

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY



Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2009

Present: Dr C. Harrison (Chair), Dr G. D'Cruz and Ms C. Richards.

With: The Academic Registrar (Mr R. Evans)

Apologies:

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2008 were confirmed.

2. STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There were none.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY 2008/2009

Reported

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

Ex-officio – the Vice-Chancellor
the Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

Members elected by the Assembly:

Dr G. D'Cruz (2010)
Dr C.J. Harrison (to 2011) (Chair of the Standing Committee)
Ms C. Richards (to 2011)
Mr P. Skillen (to 2011)

- (2) that the membership of the Standing Committee of the Assembly provides for 8 members elected by the Assembly;
- (3) that nominations had been invited for the 4 vacancies arising for 2009-10, but that no nominations had been received and consequently four vacancies on the Standing Committee remain;

4. ASSEMBLY Meeting 2009: AGENDA ITEMS SUGGESTED BY MEMBERS

Reported

the following sole item had been proposed:

UEA's DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR A SCHOOL ACADEMY TO REPLACE THE EXISTING EARLHAM HIGH SCHOOL

(1) that Professor John Elliott has requested a discussion concerning the University's decision to co-sponsor an academy that will replace the existing Earlham High School. Professor Elliott has asked:

"Given the controversial nature of the government's school academy programme, both nationally and locally, how did UEA arrive at the decision to co-sponsor an academy that will replace the existing Earlham High School? In particular what internal consultation processes, if any, were carried out to effect what the local press has described as a U-turn on the part of UEA."

The draft reply supplied is:

"UEA's sponsorship of the proposed Academy at Earlham was agreed by the Executive Team, the University's Planning and Resources Committee and Council. Before the decision to sponsor was made, the University was already working in several ways with the School to mentor students and to encourage them to come onto campus to experience HE for themselves. The sponsorship is motivated by the University's desire to work closely with its nearest school neighbour and the local community in which our staff and students live and work.

5. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items but Assembly's report to Council following last years meeting would be noted.

6. QUESTIONS SENT IN

There were none.