

# UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

## SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2016

- Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Professor A Clark, Ms S Crookes, Professor M Freely, Mr R Green, Professor L Green, Professor A Hand (to 37/15-16), Dr G Hartshorne, Mrs K Hughes, Professor Christina Hughes, Professor Christopher Hughes (to 37/15-16), Professor S Jacka, Professor S Jarvis, Professor C Jenainati, Professor T Jones (to 37/15-16), Miss M Khan, Professor S Kumar (to 35/15-16), Mr I Leigh, Professor A Muthoo, Mr N Shiers, Mr L Pilot, Professor L Roberts, Professor P Roberts (to 41/15-16), Professor A Rodger, Professor M Shipman, Professor J Solomos, Professor C Sparrow, Professor H Spencer-Oatey, Professor N Stocks, Professor S Swain, Professor P Thomas, Dr N Whybrow, Professor P Winstanley (to 30/15-16), Professor Lawrence Young.
- Apologies: Professor M Balasubramanian, Professor J Barlow, Professor D Branch, Professor A Coats, Professor S Croft, Professor S Gilson, Professor G Lindsay, Professor D Leadley, Professor D Morley, Professor J Palmowski, Professor A Reeve, Professor K Seers.
- In attendance: Administrative Officer (Academic Registrar's Office), Group Finance Director, Academic Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Registrar, Deputy Academic Registrar.

29/15-16 Competition and Markets Authority and Consumer Protection Law: Implications for Higher Education

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A paper from the Deputy Academic Registrar (S.23/15-16), updating members of the Senate on the University's progress towards achieving institutional compliance with respect to consumer protection law.
- (b) An oral report, incorporating a number of scenarios designed to illustrate the wide range of implications of consumer protection law for HEIs noting that, having initially prioritised compliance in relation to recruitment and admissions given the need to be able to open the 2016 admission cycle largely compliant, the Working Group was now increasingly focussing on core teaching and learning matters, including the process for managing change to taught provision and students' use of the course transfer process.
- (c) Issues arising, where compliance raised procedural or organisational challenges or a need to take account of differing departmental practice, for example in relation to marking and moderation practices, where further information to support students' understanding of University policy as reflected in departmental practice would be helpful.
- (d) That the increase of the cancellation period from 15 to 30 days under the Consumer Rights Act 2015 had implications for students admitted to courses of study through Clearing and Adjustment as this period would still be in force when some students started courses in early-mid September.

- (e) In response to an observation from Professor Nigel Stocks, quality assurance could and should provide an impetus for swift implementation of changes to courses, but that in such instances the involvement of students in change and communication of change in a timely fashion to offer-holders was crucial.
- (f) An observation from Professor Saul Jacka, that course accreditation could be a driver of fairly swift changes to courses.
- (g) In response to an observation from Miss Mia Khan, that the University's IT infrastructure should ensure the availability of a single platform to deliver all the relevant information to be collated, that this problem had been illustrated through the process of compilation of 'material information' for courses of study for 2016.
- (h) An observation from Mr Nat Shiers that taught postgraduate students should be considered alongside undergraduate students in terms of the application of consumer protection law.
- (i) A response from the Academic Registrar in response to an observation from Mr Nat Shiers that it was reasonable for all students to expect to know fees for each year of their course of study from the outset, that the current financial planning envelope allowed the forward projection of four years of fees (permitting the publication of relevant fees for three years for applicants for the current admissions cycle), but that there were no plans to project fees beyond this point.

30/15-16 Mrs Judy Rawson

REPORTED:

The sad news that Mrs Judy Rawson, former Chair of the Department of Italian Studies, who had worked at the University from 1965 until 2000, had passed away.

*Note: A moment of silence was held in memory of Mrs Rawson.*

31/15-16 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 12 October 2015 be approved.

32/15-16 Matters Arising on the Minutes

Progress of Senate Recommendations

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Council, at its meeting on 15 October 2015, noted the verbal report provided by the Vice Chancellor from the meeting of the Senate on 12 October 2015 and approved the following items:
  - (i) Proposed amendments to Ordinance 7, on the Constitution of the Faculties (minute 23/15-16 referred).
  - (ii) Proposed amendments to Ordinance 13, Degrees and Diplomas (minute 23/15-16 referred).

- (iii) Ordinance 16, Payment of Fees (minute 23/15-16 referred).
- (b) That the Council, at its meeting on 15 October 2015, noted the verbal report provided by the Vice Chancellor from the meeting of the Senate on 12 October 2015 and confirmed the resolutions of the Senate recorded under the following items:
  - (i) Regulation 2.3, Governing the Election of Representatives of the Assembly to Membership of the Senate (minute 11/15-16 referred).
  - (ii) Regulations 5, Grant of Study Leave, Leave of Absence, and Leave to Accept a Research Award (Approved by Chair's Action).
  - (iii) Regulation 8, Regulations for First Degrees (minute 23/15-16 referred).
  - (iv) Regulation 9, Constitutions of Boards of Examiners (minute 23/15-16 referred).
- (c) That Professor Aileen Clarke had been appointed as a representative of the Senate on the Council for the period 1 August 2015 – 31 July 2018 in succession to Professor Pam Thomas (minute 4c/15-16 referred).

33/15-16 Vice-Chancellor's Business: Resignation of Professor Peter Winstanley as Chair of the Faculty of Medicine

REPORTED:

- (a) That Professor Winstanley would step down as Chair of the Faculty of Medicine at the end of May this year due to his retirement;
- (b) That Professor Winstanley was currently undertaking the role of Acting Senior Tutor pending a review in the Spring Term of the resource needs for academic pastoral support;
- (c) That Professor Winstanley had joined the University in May 2010 as both Dean of the Medical School and Chair of the Faculty of Medicine and had steered the Faculty of Medicine through a period of growth, tackling some very challenging issues to put the Warwick Medical School on a much stronger footing as a result;
- (d) That Professor Winstanley had broadened WMS' external links and strengthened the School's governance arrangements, and contributed in many ways to the activities of the wider University;
- (e) That the vacant Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine would be filled in the usual way;
- (f) That continuity in the role of Senior Tutor would be maintained as a result of the review process on-going; and
- (g) That the sincere thanks on behalf of the Senate be extended to Professor Winstanley.

34/15-16 Registrar's Business: Review of Academic Governance

REPORTED:

That it was proposed that the Review of Academic Governance be put back to the summer 2016, such that the initial scoping paper setting out the *modus operandi* for the review be brought to the Senate at its first meeting in June; in this way greater account might be taken of potential shifts in the external HE architecture which were the subject of the recent Green Paper.

35/15-16 Registrar's Business: Conferral of Emeritus Status, Professor Susan Bassnett

REPORTED:

That the Vice-Chancellor had confirmed that he wished to bestow, on behalf of the Senate, the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Susan Bassnett when she formally stepped down at the end of the current academic year.

36/15-16 California

CONSIDERED:

An oral report from Registrar, updating members of the Senate on developments regarding California, noting:

- (a) That the Phase 0 legal agreement had been issued for signature;
- (b) That the Provost had held positive meetings with the UDF leadership in January; had received written details of loan arrangements which covered the remainder of the Phase 0 period and that a budget for the remainder of the Phase 0 period was being developed, noting that significant work would be required to recoup progress after a six month period when activity had been scaled back to match the initial tranche of funding;
- (c) That, building on consultation to date with the Academy, plans were being developed for initial academic group visits to Sacramento to explore research opportunities;
- (d) That postgraduate taught degree proposals had been received from a number of subjects and those in the areas of Behavioural Economics, Data Analytics, Financial Mathematics and Food Security had been prioritised for the first round of market testing;
- (e) That meetings in January between the Chair of the Faculty of Medicine and the four main healthcare providers in the Sacramento region had identified opportunities for further exploration which could complement existing provision in the area;
- (f) That preparation of a project plan to meet regulatory and accreditation requirements was on track; and
- (g) That meetings with Warwick alumni, the British Consulate in San Francisco and senior communications representatives from Placer County, the City of Roseville and the Sacramento Metro Chamber had enhanced the development of a detailed awareness-raising campaign for the coming months.

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A report from the Deputy Registrar setting out progress towards compliance with the University's Prevent Duty, (S.25/15-16 {Restricted}), together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar noting:
- (i) That the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 became legislation in 2015, and brought with it a statutory duty for public bodies to have "due regard" to preventing people from being drawn into terrorism.
  - (ii) That the Statutory duty applied across the spectrum of public bodies including the Health Service, Schools, Further Education, the Police and also included Higher Education and was therefore a duty the public sector as a whole was currently considering.
  - (iii) That the statutory guidance for HE under the prevent strand of the Act, came into force in September 2015, following a debate in Parliament about safeguards for freedom of speech that were already enshrined in the Education Act.
  - (iv) That the University had been engaged with the Prevent agenda since 2008 and the institutional approach had always been to position the vulnerability of people being drawn into terrorism as but one part of the overall approach to wellbeing and safeguarding; the new element was the agenda being enshrined as a statutory duty in legislation.
  - (v) That a decision had been taken not to consider the agenda as primarily one of equality and diversity, since the scenarios encompassed by the statutory duty were not confined to any one protected characteristic.
  - (vi) That threats from terrorism and extremism could come from many different sources, changing in focus over time, and that the Prevent agenda was about safeguarding all members of the community in its widest sense.
  - (vii) That to have "due regard" to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism meant having proper policies and procedures and a framework of support in place and to do our best to recognise signs of vulnerability, as the University already did across the whole spectrum of student support.
  - (viii) That although much of the institutional action plan in response to the statutory guidance built on approaches, policies and procedures already in place, a key challenge would be ensure that information reached those who needed to receive it.
  - (ix) That the duty required the University to have a risk assessment and that the Steering Committee approved both the risk assessment and the action plan at a recent meeting, noting that the action plan highlighted where there was a need to update policies and procedures.
  - (x) That IT policy and procedure was one area requiring updating and the Senate was asked to consider and approve some updates to Regulation 31 governing the acceptable use of computing facilities on campus; it being noted the requirement for colleagues to notify the Registrar if they were undertaking research using proscribed materials had been in the Regulation for some time but that it was recognised from feedback received from the Steering Committee that some colleagues might not have been aware of this requirement and so efforts to communicate it fully would be re-doubled upon approval of the revised Regulation.

- (xi) That the Research Governance and Ethics Committee had reviewed the guidance and while generally considering its processes to be satisfactory, was amending some routes through Ethics committees to provide added reassurance and that this was being managed through RIS and Professor Young.
- (xii) That the Steering Committee had resolved that the University would not instigate the use of monitoring or filtering software at present for practical reasons, but that this was an area where sector practice may change and it would therefore be kept under review.
- (xiii) That the University was obliged to provide training to relevant staff about the Prevent duty and that the institutional Action Plan identified the groups of staff to be prioritised for Home Office-approved training which was being rolled out across the public sector, it being noted that the University had reviewed the presentation of the training and would add more institutional context to future sessions to help those undertaking the training to recognise links to Warwick's approach to wellbeing and safeguarding.
- (xiv) That one of the key areas of the guidance was the requirement to have robust policies and procedures with regard to external speakers, noting that this was also enshrined within institutional obligations to the Charities Commission and hence included in Regulation 29 for some time.
- (xv) That Regulation 29 enshrined the University's commitment to freedom of speech on campus and that including the statutory duty placed an emphasis not just on events on University premises but also any University-branded events off-campus.
- (xvi) That Regulation 29 was underpinned by an external speakers form, also in place for many years, the only changes to which were to note whether the event was a staff or student event and whether on- or off-campus. It was reported that both the University and the Students' Union would be using a single process which would make the management of requests easier to handle centrally and that whilst the form had been a long-standing requirement, a communication exercise was indicated to ensure that those needing to know about the process became aware.
- (xvii) That the Steering Committee had considered the amendments to Regulation 29, the number of external speakers in departments and the fact that the majority of the events would not require any risk consideration. It was reported that the Duty noted that institutions were expected to put in place a system for assessing and rating risks associated with any planned events which provided evidence to suggest whether an event should proceed, be cancelled or whether action was required to mitigate any risk. It was reported that the Steering Committee considered that institutional oversight should be focussed on those events which were contentious and that would require further scrutiny and therefore recommended that the process be limited to those events, with local departmental events being under the oversight of the Head of

Department. Further guidance would be required for Heads of Departments to assess whether an event required institutional oversight.

- (xviii) That as a consequence of printing errors with appendices containing revision versions of Regulations 29 and 31, these would be brought back to the meeting of the Senate to be held on 8 March following consideration of the views of the Senate and that work would continue on a communications plan such that the community would be made aware of the University's work in this area and relevant processes could be operationalised.
- (xix) That the University had a commitment to share its documents with the Trades' Unions through the Joint Consultative Committee which would take place following the meeting of the Senate, and while noting that the Students' Union was mandated by an all student motion with regard to Prevent, approaches had already been shared with SU colleagues.
- (xx) That the University was next obliged to report to the HEFCE with copies of institutional documents, policies and procedures in April.
- (b) In response to an observation from Professor Abhinay Muthoo, that careful communication around this sensitive issue would be the key to successful implementation.
- (c) In response to an observation from Professor John Solomos, that the Prevent Duty touched on sensitivities regarding academic freedom, and that the University needed to strike an appropriate balance between recognising statutory institutional obligations and pragmatic application of the law.
- (d) In response to a query from Professor Lawrence Young regarding how the strategy related to support for students, that the University's Health and Well-Being Advisor was proactive in encouraging a positive approach to well-being amongst the University population, and that the Residential Life Team was sensitive to supporting anyone who may benefit from assistance.
- (e) In response to an observation from Professor Aileen Clarke, that it would not be problematic for a Head of Department to take a local decision that a particular talk was not contentious.
- (f) In response to an observation from Professor Saul Jacka that rather than showing a commitment to freedom of speech, Regulation 29 demonstrably curtailed free speech and needed further careful consideration; that the main way in which academic freedom was assured was enshrined in Statute 24 Academic Staff.
- (g) Observations from Miss Mia Khan commending the Students' Union for its decision to comply with the minimal legal obligation under the Prevent duty and recommending that the University adopt a similar stance.
- (h) In response to observations from Miss Mia Khan concerning the nature of engagement with the wider University community; her concern that the working group had not been appropriately representative; her opinion that Prevent was an appropriate matter for consideration by the Equality and Diversity Group that, in her opinion, the University had prevented dialogue on the Prevent duty in various fora, including at the Race Charter Mark meetings, that communication was important and that the University's stance on the Prevent Duty would be made clear to the University community.
- (i) In response to an observation from Miss Mia Khan that the training in implementation of the Prevent Duty she had experienced was, in her opinion,

racist and that training should be offered internally instead; that the training provided was a Home Office-approved course and that it be noted that Miss Khan had submitted a formal complaint already and that a formal response would be provided directly to her.

- (j) In response to observations from Mr Luke Pilot, that the reference to far-right extremist groups had only been added into the Government's Prevent framework latterly; that wider sections of the Government's Prevent documentation targeted minority groups, notably Muslims and that the University had a duty of care also to these groups; that all sections of the University community should feel reassured by public statements on Prevent made by the University.
- (k) In response to a question from the Academic Registrar, regarding the requirement for approval for external teachers contributing to University modules, that Heads of Department had the authority to approve this.
- (l) An observation from Mr Nat Shiers, that the University should publicise its compliance documentation and how it was training members of the community on the University's Prevent duty.
- (m) A response by the Registrar that the University had been open with the Trades' Unions, and would take on board comments received by members of the Senate, including those relating to transparency, and take further time to reflect on the regulatory changes; that the University sought to make a proportionate response, noting the variety of views held on the matter across the wider sector.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate would consider proposed revisions to Regulations 29 and 31 at its meeting to be held on 8 March 2016.

38/15-16 Response to BIS Consultation on Green Paper

RECEIVED:

The University's formal response submitted to the BIS open consultation on the Green Paper "Fulfilling our potential: teaching excellence, social mobility and student choice", (S.27/15-16), together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar.

RESOLVED:

That thanks be offered to staff for drafting a clear and thorough response, which had needed to synthesise many different contributing voices.

39/15-16 Timetable Improvement Project

RECEIVED:

A paper from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Planning & Resources), updating the Senate on the progress of the Timetable Improvement Project, (S.28/15-16).

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that 62% of undergraduate students had received a personal online timetable in the current academic year and that all students should benefit from one in 2016-17.



40/15-16 \*Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee, (S.29/15-16 {Part 1 Restricted}), and its resolutions under the following headings:

- (a) BIS Consultation on the Higher Education Green Paper
- (b) Institutional Compliance with Consumer Protection Legislation
- (c) Counter-Terrorism and Security Act
- (d) \*Petitions Proposal
- (e) Rankings Success
- (f) Warwick Arts Centre Awards Success
- (g) Royal Visit
- (h) Queen's Anniversary Prize
- (i) \*Report on the University Strategy
- (j) Steering Committee Terms of Reference – 2015/16
- (k) \*Report from the Capital Space and Amenities Group
- (l) \*Capital, Space and Amenities Group Report
- (m) \*Report from the Fees Working Group
- (n) \*Academic Resourcing Committee Update
- (o) \*Administration and Professional Services Group Update
- (p) \*Education Report
- (q) \*BIS Consultation on the Teaching Excellence Framework
- (r) \*Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) - Benefits, Tax Options and Implementation
- (s) \*Annual Monitoring Statement 2015
- (t) \*Chemistry Incident Report
- (u) \*Manual Handling Incident, WMG
- (v) Campus-wide Power Cut and Emergency Lighting Issues at Milburn House
- (w) \*Institutional Risk Register
- (x) \*Health and Safety Report
- (y) Health and Safety Policy
- (z) Change to the Name of the Faculty of Medicine
- (aa) Membership of Senate Committees 2015-16
- (bb) Amendment to the Constitution of the Collaborative, Flexible and Distributed Learning Sub-Committee (CFDLSC) of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee
- (cc) Amendment to Collaborative, Flexible and Distributed Learning Sub-Committee Membership
- (dd) Lay Members of Council: Call for Nominations
- (ee) Pulse Staff Survey
- (ff) \*Update on OFFA Monitoring of Open Access Agreements
- (gg) Accreditation of Placement Year in Industry and Year Abroad
- (hh) \*National Student Survey: Results and Actions
- (ii) \*Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DELHE)
- (jj) Annual Tier 4 Licence Renewal and Compliance Statistics
- (kk) \*Admissions and Recruitment: Autumn Update
- (ll) European Funding for the Liberal Arts at Warwick
- (mm) Widening access to Postgraduate Study
- (nn) Warwick Prize for Writing Shortlist
- (oo) Warwick Medical School – Doctoral Training Partnership
- (pp) New Centre for Television History, Heritage and Memory Research
- (qq) New WMG Academy for Young Engineers in Solihull receives £1.1m
- (rr) Warwick Teacher Training Provision Praised by OFSTED
- (ss) Women in Academic Workshop

- (tt) University Open Day
- (uu) Postgraduate Welcome Week
- (vv) Arrivals Weekend
- (ww) Welcome Week Proposal
- (xx) Lecture Series: Excellence in Education
- (yy) Cyber Security Global Research Priority Launch
- (zz) National Grid Memorandum of Understanding
- (aaa) ERC Grant Success
- (bbb) Warwick and King's partner with New York University to establish Centre for Urban Science and Progress in London
- (ccc) Alan Turing Institute and Intel join Forces on Big Data
- (ddd) Energy Research at Warwick Receives £180m Investment
- (eee) UK-Mexico Visiting Chair
- (fff) \*Erasmus Plus Charter
- (ggg) In Memoriam: Mr James Murphy
- (hhh) In Memoriam: Fr W Dominic Round
- (iii) In Memoriam: Cllr Phil Townshend
- (jjj) In Memoriam: Professor Geoffrey Wilson
- (kkk) In Memoriam: Professor Rolfe Tomlinson
- (lll) In Memoriam: Professor Craig Pringle
- (mmm) In Memoriam: Dewijen Rangnekar
- (nnn) In Memoriam: W.W. Daniel
- (ooo) In Memoriam: George Thorpe
- (ppp) Students and Staff in France
- (qqq) Appointment of Professor Tim Jones as Interim Provost
- (rrr) New Director of the Warwick International Higher Education Academy
- (sss) Retirement of the University's Senior Tutor: Mr Stephen Lamb
- (ttt) English Literature Award
- (uuu) WATE Postgraduate Winners
- (vvv) Award for Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya
- (www) Janet L. Yellen presented with Honorary Degree
- (xxx) Staff Awards
- (yyy) Consultation on the Government Sports Strategy
- (zzz) The Government's Comprehensive Spending Review
- (aaaa) New UCEA Plan 2015-2020
- (bbbb) Consultation on Changes to the National Student Survey, Unistats and Information Provided by Institutions
- (cccc) \*HESA "Data Futures" Consultation
- (dddd) \*Draft Response to HEBCI Survey 2014-15 (Part A) and Response to HEBCI Survey 2014-15 (Part B)
- (eeee) Students' Union: External Speaker Incident
- (ffff) Inspiring Women Presentation Series
- (gggg) Festival of the Imagination
- (hhhh) Dignity at Warwick Event 2015: 18 November 2015
- (iiii) Network 365 Event: Warwick in California
- (jjjj) Global Engagement: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology delegates visit
- (kkkk) Registrar's Festive Drinks: from 3:30pm, 18 December 2015
- (llll) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in India

41/15-16 Report from Academic Quality and Standards Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (S.30/15-16) and its resolutions, recorded under the following items:

- (a) Amendment to Regulation 37 governing Taught Postgraduate Courses

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendment to Regulation 37 be approved as set out in papers AQSC.5/15-16 and BGS.7.15-16.

- (b) Amendment to the Guidance on Requirements for the Award of Postgraduate Research Degrees

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendment to the Guidance on Requirements for the Award of Postgraduate Research Degrees be approved as set out in paper AQSC.08/15-16.

- (c) Amendment to Regulation 11 on the Procedure to be Adopted in the Event of Suspected Cheating in a University Test

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendment to Regulation 11 be approved as set out in paper BGS.11/15-16.

- (d) Revision to the Criteria and Approval Process for New Exchange Programmes

RESOLVED:

That the proposed revision to the Criteria and Approval Process for New Exchange Programmes be approved as set out in paper ISG.17/2014-15.

- (e) Proposal for a Postgraduate Award in Organisation Leadership for the Emirates Group

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for from Warwick Business School for a Postgraduate Award in Organisation Leadership for the Emirates Group be approved as set out in papers PGC.02/15-16 (revised); PQC.04/15-16 and CFDLSC.2(a-c)/15-16

- (h) Proposal for Delivery of the Certificate in Diabetes Care with a New Partner

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the Warwick Medical School to deliver the Certificate in Diabetes Care with a new partner be approved as set out in the papers CFDLSC.07(a)/15-16; CFDLSC.07(b)/15-16 (revised) and CFDLSC.07(c)/15-16 revised.

The Senate noted the following:

- (g) The approval of new and revised undergraduate courses of study as set out in sections 9 and 10 of paper S.30/15-16.
- (h) The approval of new and revised postgraduate courses of study as set out in sections 11 and 12 of paper S.30/15-16.

- (i) The discontinuation of the MA in International Performance Research PGDip/MA Academic and Professional Practice as set out in section 13 of paper S.30/15-16.

42/15-16 Report on revisions to the Constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine

CONSIDERED:

A report on revisions to the constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, (S.32/15-16).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to alter the constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, be approved as set out in paper (S.31/15-16), it being noted that this would necessitate small changes to Ordinance 7 which would be included in the referral of the paper to the Council.

43/15-16 Report from the Equality and Diversity Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Equality and Diversity Committee (S.32/15-16).

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the report, along with the Pulse Survey, would inform the strategic discussion topic on equality and diversity in 2016.

44/15-16 Report from the University Health and Safety Executive Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the University Health and Safety Executive Committee (S.33/15-16).

RESOLVED:

That the disestablishment of the University Health and Safety Executive Committee as a committee of the Council and re-establishment as an executive committee reporting to the Steering Committee be noted.

45/15-16 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 12 October 2015 (S.34/15-16).

46/15-16 Professor Sir Nigel Thrift: Vote of thanks for the out-going Vice-Chancellor

RESOLVED:

That the thanks of the Senate be extended to the Chair, Professor Sir Nigel Thrift, upon the conclusion of a successful 10 years' service to the University, and congratulations be offered on his recent appointment as Executive Director of Schwarzman Scholars.

47/15-16 \*Report from the Steering Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee, (S.35/15-16 {Part 2 Restricted}) and its resolutions under the below items.

- (a) UUK Response to the BIS Consultation on Freezing Repayment Thresholds
- (b) \*HTA Consultation on Codes of Practice and Standards
- (c) UCAS Consultation on Name-Blind Applications
- (d) Proposed Merger of South Leicestershire College and North Warwickshire and Hinckley College

48/15-16 Vice-Chancellor's Action

REPORTED:

- (a) That since the meeting of the Senate on 12 October 2015, the Vice-Chancellor had taken action on the behalf of the Senate to approve proposals submitted for Chair's Action
- (b) That the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate, had approved the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor on the following colleagues with effect from their retirement (given in brackets below):

Professor O Bennett, Department of Theatre Studies (31 December 2015)  
Professor R Deeth, Department of Chemistry (4 October 2015)  
Professor W Grant, Department of Politics (30 November 2015)  
Professor R Jackson, Centre for Education Studies (30 November 2015)  
Dr R P Jones, Department of Engineering (2 October 2015)  
Professor W Lewis, Department of Engineering (30 January 2016)  
Professor M Thorogood, WMS, Statistics and Epidemiology (31 December 2015)

49/15-16 Revisions to Ordinance 16

RESOLVED:

The proposed amendments to Ordinance 16, governing the Payment of Annual Fees, Residential Charges and Other Debts, (S.24/15-16), incorporating further changes approved by the Vice-Chancellor and reported under Chair's Action, be approved and recommended to the Council.

50/15-16 Election of a member of the Board of Faculty of Social Sciences to the Senate

REPORTED:

That a vacancy for a representative of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences on the Senate had arisen, due to Professor A Norrie stepping down and that Professor R Probert, Head of the School of Law, had been elected as a replacement.

51/15-16 Student and alumni deaths

REPORTED:

That the University had been informed of the death of the following colleagues associated with the University and alumni of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 12 October 2015:

*Staff:*

Mr W.W.Daniel, Associate Fellow of the Institute of Employment Research (2002-2012)

Professor Craig R. Pringle, School of Life Sciences (1983-1997)

Fr W Dominic Round, Catholic Chaplain (1983-1992)

Dr Dwijen Rangnekar, School of Law (2003-2015)

Mr George Thorpe, Head Porter (1980 – 2009)

Professor Rolfe C Tomlinson, Warwick Business School (Emeritus Professor) (1980-2015)

Professor Geoffrey Wilson, School of Law 1967-1997 (Emeritus Professor) (1997-2015)

*Alumni:*

Mr Jonathan Brewster Nash, Visiting Exchange Student (1987-1988)

Mr James Cobbett, BEd Social Studies (1969-1973)

Mr Andrew Johnston, MA Politics & International Studies (2009-2011)

Ms Patricia Johnston, BA Economics (1966-1969)

Ms Charlotte Read, BA in History and Politics (1992-1995)

Mr Douglas Sumner, BEd Social Studies (1973-1977)

Mr Neil Talbot, BSc in MORSE Economics (1979-1982)

Mr Ali Hassan Yousafzai, BSc in Computer Science (2001-2004)

Mr David Zane-Morris, BA Comparative American Studies (1976-1979)

52/15-16 Date of the next meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Senate would be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 8 March 2016 in the Council Chamber, Senate House.