UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Information Policy and Strategy Committee

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Information Policy and Strategy Committee held on 5 April 2007.

Present: Professor M Whitby (Chair), Professor M Luntley, Professor D Singer, Dr T Arber, Dr K Leppard, Ms C Longworth, Director of IT Services, Librarian, Registrar

Apologies: Professor T Docherty, Professor Y Carter, Professor M Smith, Professor A Caesar, Professor M Waterson, Dr J Smith, Dr K Astbury.

In Attendance: Mr J Dale, Mr S Robinson, Mrs S Lever

16/06-07   Minutes

             RESOLVED:

             That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 20 February 2007 be approved.

17/06-07   Chairs Business

             None.

18/06-07   Five-Year Plan for the Library

             CONSIDERED:

             A paper from the University Librarian (paper IPSC.24/06-07).

             RECOMMENDED (to Strategy Committee):

             That the paper be approved, it being noted that the Committee supported:

             (a)   The two bids for additional recurrent resource for the Digital Repository and VAT coverage and welcomed the Library's plans to maximise the marketing potential of the Digital Repository.

             (b)   The additional capital bid for the Research Exchange Facility, if Wolfson funding was not forthcoming, to create a flagship facility to enhance provision for postgraduate research students in particular whilst also supporting researchers more generally.

             The Committee also noted that:

             (c)   Figures on comparative library spend do not currently include medical library provision at Walsgrave, and that consideration should be given to this.

(d)   This five year plan includes additional investment to cover provision of resources which could be deployed in part to support the recent recruitment of 80 academic staff.

19/06-07   Five-Year Plan for IT Services

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Director of IT Services (paper IPSC.25/06-07).

RECOMMENDED (to Strategy Committee):

That the paper be approved, it being noted that:

(a)   The proposal is modest, focuses on service improvements to existing customers, and provides a basis on which to build for the future.

(b)   Replacement of the Wireless Network is strongly supported, on the grounds that the current system is ageing whereas a new system will enable the addition of extra hotspots, allow visitors to log back into their home networks, and facilitate the development of enhanced services. However some clarification of what is covered, i.e. whether it includes physical replacement of ports, is required.

(c)   Secure IP Enabled KVM System was supported, on the grounds that this will allow better management of our IT systems, subject to some clarification of the technical setup.

(d)   The project to standardise support for Apple Macs was supported, though with a breakdown of the consultancy costs and comparative information on what support other Russell/94 Group Universities provide.

(e)   The continuation of the Data Warehouse & Management Systems from 2008/09 is supported.

(f)   A limited mobile e-Mail solutions project is supported, but only for university sanctioned Blackberries as part of a business case.

21/05/06   Minutes of the Medical School Faculty IT Committee

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Medical School Faculty IT committee held on 24 January 2007 (paper IPSC. 22/06-07).be approved.

22/06-07   Minutes of the E-Learning Steering Group

CONSIDERED

Minutes of the meeting of the E-learning Steering Group (paper IPSC. 23/06-07).

RESOLVED:

Copy of the latest minutes is still required.