2016/17-19/20 (S.7/15-16 {restricted} attached).

14. \*Student Admissions Update

TO RECEIVE:

A paper illustrating the University's current position with respect to student admissions for this academic cycle (S.8/15-16 {restricted} attached).

15. \*Results of Student Surveys

TO RECEIVE:

A paper summarising the University's results in three sector-wide student surveys. (S.9/15-16 {restricted} attached).

16. \*Report from Steering Committee

TO CONSIDER:

A report from Steering Committee (S.22/15-16 {Part1}, attached).

17. Accreditation of a Placement Year in Industry and Year Abroad

TO CONSIDER:

A paper on principles and proposals for the accreditation of placement years in industry and years abroad (S.20/15-16) attached.

18. Awards and Distinctions

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 29 June 2015, (S.10/15-16), attached.

19. Any Other Business

MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION:

The Steering Committee considers that the following items are non-controversial or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Senate may, however, ask for any of the following items to be transferred to the agenda for the day by contacting the Senate Assistant Secretary (ext. 24414) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the start of the meeting.

20. Revisions to University Ordinances and Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Proposed amendments to Ordinance 7, Constitution of the Faculties, for the second time (S.11/15-16 online only).
- (b) Proposed amendments to Ordinance 13, Degrees and Diplomas, for the second time (S.12/15-16 online only).
- (c) Proposed amendment to Ordinance 16, governing the Payment of Annual Fees, Residential Charges and Other Debts (S.13/15-16 online only).
- (d) Proposed amendments to Regulation 2.3, Regulations Governing the Election of Representatives of the Assembly to Membership of the Senate (S.14/15-16 online only).
- (e) Proposed amendments to Regulation 8 for First Degrees and Regulation 9: Constitutions of Boards of Examiners, to reflect what is allowed with respect to the Foundation Year offered by the Warwick Business School (S.21/15-16 online only).

21. Reports from Senate Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) A report from the Steering Committee, (S.15/15-16 {Part 2} online only).
- (b) A report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine (S.16/15-16 online only).

22. Vice-Chancellor's Action:

TO REPORT:

- (a) That on 25 June 2015 the Vice-Chancellor took action on behalf of the Senate to approve a proposed variation to the membership of the Faculty of Science First Year Board of Examiners for 2014-15 to allow Professor T Bugg to replace Professor R Deeth at a meeting held on 25 June 2015.
- (b) That on 30 June 2015 the Vice-Chancellor took action on behalf of the Senate to approve the proposed membership of an Investigating Committee into Cases of Suspected Cheating Panel for four cases arising in the Warwick Manufacturing Group.
- (c) That on 1 September 2015 the Vice-Chancellor took action on behalf of Senate to approve a proposal that Professor L Roberts serve on a Grievance Committee established to consider a grievance raised by an academic member of staff based within the Institute for Employment Research.

23. Membership of Senate Committees

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the membership of Senate committees for the academic year 2015-16, (S.17/15-16 online only).

TO REPORT:

That an induction event for incoming members of Senate committees was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, presentations for which may be accessed at <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/committees/induction2015>

24. Student and alumni deaths

TO REPORT:

That the University has been informed of the deaths of the following colleagues associated with the University and alumni since the last meeting of the Senate held on 29 June 2015:

*Staff:*

Miss Donna Barnes, Clerical Assistant, Academic Office (1988-2015)  
Dr Oliver Sacks, Visiting Professor and Honorary Doctor of Science (2014)  
Mrs Krysia Saul, Warwick and Coventry Primary Care Research (2000-2011)

*Students:*

Mr James Murphy, BA Philosophy (third year student)

*Alumni:*

Mr Avtar Abrol, Diploma in Pastoral Care, 1982-85  
Miss Joan Aston, BphilEd, 1987-1990  
Mr Laurent Chaboy, Undergraduate Erasmus+ UIOA-ESO, 2004-2005  
Miss Anne Ceri Davies, BSc in Physics. 1998-1991  
Miss Janet Facy, BA Comparative American Studies 1980-1993  
Miss Helen Green, BA Law and Sociology, 1981-1985  
Mr James Joseph Howard, BSc in Computing and Business Studies, 2004-2007  
Mr Frank David Kings, Certificate in Continuing Education, 1993-1994  
Miss Alison Lane, BA History, 1979-1982  
Mr Sameer Mehta, BSc Economics, 1995-1989  
Mrs Joanne Nunn, MA Social Work, 1995-1998  
Mr Pravinbhai Patel, BEd Education, 1973-1977  
Mr John Saunders, PGCE, 1994-1995  
Mrs Carol Spellman, BA(QTS), 1987-1991  
Mr Malcolm Strutt, BA Psychology, 1983-1986  
Dr Nicholas Usher-Somers, Cert Diabetes Care 2002-2004  
Mrs Julie Watt, OS Certificate Planning and Delivering Key Skills, 2004-2005

25. Date of the next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Senate will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 27 January 2016 in the Council Chamber, Senate House.

\* Denotes a restricted paper, confidential to members and attendees of the Senate.

