

THE COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 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, Ms L. McGillivray, Professor N. Norris, Dr K. Skoyles Mr S. Thompson, Professor C. Waddams and the Student Representatives except for business marked ** (Mr R. Bloomer).

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 Y. Tasker vice Professor D. Peters Corbett and Professor N. Ward).

Apologies: Professor P. Gilmartin, Mr M. Myles and Mr D. White.

45. MINUTES

Confirmed
the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 January 2012.

46. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

The Chair had attended a dinner at The Guildhall where the Queen's Anniversary Prizes were celebrated.

47. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor made the following statements:

1. HEFCE's consultation on future funding methods and student number controls had been published with a response deadline of May 2012. On balance it would appear that the proposals slightly favour University's like this one with additional funding for PGT students embedded within the proposal.
2. Two large grants had recently been secured. The first is from AHRC (for the School of History) and the second is from EPSRC (for the School of Chemistry).
3. The University continues to ensure that students in the School of Music receive a high quality education. Two current members of staff have successfully obtained alternative employment elsewhere. One held a fractional contract and has left immediately; the other will be leaving this summer. Plans are in place to cover the required teaching and the Head of School is exploring ways to enrich the student experience.

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*48. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*49. NRP OPERATING COMPANY

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*50. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE GROUP

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

*51. UNIVERSITY DEBT AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

This minute is confidential and attached as a separate sheet.

52. ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Received

a confidential presentation from Dr John French and the Director of Estates regarding plans for the Enterprise Centre. A copy of the presentation is filed in the minute book.

(It was confirmed that a preferred bidder had been identified subject to the rights of the unsuccessful bidders to appeal the decision. It was planned that wherever possible sustainable building materials would be sourced locally. There would be a series of workshops and seminars regarding building materials. A 200 plus seat lecture theatre is planned.

The Enterprise Centre will include hatcheries and a "plug and play" facility. They will provide general purpose support to enterprise, start-ups and follow-on developments. The Innovation centre will deal with more specific industries with a specific technical/technological requirement. The site will incorporate the facility to display art in the atrium exhibition spaces but this has yet to be sourced.)

53. CORPORATE PLAN

Considered

the latest version of the University Corporate Plan. This follows the consultation with staff. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU11D045)

(The latest version of the Corporate Plan was currently being considered by members of the University. It is envisaged that comments from that consideration together with comments from this meeting will be incorporated and that a final version will be presented to Council at the July meeting. Following that meeting two versions (for internal and external use) will be compiled and published. It is anticipated that Council will wish to use some of the identified indicators to monitor performance against the plan. Where growth is indicated in the plan this will be for academic reasons to strengthen the intellectual power of the University e.g. an expansion of science to

achieve critical mass. The plan will be owned by the Executive Team and Directors of University Services and they are currently scrutinising the resource implications. A written response to the plan has been received from the Union of UEA Students and a copy of this response has been retained in the minute book. These comments would be considered in future drafts.

Council confirmed its support for this plan as drafted with its strong emphasis on the key priorities. The section on Internationalisation will be strengthened in the final version. A change was proposed that there should be an additional precept to reflect the University's place in the community both as a provider of education and also as a major contributor to the local economy which is extraordinarily important to East Anglia and particularly to Norwich.)

54. REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Considered

a report from the Council Membership Committee. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU11D046)

RESOLVED

to accept the recommendations as specified by the Council Membership Committee.

55. NEXT MEETING

Reported

that the date of the next Council meeting would be on 21 May 2012.

56. DATES OF MEETINGS 2012-2013

Reported

that the dates of the Council meetings in 2012-2013 had been provisionally set as below:

Monday 8 October 2012 – 10.30am

Monday 19 November 2012 – all day (Council Strategy Conference to include Council meeting)

Monday 21 January 2013 – 10.30am

Monday 4 March 2013 – 10.30am

Monday 20 May 2013 – 10.30am

Monday 24 June 2013 – 10.30am

57. ITEMS FOR REPORT

Received

the report. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. COU11D047)

(1) Sealings

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****58. THE SENATE**

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****59. REDUNDANCY COMMITTEE**

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