

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of the Faculty of Social Studies

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 9 February 2005

**Present:** Professor M Luntley (Chair), Dr J Ainley, Professor C Aubrey, Professor L Bridges, Professor J Campbell, Professor M Devereux, Professor P Elias, Dr P Ferdinand, Professor R Fine, Professor A Harris, Dr C Hoerl, Dr J Khan, Professor K Legge, Professor R Lindley, Professor McGree, Professor J Masson, Dr P Mizen, Dr I Morley, Professor R Naylor, Professor A Neal, Professor P Poellner, Dr R Powel, Professor A Reeve, Professor J Scholte, Professor M Waterson.

**Apologies:** Professor B Lockwood, Mr R Green, Professor P Huddleston, Professor J Harris, Dr C Hughes, Dr C Humphreys, Professor G Hundt, Professor D Joly, Professor G Lindsay, Professor P Marginson, Dr M Neary, Mr F Tramontano, Mr R Watson, Professor S Rai, Ms D Stevens, Professor M Terry, Professor R Wilson, Mr M Wolf, Dr M Zehfuss,

**In attendance:** Mr E Harcourt, Ms K Robinson, Ms F Brown, Dr C Sparrow for item 22/04-05, and Dr D Law for item 25/04-05.

19/04-05      Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2004, paper BFSS 16/04-05, be approved.

20/04-05      Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a)      Accommodation and Research Strategy (9/04-05 refers)

REPORTED (by Professor Luntley):

That the proposal from the Chairs of the Faculty Boards had been discussed recently by the SRIF3 Advisory Group, but that prospects of the proposal advancing further were not strong.

(b)      Refurbishment of Social Studies (10/04-05 refers)

REPORTED (by Professors Luntley & Others):

That appropriate dialogue was now taking place between departments and the project team managing the refurbishment process.

- (c) Academic Satisfaction Review (15/04-05 refers)

REPORTED (by Professor Luntley):

That AQSC had considered departmental responses to the Academic Satisfaction Review on the 22 January.

21/04-05 Progress of Board Recommendations

REPORTED:

- (a) That at its meeting held on 1 December 2004, the Senate approved recommendations from the Boards of the Faculties concerning credit loads for the award of Pass degrees and routes for Pass candidates to be reinstated to Honours status (S.26/04-05 (f))
- (b) That at its meeting on 1 December 2004, the Senate approved the Board's recommendations on revised constitutions and advisory committees as follows:
- a. A revised constitution for the Centre for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (CSME)
  - b. A revised constitution for the Centre for Educational Development (CEDAR)
  - c. The establishment of an advisory committee for The Centre for Management Under Regulation (CMUR)
  - d. The establishment of an advisory committee for the Study of Safety and Well-Being (SWELL)
  - e. A revised constitution and proposals for the establishment of an advisory committee for the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations (CRER)

22/04-05 Warwick in Asia

RECEIVED:

- (a) An invitation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart B Palmer, to participate in the academic planning exercise for the Singapore Feasibility Study approved by the Senate on 24 January and the Council on 1 February.
- (b) An oral report from Dr C Sparrow (Institute of Mathematics), Academic Coordinator for the Singapore Feasibility Study, and Dr D Law, Academic Registrar, noting that the academic planning exercises around Singapore had the following features:
- Collegial not competitive bidding
  - Research-led

- An extension of Warwick's interests in the UK

RESOLVED:

- (a) That members of Board be encouraged to submit proposals to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.
- (b) That the concerns of members regarding the tight timescales on which proposals are to be submitted be conveyed to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

23/04-05 Faculty Lunch

RESOLVED:

That the Chair of the Board invite presentations on the development of the Warwick estate and from the Accommodation Review Group at the Faculty's lunch meeting on 23 February.

24/04-05 Faculty Advisory Board

REPORTED (by Professor Luntley):

That the agenda item for the meeting of the Faculty Advisory Board in March would be on internationalisation.

25/04-05 Strategic item: International Agendas

CONSIDERED:

Department-level strategies for internationalisation in the context of the University's Mission Statement and Corporate Plan for the Period 2003 to 2006, paper BFSS 18/04-05.

RECEIVED:

Oral reports from the Chair of the Board and the Academic Registrar.

RESOLVED:

That Chairs of Department in the Faculty be invited to submit by 21 February short statements of departmental strategies for international profiling, commenting on approaches to faculty hiring, postgraduate student recruitment, and research.

26/04-05 Strategic item: Assessment Conventions

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Academic Quality & Standards Committee (AQSC) on the review of the University's final undergraduate assessment conventions, paper BFSS 17/04-05.

27/04-05 Review of the University's Teaching and Learning Strategy

CONSIDERED:

An invitation from the AQSC to comment on the Learning and Teaching Strategy 2002-2005, paper BFSS 19/04-05, as part of the University's review during the 2005 calendar year.

RESOLVED:

That departments be encouraged to consider the Strategy and to submit comments to the Chair of the Board for further discussion in the Autumn term 2005.

28/04-05 Faculty Research Committee

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A report from the meeting of the Faculty Research Committee held on 19 January, paper BFSS 20/04-05
- (b) A proposal to establish the Centre for Research into Gifted & Talented Education together with a proposed constitution for the centre, paper BFSS 21/04-05.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to establish the Centre for Research into Gifted & Talented Education, together with the proposed constitution, be approved.

29/04-05 Undergraduate Studies Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 19 January 2005, paper BFSS 22/04-05.

RESOLVED:

That the report be approved as set out in paper BFSS 22/04-05.

30/04-05 Graduate Studies Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee held on 26 January 2005, paper BFSS 23/04-05.

RESOLVED:

That the report be approved as set out in paper BFSS 23/04-05.

31/04-05 Faculty IT Committee

CONSIDERED:

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Faculty IT Committee held on 4 February 2005, paper BFSS 24/04-05 tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the draft minutes be noted and the resolutions of the Committee supported.

32/04-05 Reserved Business

REPORTED (by the Secretary):

That no reserved business was before the Board this term.

33/04-05 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 25 May 2005.

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