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UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 2.00PM, WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2022, SENATE HOUSE COUNCIL CHAMBER		
Present	Professor Nick Vaughan-Williams	Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences
	Professor Jon Coaffee	Professor, PAIS, (Deputy Chair, Research)
	Professor Fiona Copland	Head of Department, Education Studies
	Dr Susie Cowley-Haselden	Course Director, Warwick Foundation Studies
	Professor Caroline Elliott	Deputy Head of Department (Teaching and Learning), Department of Economics
	Dr Marta Guerriero	Associate Professor, Sustainable Development (Board of the Faculty of Arts representative)
	Caleb Heather	Undergraduate student representative
	Professor Kate Ireland	Director, Centre for Teacher Education
	Dr Nina-Anne Lawrence	Director, Warwick Foundation Studies
	Professor Ben Lockwood	Professor, Department of Economics
	Professor Celia Lury	Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies
	Professor Noortje Marres	Professor, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies
	Sabrina Muhamad Sabri	Postgraduate (taught) student representative
	Dr Lynne Pettinger	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
	Professor Ross Ritchie	Professor, Warwick Business School
	Dr Chris Strelluf	Associate Professor, Applied Linguistics
	Professor Jacky Swan	Professor, Warwick Business School
	Professor Ema Ushioda	HoD, Department of Applied Linguistics
	Professor Azrini Wahidin	Professor, Department of Sociology
Professor Andrew Williams	HoD, School of Law	
Attending	Gabriella Bersanetti	Senior Policy Advisor, Education (Secretary)
	Christine Bradford	Academic Support Librarian
	Rose Clarke	Executive Officer, Faculty of Social Sciences
	Jackie Clarke	Director of Faculty Administration, Social Sciences
	Laura King	Training Coordinator, ESRC DTP (Assistant Secretary)
	Carole Harris	Head of Research Governance, Research and Impact Services (item 010 only)
	Harbeena Lalli	Research Strategy and Development Manager, Research and Impact Services
	Charlotte Livingstone	Head of Strategic Programmes and Governance, Estates (item 009 only)
	Dr Jennie Mills	Associate Professor, Academic Development
	Anna O'Neill	University Librarian (item 008 only)
	Professor Celine Tan	Professor, School of Law, FSS EDI Forum Chair
	Ref	Item
001	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Chris Brown, Matthew Clayton, Jon Forster, Richard Hastings, Christoph Hoerl, David Lees, Andrew Lockett, Guy Longworth, Alice Mah, Chris Rogers, Naomi Waltham-Smith and Chris Warhurst	
002	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	

003	<p>Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)</p> <p>The Chair invited members to consider items through the EDI lens, and reflect how as members the Board can support and champion its principles.</p> <p>EDI will now be included as a standing item on the agenda.</p>
004	<p>Minutes of last meetings on 24 February 2022 and 26 May 2022</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on 24 February 2022 (004a-BFSS231122) and 26 May 2022 (004b-BFSS231122) were approved.</p>
005	<p>Matters arising from last meeting on 26 May 2022</p> <p>(a) Proposal to establish a new Research Centre (minute 051.BFSS.21-22)</p> <p>The Secretary updated the Board on the proposal for a new Research Centre: Warwick Centre for Applications of Mathematical and Computing Sciences (CAMacS), discussed at the last Board meeting. The proposal had been re-submitted following further consultation. Chair's Action was taken to approve progression of the proposal to Research Committee in October, on the basis of further engagement with the Faculty of Social Sciences.</p> <p>JC informed the Board that detailed conversations with the proposers had taken place.</p>
006	<p>Membership and Terms of Reference 2022-23</p> <p>The Board received the membership and Terms of Reference of the Board (006-BFSS231122).</p> <p>The Secretary requested members to review the documents and inform the Secretariat of any changes.</p>
Chair's Update	
007	<p>Chair's Business</p> <p>The Chair welcomed new Board members:</p> <p>Dr Chris Strelluf (DAL), Prof Fiona Copland (DES), Prof Chris Brown (DES), Prof Ben Lockwood (Economics), Prof Caroline Elliot (Economics), Prof Alice Mah (Sociology), Dr Lynne Pettinger (attending online), Prof Andrew Williams (Law), Dr Nina-Anne Lawrence (WFS), Dr Susie Cowley-Haselden (WFS), Caleb Heather (UG student rep) and Sabrina Muhamad Sabri (PG student rep).</p> <p>The Chair welcomed new in-attendance members:</p> <p>Dr Will Haywood (Faculty Student Engagement Coordinator), Christine Bradford (Library Observer), Celine Tan (EDI Forum Chair).</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed the new Board Secretary, Gabriella Bersanetti.</p> <p>The student reps were introduced and informed the Board that they were looking forward to working with members.</p>
Main Items	
008	<p>The Revised UKRI Open Access Policy and an Update on the University's Response to the Elsevier Negotiations Consultation (Protected item)</p> <p><i>Exempt information not included</i></p>
009	<p>Strategic Item: Social Sciences Grand Challenge (Protected item)</p> <p><i>Exempt information not included</i></p>
010	<p>University Research Centres – Triennial Review 2022/23</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Carole Harris to the meeting.</p> <p>CHa presented the triennial reviews of University Research Centres (010-BFSS231122). It was noted that:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Boards were required to review Category II and III centres on a triennial basis, reporting views and/or recommendations to the Research Committee. • The feedback provided by Boards was valued and welcomed by the research centres. <p>To facilitate the Board's decisions, close scrutiny of the research centres had been allocated to members in advance of the Board, so as to provide a summary and recommendation. The Chair invited each member to share their feedback with the Board in turn, and the Board considered and made a recommendation accordingly.</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Board made the following recommendations and noted feedback to Research Committee:</p> <p>a) The continuation of the following Research Centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID) (Category II) <p>b) That the following Research Centres be invited to provide clarification to the Research Committee to assist in their review and decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Industrial Relations Research Centre (IRRU) (Category III). The Board recommended a follow up with the Head of Department, as a supporting statement had not been included. ii) Warwick Cancer Research Centre (Category II). The Board requested further detail on interdisciplinary working. The Board would like to see further involvement with Social Sciences and further clarification on involvement in obtaining funding. iii) Warwick Environmental Systems Interdisciplinary Centre (WESIC) (Category II). The Board recommended expanding connections to environmental sciences. They also requested further information on how the Centre communicates projects and activities, as they felt there was scope for development in these areas. Economics offered help and support of environmental economists.
011	<p>Education Report</p> <p>The Board received the Education report (011-BFSS231122) and the Secretary provided a verbal summary as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2020-21, Faculty Education Committee (EFSS) members approved five strategic priorities which continued to underpin the Faculty's work and align with the University-level Education Strategy priorities. • The EFSS subgroup had been established to support the fourth priority of student inclusion, empowerment and community. During 2021-22, the group had focused on decolonising the curriculum and developing anti-racist and anti-oppressive pedagogies. All of the digital resources were available at: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/decolonisingss/ • EFSS enhancement initiatives included: Director of Education luncheons, championing the WIHEA-funded initiative Listening@ Warwick and support for student engagement. • The Social Sciences Grand Challenge and the Institutional Teaching and Learning Review were noted as key University developments and consultations related to education. <p>The Board provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair highlighted the decolonising paper and gave special thanks to the subgroup for a very impressive piece of work. He requested that members ensure prominence across departments. The Board were requested to contact Dr Stefania Paredes-Fuentes, to submit any good practice within departments. • The Board highlighted that the workload for ITRL had not seemingly improved. Members would like to see further dialogue between the ITRL Project team on how ITRL would impact on workload. The Chair confirmed that comments from the previous Board meeting had been taken to the Education Executive. Members passed on their thanks to the ITRL Project team for their support and well written materials.

012	<p>Research Update</p> <p>JC provided an oral report on Research matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Research and Impact Forum had been established, members included Research Directors. • Work continued within the Research stream of the Grand Challenge to develop a research vision and a set of research themes. • The Faculty had submitted an Impact acceleration account grant and were awaiting the outcome. • The DTP recommissioning process was ongoing with submission in early February. <p>HL provided an update on Faculty performance of grants and awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards funding for the Faculty had increased. • 89 bids worth £18 million had been awarded. 13 British Fellowships, UKRI future leadership fellow, 1 ESRC starter grant. • There would be further engagement with departments to support grant applications, especially with the launch of the UKRI plan. • The Nuffield foundation bid had been successful. • Early career fellowship had been secured. <p>HL informed members that a research administrators network had recently launched and the RIS team was now at full capacity to support the Faculty.</p>
013	<p>EDI Update</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Celina Tan, as the FSS EDI Forum Chair.</p> <p>CT thanked the Board for ensuring EDI matters were integral to Board discussions and provided a verbal report on EDI matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EDI Forum was not a formal committee but a place to share best practice. CT requested departments to feedback via EDI reps. • Athena Swan was a key part of discussions of the Forum. 4 out of 14 depts had successful applications and were all awarded bronze. Five departments were due to submit in 2023. CT requested Board members to encourage other departments to apply for an award and signpost to the resources available on the Faculty web pages, produced by Robert Horton. Formal thanks were given to Robert. • Inclusion and diversity training for staff would be explored. Funding was available for the action points from the Inclusive Education Model. CT was a Faculty representative on the Social Inclusion Committee. • There were plans to start a working group to support neurodivergent staff and students. <p>The Chair thanked CT for the update and for taking on this very important role. The Chair welcomed comments from the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFS requested that all students were considered in any support initiatives. These include pre-UG, short courses, etc.
Other	
014	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was reported. The meeting closed at 3.55pm</p> <p>Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences meetings, 2022/23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 22 February 2023, 10.00am-12.00pm, CMR 1.0, University House. • Wednesday 24 May 2023, 10.00am-12.00pm, Senate House Council Chamber.

<i>Items below this line were for receipt and/or approval, without discussion</i>	
015	Faculty Education Committee Membership and Terms of Reference 2022-23 The Committee received and noted the report (015-BFSS231122).
016	Update on Departmental Athena Swan Progress in the Faculty of Social Sciences The Committee received and noted the report (016-BFSS231122).
Subsidiary and Sub-Committee Reports	
017	Faculty Education Committee: unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2022 The Committee received and noted the minutes (017-BFSS231122, Protected).
018	Faculty Education Committee: confirmed minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2022 The Committee received and noted the minutes (018-BFSS231122).
Relevant Senate Committees Minutes and Reports	
019	Board of Graduate Studies Minutes http://warwick.ac.uk/committees/bgs/minutes/
020	Partnerships Committee Minutes https://warwick.ac.uk/committees/partnerships/minutes/
021	Academic Quality and Standards Committee Minutes http://warwick.ac.uk/committees/aqsc/minutes/
022	University Education Committee Minutes https://warwick.ac.uk/committees/ec/minutes/
023	Student Learning Experience and Engagement Committee Minutes https://warwick.ac.uk/committees/sleec/minutes/
024	University Research Committee Minutes https://warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/committees/resc/minutes

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS			
ITEM	DECISION/ACTION	LEAD AND DUE DATE	STATUS
010 University Research Centres Triennial Review 2022/23	DECISION: The Committee recommended to the Research Committee the continuation of the Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID) (Category II)		
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