

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee held on 21 November 2002

Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Mr J Leighfield, Professor S Bassnett, Mr P Dodd, Professor R G Dyson, Professor A Easton, Mr C Foy, Ms V Gooding, Mr G Jones, Professor J Jones, Professor M McCrae, Professor A Mullender, Dr I Nussey, Professor S Palmer, Professor H Thomas.

Apologies: Ms V Gooding, Professor I Lauder, Professor M Whitby.

In Attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar, Administrative Secretary, Finance Officer, Estates Officer.

2/02-03 Terms of Reference and Membership

REPORTED:

- (a) That the terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:
- (i) To consider the inter-related questions of academic, financial and physical planning in order to advise the Senate and the Council on strategic issues for decision by the University and to make recommendations to the Senate and the Council or committees thereof on particular matters of formal development.
 - (ii) To direct and implement the University's capital planning and development strategy and recommend to the Senate, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Council the release of funding to support capital projects as part of the annual financial planning round.
- (b) That the membership of the Committee for the academic year 2002/03 was as set out in paper JCSSC.2/02-03.

3/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 30 May, 23 July and 31 October 2002 be approved.

4/02-03 University Corporate, Strategic and Financial Plans

RECEIVED:

- (a) A copy of the new arrangements for the development of the University's Corporate, Strategic and Financial Plans approved by the Committee at its meeting held on 31 October (JCSSC.1/02-03, {revised}).

- (b) A copy of the University Corporate Plan to 2004 (JCSSC.3/02-03)
- (c) A timetable and programme of work for meetings of the Budget Group for the Spring and Summer Terms 2002-03 prepared by the Finance Officer and the Administrative Secretary (JCSSC.5/02-03, tabled at the meeting).

CONSIDERED:

A summary of the University's current key strategic objectives for open discussion in line with the new arrangements for development of the University Corporate Plan (JCSSC.4/02-03) together with a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the new arrangements for the development of the University's Corporate, Strategic and Financial Plans represented a valuable opportunity for increased participation of lay members in strategic discussion and decision making.
- (b) That, in the light of the broad ranging discussion at the meeting, briefing papers be prepared for consideration at the Awayday for members of the Council on 16 January on the following themes and issues:
 - (i) The desired shape, size and status of the University on a long term planning horizon of ten to fifteen years.
 - (ii) The key issues and priorities which need to be agreed and addressed to enable the University to attain its long term objectives.
- (c) That the Vice-Chancellor invite Sir Howard Newby or Bahram Bekhradnia to attend the Council Awayday meeting on 16 January to provide an informed external perspective on discussions.

5/02-03

Faculty Advisory Boards

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Vice-Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Committee, had:
 - (i) appointed Ms S J Hobson as the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Social Studies
 - (ii) appointed the members of the Faculty Advisory Boards of Arts, Science and Social Studies as set out in the attached paper (JCSSC.6/02-03).
- (b) That proposed names for appointment to the Advisory Boards for the Faculties of Medicine and Science were under discussion and were expected to be confirmed shortly.

6/02-03

Planning for Works of Art in New Buildings

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Art Collection Committee (JCSSC.7/02-03)

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That, as part of the planning for new University buildings, consideration be given to the question of whether and how much funding might be dedicated to the purchase of works of art, such discussions to include the Curator of the Mead Gallery with recommendations being forwarded in the normal way as part of the overall budget to be approved for the project.
- (b) That, where practicable, arrangements be made for the Estates Officer to consult the Curator of the Mead Gallery on appropriate colour schemes for new buildings where works of art were to be installed.