

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 30 July 2007

- Present: Vice-Chancellor (Chair)  
Professor J Jones  
Professor M Smith  
Professor H Thomas
- Apologies: Professor L Bridges, Professor A Caesar, Professor Y Carter, Mr B Duggan, Professor R Lindley, Professor M Luntley, Professor S B Palmer, Professor M Whitby, Academic Registrar, Director of Estates, Director of Communication, Mr J Kirby, Ms N Snodgrass.
- In Attendance: Director of Finance, Registrar, University Secretary, Ms H Sinclair.
- 614/06-07 Minutes
- RESOLVED:
- That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2007 be approved.
- 615/06-07 Revised Research Careers Concordat (minute 591/06-07 refers)
- REPORTED: (by the Registrar)
- That the Professional Development Adviser in the Centre for Academic and Professional Development was working with the Director of Research Support Services to formulate the University's response to the consultation from the HE sector working group on the draft revised Concordat to support the career development for researchers for submission to Research Councils UK by 30 September 2007.
- 616/06-07 Vote of Thanks
- REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)
- That this would be the last meeting of the Steering Committee for Professor John Jones.
- RESOLVED:
- That the Steering Committee record its formal thanks to Professor John Jones for his contribution to the Committee and the work of the University in his capacity as Pro-Vice Chancellor for the last five year period.
- 617/06-07 Delivery Partnerships: The Gathered Field
- RECEIVED:
- A letter from Sir Graeme Davies, Vice-Chancellor, University of London and Chair of the Delivery Partnership, confirming that the Delivery Partnership Steering Group, at its meeting on 1 May 2007, resolved not to proceed with the introduction of a 'gathered field' for applications to Higher Education (SC.454/06-07).

- 618/06-07 Leitch Review of Skills: Government Response and Implementation Plan
- RECEIVED:
- UUK Information Note I/07/84 providing a summary of the Government's response to the Leitch Review together with a letter from the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills and the executive summary of the publication by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills 'World Class Skills: Implementing the Leitch Review of Skills in England' (SC.455/06-07).
- 619/06-07 UCEA Update
- RECEIVED:
- An update from the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) on the outcomes of the meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff (JNCHES) on 12 July 2007, a copy of the UCEA News Release dated 13 July 2007 regarding the outcome of the meeting, a statement, briefing and Q&A from UCEA regarding the national pay negotiations and an update from UCEA providing a background to the JNCHES meeting held on 12 July 2007 (SC.456/06-07).
- 620/06-07 Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration
- RECEIVED:
- The executive summary of the 'Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration' published by HM Treasury in July 2007 together with a copy of the press release from HM Treasury on the Review (SC.457/06-07).
- 621/06-07 Higher Education-Business and Community Interaction Survey
- RECEIVED:
- The 'Higher Education-Business and Community Interaction Survey 2004-05 and 2005-06' published by the HEFCE in July 2007 together with a press release from the HEFCE on the Survey (SC.458/06-07).
- 622/06-07 UUK Policy briefing: Talent Wars, the International Market for Academic Staff
- RECEIVED:
- The executive summary of the UUK policy briefing 'Talent Wars: the international market for academic staff' together with UUK Information Note I/07/81 providing a summary of the policy briefing (SC.459/06-07).
- 623/06-07 Siddiqui Review of 'Islam at Universities in England'
- RECEIVED:
- UUK Information Note I/07/79 providing an update on the review of 'Islam at Universities in England' being conducted by Dr Ataullah Siddiqui on behalf of the Government (SC.460/06-07).
- REPORTED: (by the Registrar)
- That Dr Ataullah Siddiqui had visited to University in March 2007 as part of his review and had met with the Director of Campus Affairs.

- 624/06-07 Response to West Midlands Economic Strategy Consultation
- RECEIVED:
- The University's response to the draft West Midlands Economic Strategy submitted to Advantage West Midlands on 20 July 2007 together with the executive summary of the Consultation Draft of the Strategy (SC.468/06-07).
- 625/06-07 Funding Higher Education in England: How HEFCE Allocates its Funds
- RECEIVED:
- A copy of the HEFCE document 'Funding Higher Education in England: How HEFCE Allocates its Funds' published in July 2007 (SC.461/06-07).
- 626/06-07 Immigration Issues Update
- RECEIVED:
- UUK Information Note I/07/80 providing an update on the Home Office immigration reform programme and UUK activities on immigration issues (SC.462/06-07).
- 627/06-07 TRAC for Teaching: HEFCE Bulletin
- RECEIVED:
- A bulletin from the HEFCE providing an update on the development of a costing framework for teaching based on Transparent Approach to Costing (TRAC) principles (SC.464/06-07).
- 628/06-07 Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004-2014: Annual Report 2007
- RECEIVED:
- The executive summary of the 'Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004-2014: Annual Report 2007' published by HM Treasury and the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills in July 2007 (SC.465/06-07).