

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 25 September 2017

Present: Professor C Ennew (Provost) (Chair), Professor A Clarke (Chair of the Faculty of Medicine), Professor S Gilson (Chair of the Faculty of Arts), Professor C Hughes (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education)), Ms Rachel Sandby-Thomas (Registrar), Professor M Shipman (Chair of the Faculty of Science) (from item 3/17-18), Ms H Worsdale (President of the Students' Union).

Apologies: Professor S Croft (Vice-Chancellor), Ms R Drinkwater (Group Finance Director), Professor M Nudds (Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences), Professor J Palmowski (Academic Vice-President), Professor S Swain (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement)), Professor P Thomas (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)), Professor L Young (Academic Vice-President).

In Attendance: Ms S Black (Assistant Registrar (Governance)), Dr G Carden (Director of Strategic Planning & Analytics) (Secretary), Ms D Ellis (Administrator (Governance)) (Assistant Secretary), Mrs P Glover (Secretary to Council), Ms T Grosscurth (Customer Services Director, RSA Insurance Group), Mr I Rowley (Director of Development, Communication and External Affairs), Mr A Smith (Finance Director), Ms R Wooldridge Smith (Acting Academic Registrar).

Note: Some items are noted as "Exempt information not included" as they contain information that would be withheld from release to the public because an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

1/17-18 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the open and restricted minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2017 be approved subject to the following amendments:

405/16-17 *NSS results announced

REPORTED: (by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education))

[Exempt information not included]

415/16-17 *Report from the Fees Working Group

RESOLVED:

[Exempt information not included]

2/17-18 Conflicts of Interest

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That, should any members or attendees of the Steering Committee have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items for the meeting, they should be declared in accordance with the Committee of University Chairs (CUC) Higher Education Code of Governance (2014).

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NOTE: No declarations were made.

3/17-18 *Report from the Fees Working Group (minute 415/16-17)

REPORTED: (by the Acting Academic Registrar)

[Exempt information not included]

(by the Secretary to Council)

[Exempt information not included]

RESOLVED:

[Exempt information not included]

4/17-18 Professor Simon Gilson

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

(a) That Professor Simon Gilson, Chair of the Faculty of Arts, had been appointed to the Agnelli-Serena Professorship of Italian Studies at the University of Oxford.

(b) That Professor Gilson would take up the new role in January 2018, having been at Warwick since 1999.

(c) That the search for his replacement was well advanced, with an announcement regarding the new Chair of the Faculty of Arts to be made in due course.

RESOLVED:

That the sincere thanks and congratulations of the Committee be extended to Professor Gilson.

5/17-18 Economist Valued Added Earnings Rankings

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

(a) That Warwick had been announced as one of the UK's top 20 universities for providing students with extra value in the Economist's Valued Added Earnings Rankings.

(b) That the rankings assessed "which universities make the biggest positive impact on their students", with Warwick placed the third highest in the Russell Group, ahead of Cambridge and 17th overall in the UK.

6/17-18 Times Higher Education World Rankings 2018

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That Warwick had been ranked 91st out of over a thousand institutions worldwide in the Times Higher Education World Rankings 2018, with universities having been rated on teaching, research, citations, industry income and international outlook.

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7/17-18 The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That Warwick had been placed ninth nationally in the Times and Sunday Times University League Table.

8/17-18 Warwick Faculty of Arts Ranked 37th in the World

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That Warwick's Faculty of Arts had been ranked 37th in the world by the Times Higher Education's 2018 Subject Rankings.

9/17-18 Warwick Arts Centre

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the University had been awarded £250k from the Garfield Weston Foundation to support the expansion and upgrade of the Warwick Arts Centre, as part of its 20:20 project.

10/17-18 Steering Membership 2017-18

CONSIDERED:

A paper setting out the proposed membership of the Steering Committee for the 2017/18 academic year (SC.01/17-18).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hope Worsdale, new member and President of the Students' Union, be welcomed to her first meeting of the Committee.
- (b) That the membership of the Steering Committee for the 2017/18 academic year be noted, as set out in paper SC.01/17-18.
- (c) That the membership of the Steering Committee for the 2017/18 academic year, as set out in paper SC.01/17-18, be put forward to the Senate for approval.

11/17-18 *Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey and National Student Survey 2017 Results

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

That the report would be considered at the next meeting of the Committee, to be held on 9 October 2017.

12/17-18 *Postgraduate Application Assessment Fee

CONSIDERED:

[Exempt information not included]

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REPORTED: (by the Acting Academic Registrar)

[Exempt information not included]

RESOLVED:

[Exempt information not included]

13/17-18 *Report from Budget Steering Group: Q4 2016-17 Financial Performance

CONSIDERED:

A report on the University's full year financial performance for 2016/17 (SC.04/17-18 {restricted}).

REPORTED: (by the Finance Director)

(a) That members were requested to treat the figures contained within the report as confidential, as they remained unaudited at the current time, noting that the Q4 performance was to be considered by the Academic Resourcing Committee later that day and the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC) on the following day.

[Exempt information not included]

(l) That it was intended to circulate a further update following the audit of the accounts.

(by the Secretary)

[Exempt information not included]

RESOLVED:

That the Q4 2016/17 Financial Summary from Budget Steering Group be noted.

As at 14 September 2018