

THE COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2010

- Present: The Chair of the Council (Mr S. Holmes) (in the Chair), The Pro-Chancellor (Mr R. Jewson), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor E.D.J. Acton), the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Professor T D Davies and Professor T. Ward), the Treasurer (Mr J. Sisson), the Deans of Faculty (Professor I. Harvey, Professor D. Richardson and Professor N. Ward), Professor J. Burgess, Sir Richard Dales, Mr D. Hill, Mrs J de Moller, Mr S. Thompson, Mr D. White and the Student Representatives except for business marked ** (Mr M. Jopp and Ms N. Barnes). (Professor T.D. Davies absented himself for the business under minute **44).
- With: The Registrar and Secretary, the Academic Registrar (Mr R.P. Evans), the Director of Finance (Mr S. Donaldson), the Director of Admissions (Dr R. Harvey) for minute (34), the Senior Assistant Registrar (Mrs L. Williams) and the Committee Clerk (Mrs R. Phillips).
- Apologies: Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Professor J. Cook), Mr D. Edwards, Ms L. McGillivray, Mrs S. Thurston and Professor C. Waddams.

31. MINUTES

Confirmed

the minutes of the Council Strategy Conference on 2 November 2009 and the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 November 2009.

32. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

- (1) The Chair reported awards of OBE to Professor Tim O'Riordan and Professor Ann Barrett and MBE to the alumnus Mr Mike Martin;
- (2) The Chair reported that as a result of the meetings he held with individual Council members it had become apparent that it was timely to review the role of Planning and Resources Committee and whether it continued to fulfil an essential role in governance. Council agreed to set up a small group consisting of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Council, the Treasurer, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar and Secretary. The group would make recommendations to a future meeting of Council.

33. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

There were no statements.

34. UEA LONDON

Received

a presentation from Dr Richard Harvey. A copy of his presentation is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU09D037).

(Council members noted in particular:

- 650 registrations were predicted for September, 2010 and up to 1000 by January 2011;
- UEA would allocate Home/EU members to the London UG programme to allow a Home/EU intake of 50 student numbers per year to provide a balance of students on programmes;
- 8 had been recruited to the MBA programme (2 below the target of 10);
- there would be a formal launch of UEA London in September.)

35. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received

a confidential report from the Vice-Chancellor. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU09D028)

(Council noted in particular

- the considerable time and effort being expended in connection with issues following the theft of CRU emails;
- that despite the fact that there had been no investigation by the Information Commissioner's Office and there being considerable evidence that the University could not have been successfully prosecuted for a Section 77 breach, the Information Commissioner was declining to issue a statement to clarify the position which was regrettable as a number of press reports had been made (following a Deputy Information Commissioner's comment), suggesting that UEA had breached the FoI Act;

(Members concluded that it would be prudent not to press the Information Commissioner too much harder at this stage but to reserve the right to return to the matter after the House of Commons Select Committee had reported)

- Sir Muir Russell was expected to report in May and a new inquiry to be appointed to review the science involved in CRU's work would report before them;
- Council recorded its thanks to all those involved in dealing with the CRU issues and noted that consideration was being given to how best to respond to the large volume of publicity, (which had at least highlighted the prominence of UEA), in the longer term;
- with pleasure, the appointment of the new Director of JIC;
- that the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar and Secretary had met with the CEO of UKBA. The meeting had offered some reassurances but also indicated that UKBA did not yet fully understand the workings of HE, including such things as reasonable 'no show' and drop out rates.)

36. HEFCE FUNDING LETTER AND BUDGET FOR 2010-11 AND BEYOND

Considered

a confidential paper from the Director of Finance which gave updated information on the 2009-10 financial year and updated the budget assumptions for 2010-11 and beyond based upon the latest information available. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU09D029)

(Council noted the paper and welcomed the extent of planning indicated in it. It also noted the continuing funding uncertainty beyond 2010/11. UEA remained committed to continuing to improve SSRs with the target remaining as close to 1:14.)

37. PLANNING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Reported

(1) that Planning and Resources Committee at its meeting on 22 February 2010 considered the confidential reports containing recommendations on the following issues:

- (a) UEA London
- (b) JIC
- (c) UEA Sportspark Gymnastics Hall

(A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU09D030)

(2) that Planning and Resources Committee resolved:

- (a) with regard to UEA London to recommend to the Council, that INTO UEA London should firstly seek to obtain this finance without the University being required to give a guarantee but that if this were not possible the University should give such a guarantee facility with IUP limited for the amount borrowed;
- (b) with regard to JIC, to recommend to Council that the University should approve UEA entering into a members' agreement as proposed in the paper and that Council be asked to delegate to the Chair of Council and PRC authority to approve the final document;
- (c) with regard to the UEA Sportspark Gymnastics Hall, to recommend to the Council the investment as set out in the paper.

Considered

approval by the Council of all of the above recommendations from the PRC
RESOLVED

38. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Considered

the recommendations of the Audit Committee

- (1) that the University appoint Deloitte LLP as internal auditor for 3 years in the first instance from 1 August, 2010 (with the option to extend for up to a further 3 years);

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- (2) that the University re-appoint Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP for 3 years as external auditor from the start of the financial year 2010-11 (with the option to extend for up to a further 3 years).

RESOLVED

39. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Considered

the recommendation in the confidential report from the Council Membership Committee (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU09D036) that Council approve the appointment of Vicki Keller Dorsey to serve for a three year term as a member of Council commencing 1 August 2010.

RESOLVED

*40. CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE HEFCE FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM – REPORT RESPONSE AGREED BY PRC

This report is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*41. CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT

This report is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*42. FEES REVIEW

This report is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

43. DATES OF MEETINGS 2010-2011

Reported

that the dates of the Council meetings in 2010-2011 had been set as below:

Monday 1 November 2010 – Council Strategy Conference (to include Council meeting and dinner) – **9am**

*Monday 29 November 2010 – **10.30am** – ***Please note this had been changed from the 2.30pm start it has been previously.***

Monday 7 March 2011 – **10.30am**

Monday 27 June 2011 – **10.30am**

(* subsequent to the meeting this meeting was re-scheduled from 22 November 2010 to 29 November 2010).

44. PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR

Considered

the recommendation contained within the confidential and reserved report (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU09D034) from the Vice Chancellor acting on behalf of the Senate that the term of office as Pro-Vice Chancellor REE of Professor Trevor Davies be extended by one year, to end on 31 July 2011.

RESOLVED

45. THE SENATE

Noted

the following appointments:

- (1) the appointment of the following Dean of Faculty for the period stated:

HUM Professor David Peters Corbett (from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2015)
- (2) the appointment of the following Heads of School for the periods stated:

AHP Professor Jacqueline Collier (from 19 April 2010 until 18 April 2015)
EDU Dr Nalini Boodhoo (from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2013)
NAM Professor Valerie Ann Lattimer (from 1 February 2010 to 31 January 2015)
NBS Professor Paul Dobson (from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015)
- (3) the re-appointment of the following Heads of School for the periods stated:

FTV Professor Mark Jancovich (from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011)
HIS Professor John Charmley (from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2012)
MUS Professor John Charmley (from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2012)
PHI Dr John Collins (from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011)

**46. REDUNDANCY COMMITTEE

This report is confidential and reserved and attached as a separate sheet.