

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee held on 24 April 2003

Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Professor S Bassnett, Mr P Dodd, Professor R G Dyson, Professor A Easton, Mr C Foy, Professor J Jones, Professor M McCrae, Professor A Mullender, Dr I Nussey, Professor S B Palmer, Professor M Whitby, Mr B Woods-Scawen.

Apologies: Ms V Gooding, Professor I Lauder, Mr J Leighfield, Professor H Thomas.

In Attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Administrative Secretary, Finance Director, Estates Officer.

11/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2003 be approved.

12/02-03 Estate Development Plan Review (minute 8/02-03 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the Senate, at its meeting on 12 March, and the Council, at its meeting on 21 March, approved the recommendations of the Committee concerning the future designation of space in National Grid House to create an open access student learning and resource centre, to co-locate appropriate student service functions and to re-house central administrative and related functions including all those currently based in Senate House and the Estates Office.
- (b) That consultation had begun with the relevant parties on the precise schedule of those activities to be relocated in National Grid House and the space to be allocated to them for agreement with the Accommodation Review Group.

13/02-03 Faculty Advisory Boards (minute 9/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

That the first meeting of the Faculty of Arts Advisory Board was to be scheduled during the summer term and those for the Faculties of Social Studies and Science Advisory Boards during the Autumn term, the membership of each of the Advisory Boards having recently been finalised.

14/02-03

University Financial Plan

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A report from the Finance Director on the progress of the Budget Sub-Group of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in developing the University Financial Plan and setting out key areas for discussion on strategic priorities and bids for the allocation of funding (JCSSC12/02-03).
- (b) A summary of the key strategic areas identified by the Council and the Strategy Committee as presented in the notes of the informal meeting of the Council held on the 4th Feb 2003.

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the key areas for future investment under consideration by the Budget Sub-Group of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for incorporation within the Financial Plan included proposals and strategies to support:

- (a) student access, student retention and student financial aid.
- (b) investment in the teaching and research infrastructure.
- (c) staff retention and development.
- (d) expansion of development and fund raising activities.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the progress report on the development of the Financial Plan and the strategic priorities under consideration for incorporation within the Plan be noted and endorsed.
- (b) That a development reserve of 1% of unrestricted income be incorporated within each year of the Financial Plan for use in the long-term development of the University.