

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY



Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2011

Present: Mr K. Harper (Chair), Ms W. Bainham and Ms C. Richards.

With: The Deputy Registrar and Secretary (Mr R. Evans)

Apologies: Dr G. D'Cruz, Mr J. Docherty and Mr P. Skillen.

1. MINUTES

Confirmed
the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2010.

2. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There were no statements.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY 2010/2011

Reported

- (1) that the membership of the Standing Committee of the Assembly was:

Ex-officio – VC & PVC's

Members elected by the Assembly:

Ms W. Bainham (2013)
Dr G. D'Cruz (2013)
Mr J. Docherty (2013)
Mr K. Harper (2013)
Ms C. Richards (2011)
Mr P. Skillen (2011)
Two Vacancies (Dr C.J. Harrison having resigned from the University)
- (2) that Dr C.J. Harrison was Chair of the Standing Committee and that following a call for nominations for a new Chair the single name of Mr K. Harper was received and Mr Harper was declared Chair of SCOTA for the period to 31 July 2013;
- (3) that the membership of Ms C. Richards and Mr P. Skillen would end on 31 July 2011;
- (4) that there were two outstanding vacancies;
- (5) that the membership of the Standing Committee of the Assembly provided for 8 members elected by the Assembly;

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- (6) that nominations were invited for the 4 vacancies arising for 2011-12 and that four nominations were received and are therefore declared members of the Standing Committee of the Assembly, 1 August 2011- 31 July 2014

Dr Lee Marsden (PSI) (Senior Lecturer – ATR) – seconded by Professor H. Kassim & Dr J. Street (was nominated twice)

Ms Claudina Richards (LAW) (Senior Lecturer – ATR) – seconded by Dr D. Mac Sithigh

Mr Timothy Southon (SSF-T) (Senior Administrator ALC) – seconded by Miss R. Kemp

Mr Richard Delahaye (SSF-LS) (Senior Administrator ALC) – seconded by Mr J. Dixon;

4. ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED

Reported

that the following items had been received:

PROPOSED CHANGES TO USS

Item proposed by Tim Southon, SSF

"We ask that the University write to the Employers' Pension Forum calling on them to re-open negotiations with UCU about the proposed changes to USS."

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

Item proposed by Prof. Shaun Hargreaves Heap, ECO

Assembly requests that Senate consider, as a Matter of contingency planning, what administrative activities might be cut to accommodate the reduction in administrative resources.

(In light of the Integration Project and unless there is evidence, not hearsay, to suggest that this project will enable the same administrative activities to be performed with fewer resources, some administrative activities will need to cease in order to prevent academic time being diverted from teaching and research.)

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Item proposed by Dr Jackie Granleese, NBS and Dr Heather Savigny, PSI

"While the University of East Anglia espouses equality of opportunity in its policy documents, in practice equality of opportunity is not evidenced."

EQUALITY

Item proposed by Dr Jackie Granleese, NBS and Dr Heather Savigny, PSI

"The Equalities Act (2011) places upon public bodies a duty to have due regard to the need to achieve certain objectives in relation to equality, and the Public Sector Equality Duty (2011) requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to

eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, we thus call upon The University of East Anglia to:

- (a) complete an equality audit of all its management committees from ET downwards;
- (b) devise and detail a plan by June 2012 as to how equality might achieved in all of these from ET downwards.

We further request that the findings and plan be presented at Assembly in 2012"

STRESS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Item proposed by Dr Jackie Granleese and Dr Rupert Read PHI

"The University of East of East Anglia lacks an effective stress management policy."

RESOLVED

that these items form the substance of the meeting but in a format similar to that tabled at the meeting to add clarity (a copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. SCA10D001)

5. ANY OTHER ITEMS

RESOLVED

that the only other item should be a report on Council's response to the report to it from the meeting on 11 June 2008 (the 2009 and 2010 meetings of Assembly having been inquorate)

6. QUESTIONS SENT IN

Reported

that no questions had been sent in for answer.