

THE COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2012

- Present: The Chairman of the Council (Mr R. Jewson) (in the Chair), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor E.D.J. Acton), the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Professor D.J. Richardson and Professor T. Ward), the Treasurer (Mr J. Sisson), Sir Richard Dales, Mr D. Edwards, Mr G. Jones, Ms V. Keller-Dorsey, Dr K. Skoyles Mr S. Thompson, Professor C. Waddams and the Student Representatives except for business marked ** (Mr R. Bloomer and Mr M. Myles).
- With: The Registrar and Secretary, the Director of Planning (Mr I. Callaghan), the Director of Finance (Mr S. Donaldson), the Senior Assistant Registrar (Dr L. Moulard) and the Senior Administrative Assistant (Committee Office) (Mrs R. Phillips).
- In attendance: The Deans of Faculty (Professor I. Harvey, Professor P. Gilmartin and Professor N. Ward).
- Apologies: Ms L. McGillivray, Professor N. Norris, Professor D. Peters Corbett and Mr D. White.

31. MINUTES

Confirmed

the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 November 2011.

32. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair congratulated Professor Bob Watson on being awarded a knighthood in the New Year's Honours List noting that external recognition of the work of the University and its staff was most welcome in this arena and also the recent Leiden rankings and WhatUni survey.

33. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor noted that Norfolk was once again identified as the "safest County in England" and he advised that he had written to the Chief Constable expressing his thanks for the helpful support received from Norfolk Constabulary.

Following the recent changes to the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) similar changes are planned for the local pension scheme (UEASSS). Not all of the USS changes will be required as the local scheme is currently closed to new members. However, in respect of those changes that are proposed the consultation will commence soon.

*34. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

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35. CORPORATE PLANNING TIMETABLE

Considered

the Council timetable and consultation plan for Corporate Plan. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU11D031)

(Over the next few weeks meetings will be held with members of Faculty to review the Corporate Plan. Meetings are also planned with the Heads of University Services. The next few weeks will provide more context about the potential position in respect of admissions for September 2012 and as part of this further discussions will take place about options for growth/non-growth of student numbers.)

*36. NORFOLK AND NORWICH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND NHS PARTNERS

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37. LOW CARBON EXEMPLARY BUILDING/ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Considered

a confidential report from Dr John French. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, COU11D033)

(A funding package for this new building has now been established including a significant contribution from the ERDF and a contribution from the £26m awarded to the Norwich Research Park.)

38. AMENDMENTS TO THE GSA CONSTITUTION

Received

a report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, COU11D034)

RESOLVED

that Council approved the revisions to the constitution of the GSA, as outlined in the document, COU11D034.

39. FAIRTRADE POLICY

Received

a report on the University's application for renewal of its fair-trade status. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, COU11D035)

RESOLVED

that Council noted the attached policy and the University's intention to renew its Fairtrade status.

*40. A REPORT OF THE WORKSHOP HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2011

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

41. HEALTH & SAFETY 6 MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Received

the Health and Safety 6 Monthly Report to Council. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, COU11D037)

42. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT

Received

the annual report from the Equality and Diversity Committee. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, COU11D038)

43. ACCOUNTS OF THE UNION OF UEA STUDENTS

Received

a report from the Registrar and Secretary regarding the accounts of the Union of UEA Students. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, COU11D039)

44. DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

Considered

a confidential and reserved report from the Registrar and Secretary. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, COU11D040)

RESOLVED

to confirm the appointment of Professor Tom Ward as Deputy Vice-Chancellor.