UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

SENATE

Minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 28 June 2006

Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Dr J Ahearne, Ms A Bell, Professor L Bridges, Dr P Byrd (from item 106/05-06), Professor A Caesar, Professor Y Carter, Professor M J Cooper, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Mr B Duggan, Professor M Finn, Professor R Freedman, Professor M Harrison, Professor J D S Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor K Legge, Professor R Lindley (until item 117/05-06), Dr C MacDougall, Dr J MacPherson, Professor A McFarlane, Dr H Nesi, Professor S B Palmer, Professor A Phizacklea, Dr A M Price, Dr P Roberts, Professor M Smith, Dr C Sparrow, Professor M Waterson, Professor M Whitby.

Apologies: Professor S Bassnett, Professor S Bright, Professor E Carter, Professor G Hundt, Professor M Luntley, Professor P O’Hare, Dr J Read, Professor D Singer.

In Attendance: Academic Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Director of Finance, Registrar, University Secretary, Ms Y Salter Wright, Ms N Snodgrass, for items 103/05-06 to 107/05-06: Professor P Derrick, Dr J P Khan, Professor M Steel and Dr R Powell.

103/05-06 Vote of Thanks: Vice-Chancellor

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

That this would be the last meeting of the Senate for the Vice-Chancellor, Professor David VandeLinde, prior to his retirement on 31 July 2006.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record formally its gratitude to Professor VandeLinde for his dedication to and leadership of the University and his considerable contribution to the work and strategic vision of the University during his five-year tenure as Vice-Chancellor and convey its very best wishes to him for his forthcoming retirement.

104/05-06 Staff Pay Settlement 2006 and HR Framework

RECEIVED:

A report on the national staff pay settlement recently reached by UCEA and Trades’ Unions, the impact of the settlement on the University Financial Plan and the key elements of the University’s final proposals for the restructuring of its pay and grading arrangements (S.47/05-06) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That discussions were currently ongoing within the sector on the feasibility of replacing the current system of national pay bargaining with alternative arrangements, including possible moves towards local, regional or cluster pay bargaining.
(b) That, while cumulative staffing costs for the University from 2006/07 to 2010/11 were projected to rise significantly above the total University income received from the HR Strategy grant and 70% of additional fee income and might constrain the starting of new initiatives, it was expected that the University would not need to discontinue any of its current activities as a result of the Agreement.

105/05-06 University Financial Plan: 2006-2010

CONSIDERED:

The University Financial Plan for the period to 2009/2010 recommended for approval by the Strategy Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee (S.48/05-06) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and a presentation from the Director of Finance noting that the following major assumptions and provisions had been incorporated within the Plan:

(a) The application of inflation factors of between 3.5% to 4.3% and provision for an increase in the overall remuneration package for staff of £5.2m in 2006/07 rising to £6.7m in 2009/10 resulting from the costs of the single pay spine to be implemented in August 2006.

(b) The application of a vacancy factor of 4% on general activities’ staff costs, excluding early retirements, amounting to £4.7m in 2006/07 and rising to £5.7m by 2009/10.

(c) Maintenance of University contributions to the University of Warwick Pension Scheme and the Universities Superannuation Scheme at rates of 21% and 14% respectively per annum.

(d) Forecast future increases in grant settlements from the HEFCE of 2.5% per annum for both T and R Grants.

(e) Average growth in Research Grant and Contract Income of 8.9% per annum.

(f) A forecast increase of 35% in student fee income for accredited courses over the plan period from £78m in 2006/07 to £105m in 2009/10, including a £17m rise in home and EU student fee income arising from the introduction of variable fees in 2006/07 and a £10m rise in overseas student fee income, together with a forecast 1% rise in full-time undergraduate student numbers, a 15% rise in full-time equivalent Government Supported postgraduate student numbers and a forecast increase of approximately 15% for both PGT and PGR numbers.

(g) A forecast 10% rise in the total number of students enrolled on independently-funded courses over the plan period resulting in an approximate 18% rise in independently-funded course fee income to £37m by 2009/10.

(h) Average increases in other operating income of 3.7% per annum.

(i) Provision for new University-wide academic infrastructure activities incorporating £1m per annum for the Vice-Chancellor’s Planning Fund, £0.9m for the Education Innovation Fund (2006/07 only) and a fund of £300k per annum for academic posts, together with an early retirements provision
of £300k per annum.

(j) Increased spend on the Library over the life of the plan to £9.1m by 2009/10 including funding for racking and service delivery costs for the new library external store, new racking for the Modern Records Centre to expand capacity and additional staffing expenditure.

(k) An increase in central IT expenditure from £8.9m in 2005/06 to around £11.8m by 2009/10 net of external grant income including funding to improve information security and risk management, extend hours of availability and improve collaborative file sharing, and additional substantial investment in the IT network amounting to £294k in 2006/07, £2.08m in 2007/08, £2.7m in 2008/09 and £324k in 2009/10.

(l) Increased spend on the Estates Office from £13m in 2004/05 to £18.5m by 2009/10, including 2-year funding for a transport manager to overhaul the University’s vehicle policy, additional spend on cleaning and £2m in capital and revenue costs for carbon management.

(m) Additional expenditure of £652k in 2006/07, £864k in 2007/08, £813k in 2008/09 and £841k in 2009/10 on services funded through the Central Administrative Budget, the costs for these increases to be part-funded by savings of £100k per annum in other areas of the central administration.

(n) An increase in the block grant to the Students’ Union of £86k in 2006/07.

(o) Steady growth in income for the Warwick Medical School, the Warwick Business School over the plan period.

(p) Improvements to the five-year plan for Warwick HRI against the 2005 Financial Plan.

(q) Total capital expenditure on buildings, refurbishments and equipment of £117.4m over the period 2006/07 to 2009/10 including expenditure on Millburn House, the new Estates Office building, the Indoor Tennis Centre, the extension of and new build facilities for the Warwick Medical School, Graduate Student and Teaching facilities, extension of the Zeeman Building, the refurbishment of the Butterworth Hall, the Warwick Digital Laboratory and the redevelopment of Students’ Union South.

(r) Net safety factors of £2.1m in 2006/07, £3.3m in 2007/08, £4.1m in 2008/09 and £4.7m in 2009/10.

(s) Net current liabilities of £5.2m in 2006/07, £13.4m in 2007/08, £12.8m in 2008/09 and £10.4 in 2009/10.

(t) Investment of £3m per annum within the University’s Investment Fund.

RECOMMENDED:

That the University Financial Plan for the period to 2009/2010, recommended for approval by the Strategy Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee, be approved for submission to the HEFCE as set out in paper S.48/05-06.
CONSIDERED:

The University Corporate Planning Statement for 2006 providing a general update of the University’s progress during 2005/2006 against previously identified strategic priorities and to present an outline of strategic priorities and areas for activities in 2006/2007 (S.49/05-06) together with an oral report from the University Secretary.

REPORTED: (by the University Secretary)

That a number of further minor amendments to the University Corporate Planning Statement would be made prior to circulation of this document for consideration by the Council at its meeting to be held on 5 July.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the University Corporate Planning Statement, including the proposed outline of strategic priorities and areas of activity for 2006/2007, be approved for submission to the HEFCE in July subject to further minor amendments as agreed by the Strategy Committee.

REPORTED:

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That this would be the last meeting of the Senate for the University Senior Tutor, Dr Peter Byrd, who would be retiring from the University at the end of the current academic year.

(by the Education Officer of the Union of Students)

(b) That the Union of Students wished to record its particular gratitude to Dr Byrd for his considerable contribution to the welfare provision of the University in his role as Senior Tutor.

RESOLVED:

That the Senate record formally its gratitude to Dr Byrd for his long period of dedicated service to the University during his tenure as an academic member of staff in the Department of Politics and International Studies, Director of the 2+2 programme and latterly as Senior Tutor and its best wishes for his forthcoming retirement.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 14 June 2006 be approved.
109/05-06  **Membership of the Senate**

**RECEIVED:**

The draft membership of the Senate for the academic year 2006/2007 (S.50/05-06).

**REPORTED:** (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the Faculties of Science and Medicine were currently conducting elections for appointment to the vacant positions in the representatives of both Faculties on the Senate.

(b) That the Committee of the Assembly established by the Steering Committee at its meeting on 8 May would shortly be identifying one further member of the Assembly for appointment to the remaining vacancy in the representatives of the Assembly on the Senate for the period 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2009 for approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

110/05-06  **Awards and Distinctions**

**REPORTED:** (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the following awards and distinctions had been conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate:

(a) Professor Jonathan Bate of the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies had been awarded a CBE for services to Higher Education in the 2006 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

(b) Mr David Morley of the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies had been awarded a National Teaching Fellowship Award in the 2006 round of the Higher Education Academy's National Teaching Fellowship Scheme.

111/05-06  **University Gala Concert 2006**

**RECEIVED:**

Oral reports from the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar on the success of the University Gala Concert held on Thursday 22 June.

**REPORTED:** (by the Registrar)

That the University was currently considering the feasibility of holding the Gala Concert on an annual basis.

112/05-06  **Report from the Steering Committee**

**RECEIVED:**

A report from the Steering Committee (S.51/05-06) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:
Reform of Higher Education Research Assessment and Funding

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee on its consideration of the DfES consultation document and press release on proposals for a new metrics-based research assessment and funding system to replace the current Research Assessment Exercise and a document from the HEFCE setting out technical descriptions of the five proposed funding models and their illustrative effects on institutional QR allocations (SC.374/05-06).

REPORTED: (by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)

That the University RAE Steering Group would shortly be circulating the DfES consultation document to all academic departments inviting them to contribute to the University’s institutional response to this document.

Warwick Postgraduate Research Fellowships

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies on the recommendations put forward by the Board at its meeting on 31 May for revisions to the University’s current arrangements for the Warwick Postgraduate Research Fellowship Scheme, noting in particular:

(a) That the Steering Committee, at its meeting held on 26 June, supported the proposals put forward by the Board of Graduate Studies and resolved that the costs of Warwick Postgraduate Research Fellowships (WPRFs) be included in the budgets for the University’s devolved units, including the Academic Resourcing Committee.

(b) That the University would be aiming to complete the WPRF allocations round by the end of the Autumn Term of each academic year, with the results of those allocations to be publicised by January.

(c) That full proposals for revisions to the WPRF scheme and the University’s wider arrangements for financial support for its postgraduate students would be brought forward for consideration by the Senate at its meeting to be held on 4 October with a view to introducing the revised arrangements in October 2007.
(d) That 40 WPRFs had been awarded in the current academic year against 20-25 Fellowships in previous years due to additional funding having been made available through residual funds in the overseas fee waiver scheme and that it was hoped that 30 Fellowships would be awarded per annum in future years of the Scheme.

114/05-06 National Student Survey

REPORTED:

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the Steering Committee, at its meeting held on 26 June, resolved that the University work with the Union of Students to encourage participation by all eligible students in the 2007 National Student Survey (NSS).

(b) That the Aldwych Group of Students’ Unions had been in negotiations with the NSS Steering Group regarding flaws in the survey methodology and the techniques used by Ipsos for data collection.

(by the Education Officer of the Union of Students)

(c) That it was expected that the changes to the NSS proposed by the Aldwych Group would be made to the Survey from 2007 onwards and that, in light of this, the Union of Students was expecting to participate fully in the 2007 NSS.

115/05-06 Report from the Strategy Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the meetings of the Strategy Committee held on 4 May, 25 May and 22 June 2006 (S.52/05-06) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor:

(a) Undergraduate Student Population
(b) Annual Reports of University Advisory Boards.

116/05-06 Report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meetings of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee held on 11 May and 7 June 2006 (S.53/05-06 {Parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items, together with an oral report from the Chair of the Committee:

(a) Library Reading List Audit
(b) Annual Course Reviews 2004-2005: Summary Reports
(c) National Teaching Fellowship Scheme 2006
(d) National Student Survey 2006
(e) Higher Education Academy: National Framework for Professional Standards
(f) Integrated Masters Degrees
(g) New and Revised Courses
(h) Periodic Review: Department of Chemistry
(i) Module Approval Process in the Faculty of Arts
(a) Assessment

CONSIDERED:

A recommendation from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for the adoption of a proposed definition for the term ‘examination’ in the context of the 50% rule for undergraduate degrees together with an oral report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) noting that the University was currently working with departments to improve its processes in relation to feedback and assessment, particularly in view of the University’s planned participation in the 2007 National Student Survey (minute 114/05-06 above refers), and that the proposed definition would allow for greater flexibility in the way in which students were examined within the University.

RESOLVED:

That, in the context of the 50% rule for undergraduate degrees, the definition of examination be as follows:

‘An examination is a piece of work that contributes to the overall mark for a module or course which is undertaken in a controlled environment under the supervision of either examiners and / or invigilators and within a set time frame. The product of the examination may be a written script (Written Examination), a performance for example in Theatre Studies (Performance Examination), a laboratory experiment (Laboratory Experiment) or an oral conversation or presentation (Oral Examination). A record of examinations or other assessments which between them contribute at least 80% of the module mark must normally be available for scrutiny by a moderator and/or external examiner, which may be in the form of a script, audio / visual recording etc.’

(b) Strategic Review of Departments and Courses

CONSIDERED:

A summary of the proposed process for the merged Strategic Review of Academic Departments and Courses (AQSC 110/05-06 (revised2)).

RESOLVED:

That the proposed process for the merged Strategic Review of Academic Departments and Courses be approved as set out in paper AQSC 110/05-06 (revised2).

(c) Quality Assurance Agency Institutional Audit

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on its resolutions arising from its consideration of the invitation circulated by the Quality Assurance Agency to Higher Education Institutions requesting nominations for QAA auditors for the 2006-11 QAA Institutional Audit cycle.
REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor {Teaching and Learning})

That two members of University staff had expressed their willingness to be nominated for appointment as QAA auditors.

RESOLVED:

That members of the Senate and their colleagues be encouraged to forward any further nominations for QAA auditors to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning).

(d) Course Proposal Documentation: Part 4 and Site Visit Report

RESOLVED:

That revised course approval documentation for collaborative courses be approved as set out in paper CFDLSC 80/05-06 (revised).

(e) Medical School MBChB Regulations

CONSIDERED:

Proposed changes to the following University Ordinances and Regulations arising from the anticipated award of independent degree-awarding powers for the Warwick Medical School (AQSC 118/05-06 {revised}) together with oral reports from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) and the University Secretary:

(i) Ordinance 7 on the Constitution of the Boards of the Faculties
(ii) Ordinance 14 on Degrees and Diplomas
(i) Ordinance 16 on Matriculation
(ii) Regulation 2.1 on Committee Elections
(iii) Regulation 3 on the Election of Student Members of Committees
(iv) Regulation 6 on Admission to the University
(v) Regulation 8.10, Regulations for the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
(vi) Regulation 9.5, Regulations governing the Constitution and Appointment of Boards of Examiners to the degrees of MB ChB
(vii) Regulation 10, Examination Regulations
(viii) Regulation 11, Regulations Governing the Procedure to be Adopted in the Event of Suspected Cheating in a University Test
(ix) Regulation 12, Regulations Governing the Procedure to be Adopted in the Event of Absence for Medical Reasons from a University Examination for First Degrees as specified under Ordinance 14
(x) Regulation 13, Regulations Governing the Continuation of Registration
(xi) Regulation 33, Regulations Governing Temporary Withdrawal from the University
(xii) Regulation 34, Regulation for the Determination of Fitness to Practise
REPORTED:

(by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor {Teaching and Learning})

(i)  That the proposed amendments to University Ordinances and Regulations had been developed in view of the staged process of transition towards independent degree-awarding powers for the Warwick Medical School and that provision had been made within new Regulation 8.10.3 for the Universities of Leicester and Warwick to continue to have the option to award jointly the degrees of MB ChB should this be required.

(ii)  That a number of legal issues remained outstanding in relation to the timeframe for the necessary approval for the Warwick Medical School to be added to the Medical Act.

(by the University Secretary)

(iii)  That the following further amendments to Regulation 8.10.2 (8) on Regulations for the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) and for the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMedSci) (2003, 2004 and post 2006 entry) were proposed: (amendments underlined)

(8) Appeals

(a) A candidate who is required by a board of examiners to withdraw from his/her course of study under paragraphs (4)(c)(ii), (5)(d)(ii), (6)(a)(iv)(B), (6)(a)(v)(D) and (6)(a)(vii)(B) has the right to make representations, normally in writing, within 10 days of the publication of the examination results, to the Appeals Committee of the Board of the Faculty,

(b) The Appeals Committee will consider the appeals of students against decisions made by the Boards of Examiners under paragraphs (4)(c)(ii), (5)(d)(ii), (6)(a)(iv)(B), (6)(a)(v)(D) and (6)(a)(vii)(B) where a student is in possession of evidence which was not available to the Board of Examiners when their decision was reached. An appeal will not be considered in cases where both the Chair of the Board of Examiners and the Chair of the Appeals Committee consider that no such relevant evidence has been adduced by the candidate concerned.

(iv) That, subject to the approval of the Senate, a number of further minor amendments to Regulation 8.10.2 (6) and Regulation 34 to correct minor numbering anomalies would be undertaken.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the proposed amendments to University Ordinances and Regulations be approved as set out in paper AQSC 118/05-06 (revised) subject to further amendments as detailed in (iii) and (iv) above.
(f) **New Collaborative, Flexible and Distance Learning Courses**

(i) **Centre of Lifelong Learning: Loughborough College**

**RESOLVED:**

That the proposal from the Centre of Lifelong Learning for Loughborough College to offer the Open Studies Certificate for Adult ESOL Subject Specialists be approved with effect from the Autumn Term 2006/07 as set out in paper CFDLSC 85/05-06.

(ii) **Warwick Medical School: MSc in Orthodontic Dentistry**

**RESOLVED:**

(A) That the proposal from the Warwick Medical School to extend its existing partnership with GIFT to offer a new MSc in Orthodontic Dentistry be approved with effect from September 2006 as set out in paper GCFM 10/05-06 (revised).

(B) That all students enrolled on the MSc in Orthodontic Dentistry approved in (A) above be subject to the provisions of University Regulation 34 on the Determination of Fitness to Practise.

(iii) **Warwick Manufacturing Group: New Collaboration (CA-TDEC)**

**RECEIVED:**

A report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on its resolutions arising from its consideration of an oral report from the Chair of the Committee on the proposal from the Warwick Manufacturing Group that the University collaborate with the China Aerospace Talent and Development Exchange Centre (CA-TDEC) to deliver the existing post-experience Certificate in Engineering Business Management in Beijing, China.

(g) **Degree Certificates and Transcripts**

**CONSIDERED:**

A report from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on its consideration of an oral report from the Education Officer of the Union of Students on the response of the student body to the proposal that degree classifications be omitted from the degree certificate and only shown on the degree transcript.

**RESOLVED:**

That, until such a time as degree classifications are no longer regarded as valid currency, these classifications continue to be included on the University’s degree certificates.
CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Information Policy and Strategy Committee held on 30 May 2006 (S.54/05-06) together with an oral report from the Chair of the Committee.

University Password Policy

CONSIDERED:

A proposed Password Policy for the University (IPSC.31/05-06) together with a proposal for the implementation of the Policy (IPSC.32/05-06).

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning))

That Information Technology Services was in the process of developing a web-based password resetting tool to assist with the implementation of the proposed Password Policy, which would enable users to validate and change their network passwords and which could be set to reject unsuitable passwords.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed University Password Policy and the proposal for the implementation of the Policy be approved as set out in papers IPSC.31/05-06 and IPSC.32/05-06 respectively.

CONSIDERED:

Proposed revisions to the University’s existing arrangements for the oversight and approval of issues relating to academic staff probation, promotion, development and appraisal (S.55/05-06) together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposed revisions to the existing arrangements for the oversight and approval of issues relating to academic staff probation, promotion, development and appraisal be approved as set out in paper S.55/05-06, including the abolition of the Academic Staff Development and Appraisal Committee and the retention of the Vice-Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Personal Promotions, the Probation Review Group and the Academic Staff Committee.

(b) That the proposals set out in paper S.55/05-06 for revisions to the University’s existing arrangements for the strategic oversight of accommodation, capital and estates matters be noted.
119/05-06 University Term Dates

REPORTED: (by the University Secretary)

(a) That proposals for revisions to the current 10-year rolling programme of term dates, which would essentially entail the pushing back of term dates by up to a week, were currently being considered.

(b) That the full implications of the proposed changes, including the impact of revised term dates on the Summer Degree Congregation, the December MBA examinations and revenue accruing to the Arts Centre and Warwick Conferences would be explored over the summer vacation and that the proposed changes would be brought forward for approval if appropriate at the next meeting of the Senate to be held on 4 October 2006.

120/05-06 Appointment of Representatives of the Senate to the Council

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That, in accordance with the procedure approved by the Senate at its meeting on 2 November 1983, the University Secretary had written to members of the Senate to seek nominations for the appointment of one representative of the Senate to the Council.

(b) That one nomination for appointment had been received by the deadline of 26 June 2006 for Professor Robert Freedman of the Department of Biological Sciences.

(c) That, in accordance with University Ordinance 5, Professor Robert Freedman is therefore deemed to have been appointed to membership of the Council for the period 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2009.

121/05-06 Sabbatical Officers in the Union of Students

CONSIDERED:

In accordance with Regulation 24(4) the conferral of registered student status for the academic year 2006/2007 on:

- **President:** Brian Duggan, graduate in English and Comparative Literary Studies and current Education Officer and Deputy President
- **Education Officer and Deputy President:** Cleo Longworth, 4th year English and French
- **Finance, Democracy and Strategy Officer:** Alexander (A.J.) Brown, 3rd year Philosophy and Politics
- **Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officer:** Katie Chevis, 3rd year Philosophy and Psychology
- **Commercial Development and Communications Officer:** Nicola Warrington, 3rd year History
RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Regulation 24(4), registered student status be conferred on Brian Duggan, Cleo Longworth, Alexander Brown, Katie Chevis, Nicola Warrington, Anna Darowska and Stephanie Wongsam for the academic year 2006/2007.

122/05-06 Campus Life Committee

RECEIVED:

A report from the meeting of the Campus Life Committee held on 31 May 2006 (S.57/05-06) and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

(a) Campus Development Plan
(b) Annual Reports from the Senior Tutor, Counselling Service and Disability Co-Ordinator, Warwick Volunteers, Warwick Arts Centre and the Chaplaincy
(c) Operation of the Personal Tutor System
(d) Music Centre
(e) Residential Accommodation.

123/05-06 Report from the Research Ethics Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Research Ethics Committee (S.58/05-06).

Constitution of the Research Ethics Committee

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the constitution of the Research Ethics Committee be revised to provide for the following:

(a) The formal inclusion of the Chairs of each of the Sub-Committees of the Research Ethics Committee.

(b) The removal of specific identification of expertise against individual members’ names, particularly where such public identification could indicate an individual’s support of or involvement in sensitive areas of research.

124/05-06 Report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine held on 22 May 2006 (S.59/05-06).
(a) **Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine and its Committees 2006/2007**

**RECEIVED:**

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine on the membership of the Board and its Committees for the academic year 2006/2007.

(b) **Elections to University Committees**

**RECEIVED:**

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine to University Committees for the academic year 2006/2007.

**CONSIDERED:**

The appointment of academic staff in the Faculty of Medicine to serve on University Committees for the academic year 2006/07.

**RESOLVED:**

That the representatives of the Faculty of Medicine on the Board of Undergraduate Studies be as follows, subject to the approval of the proposal from the Warwick Medical School that the number of representatives from the Faculty on the Board be increased from one to two:

Dr N Johnson  
Dr J Kidd

Note: The above proposal will be brought forward for consideration by the Senate at its meeting to be held on 4 October 2006.

125/05-06 **Report from the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies**

**CONSIDERED:**

A report from the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies held on 24 May 2006 (S.60/05-06).

(a) **Membership of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies and its Committees 2006/2007**

**RECEIVED:**

A report from the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies on the membership of the Board and its Committees for the academic year 2006/2007.

(b) **Representation of the Faculty on the Senate**

**RECEIVED:**

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies to the Senate for the academic year 2006/07.
(c) Elections to University Committees and Centres

RECEIVED:

A statement on the appointment of representatives of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies to University Committees for the academic year 2006/2007.

CONSIDERED:

The appointment of academic staff in the Faculty of Social Studies to serve on University Committees and Centres for the academic year 2006/07.

RESOLVED:

That the following members of academic staff in the Faculty of Social Studies be appointed to serve on the Committees and Centres indicated for the academic year 2006/07:

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(d) Establishment of a new Research Centre: Centre for Rights, Equality & Diversity.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the Department of Sociology for the establishment of a Research Centre for Rights, Equality and Diversity (BFSS.31/05-06 {revised})

RESOLVED:

That the establishment of a Centre for Rights, Equality and Diversity be supported and that the draft Constitution for the Centre be approved as set out in paper BFSS.31/05-06 subject to the Chair of the Management Committee for the Centre being a person other than the Director of the Centre.

126/05-06 Constitution of the Union of Students

CONSIDERED:

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Union of Students, including the provision that only legally enforceable and financially feasible policies may be submitted for voting on at referendum, a change in the existing eligibility provisions for Sabbatical and Executive Committee posts within the Union and a reduction in the number of constitutionally-required Annual General Meetings of the Union from two to one (S.61/05-06).

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Union of Students be approved as set out in paper S.61/05-06.

127/05-06 University Committee Timetable and Term Dates

CONSIDERED:

The Committee Timetable for the academic year 2006/2007 and University term dates for 2016/2017 (S.62/05-06).

RESOLVED:

That the draft Committee Timetable for the academic year 2006/2007 and University term dates for 2016/2017 be approved as set out in paper S.62/05-05.

Note: The Committee Timetable will be undergoing further minor revisions which will be reflected in the final published version of the Timetable.

128/05-06 Amendments to University Regulations

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That proposed amendments to University Regulations be approved as set out in paper S.63/05-06.