

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on 27 February 2003.

Present: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Mr J Leighfield, Professor S Bassnett, Mr P Dodd, Professor R G Dyson, Mr C Foy, Ms S J Hobbs, Mr G Jones, Professor J Jones, Professor M McCrae, Professor A Mullender, Professor H Thomas, Professor M Whitby.

Apologies: Vice-Chancellor, Professor A Easton, Ms V Gooding, Professor I Lauder.

In Attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar, Administrative Secretary, Finance Officer, Estates Officer, Ms Liz Pride; University Development Plan Architect.

7/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on 21 November 2002 be approved subject to deletion of the name of Ms V Gooding in the list of those members present at the meeting.

8/02-03 Estate Development Plan Review

CONSIDERED:

The Estate Development Plan Review of the University prepared by the Estates Office and the Development Plan Architect (JCSSC.10/02-03) setting out the past physical development and current position of the estate, exploring key development issues and putting forward initial proposals for debate on the future physical development of the campus, including the integration of National Grid House into the University Estate, together with a presentation from the Development Plan Architect.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Senate and the Council)

- (a) That, bearing in mind its deep, open-plan design, the opportunity it affords for being a significant integrating feature for the future development of the campus linking Westwood to the main site and as a focus of new activity, National Grid House be designated to create an open access student learning and resource centre, to co-locate appropriate student service functions and to rehouse central administrative and related functions, including all those currently based in Senate House and the Estates Office (which is scheduled for demolition under a planning order).
- (b) That the precise schedule of those activities to be relocated to National Grid House and the space to be allocated to them be determined after further consultation with the relevant parties by the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar for agreement by the Accommodation Review Group.

RESOLVED:

That the broad proposals set out in the Development Plan Review for providing a framework for the long term physical expansion and development of the University Estate be supported noting that further work and consultation would be undertaken within the University before preparation and submission of the final draft of the Development Plan to the Strategy Committee, Building Committee and Council for approval and in particular to take account of the following specific issues:

- (a) The need to refocus and develop new centres of activity on campus, in addition to the current hubs in the Rootes/Senate House and Academic Square areas, and the use of potential sites for new building to integrate National Grid House into the University Estate.
- (b) The future long term use and development of the Westwood campus in the context of the acquisition of National Grid House and the opportunities this would provide for strengthening physical links with and integration of Westwood within the University Estate.
- (c) The need to address transport and traffic flow to the University, in consultation with the relevant planning authorities, and to consider the needs of all users of the campus in examining the most effective design and routing of footpaths, cycle ways and vehicular roads within the Estate.
- (d) The need to address strategic landscaping and building design for the Estate, particularly in order to reinforce the sense of arrival at the University from its main entrance.

9/02-03 Faculty Advisory Boards (minute 5/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Chair of the Council acting on behalf of the Council, had approved the appointment of Mr Brian Woods-Scawen as Chair of the Advisory Board for the Faculty of Arts.
- (b) That the Vice-Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Committee, had approved the appointment of members of the Advisory Board for the Faculty of Science and additional members for the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Social Studies as set out in paper JCSSC.11/02-03.
- (c) That two further suggestions would be proposed to the Vice-Chancellor for appointment to the Advisory Board for the Faculty of Social Studies which would take precedence to those additional names approved and set out in paper JCSSC11/02-03.
- (d) That the Vice-Dean of the Warwick Medical School was finalising suggestions for the appointment of members of the Advisory Board for the Faculty of Medicine for consideration by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Committee.