JOINT MEETING OF THE SENATE AND THE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Senate and the Council
held on 29 November 2005.

Present: Mr J Leighfield (Chair), Mr M Angle, Mr T Arnold, Professor L Bridges, Professor S Bright, Professor P Burnham, Dr P Byrd, Professor E Carter, Professor Y Carter, Professor M Cooper, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Mr B Duggan, Professor M Finn, Mr C Foy, Professor R Freedman, Professor A Harris, Professor M Harrison, Dr C Humphreys, Professor J D S Jones, Professor K Lamberts, Professor K Legge, Professor R Lindley, Professor M Luntley, Dr J MacPherson, Professor A McFarlane, Mr T Monnington, Dr H Nesi, Professor S B Palmer, Professor A Phizacklea, Dr A M Price, Mr N Sanders, Professor M Smith, Dr C Sparrow, Ms K Stark, Mr P Varney, Professor M Waterson, Professor M Whitby, Professor R Wilson.

Apologies: Dr J Ahearne, Professor S Bassnett, Ms A Bell, Professor A Caesar, Professor M Devereux, Ms V Gooding, Mr J Higgins, Ms S J Hobson, Professor G Hundt, Professor I Lauder, Dr C MacDougall, Professor P O’Hare, Professor E Peile, Dr P Roberts, Ms S Stubbs, Sir John Temple, Ms R Thorne, Professor S Thornton, Mr T E H Walker, Mr B Woods-Scawen, Director of Personnel.

In Attendance: Registrar, University Secretary.

Appointment of a New Vice-Chancellor

REPORTED:

(a) That Statute 5(2) provides that the successors to the first Vice-Chancellor be appointed by the Council, after consultation with the Senate, at a meeting especially called for the purpose.

(b) That in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 1, paragraphs (1-4) a Joint Committee of the Senate and the Council was established following the announcement of the resignation of Professor David VandeLinde, to consider the position and to recommend an appointment to fill the vacancy.

(c) That Ordinance 1(5) provides that the Joint Committee shall submit its recommendations in the first instance to a joint meeting of the Council and Senate especially convened for that purpose.
CONSIDERED:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 1(5), the report from the Joint Committee of the Council and Senate (laid on the table).

(b) An oral report from the Pro-Chancellor of the process undertaken by the Joint Committee to identify a candidate for the Vice-Chancellorship.

RESOLVED:

That the Pro-Chancellor be asked to convey to the Council the unanimous support of the joint meeting of the Senate and the Council for the recommendation set out in the report of the Joint Committee, viz:

“that Professor Nigel Thrift, currently Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research at the University of Oxford, be appointed to the post of Vice-Chancellor, with the title of Professor in the University, at a date yet to be confirmed but no later than 1 August 2006, for a period of five years in the first instance.”

(Following a vote, passed nem con)