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Administrative Resources

To report

that at its meeting on 8 June 2010 the Assembly resolved to approve a motion proposed by Professor Shaun Hargreaves Heap “that Assembly requests that Senate consider as a matter of contingency planning, what administrative activities might be cut to accommodate the reduction in administrative resources.”

(Professor Hargreaves Heap said that 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.

Professor Hargreaves Heap said that he did not believe that the Administrative Integration Project would necessarily achieve sufficient efficiency savings to compensate for reductions in administrative staff resource and that it would be prudent for contingency planning to be undertaken both to safeguard academic time and ensure that an undue load was not placed on administrative staff. He also suggested that the advent and implication of £9k tuition fees meant it was timely to consider this matter.

The Vice-Chancellor indicated that it was important always to keep under review whether there were functions that might be eliminated but none were immediately obvious, and he invited Professor Hargreaves Heap to send him any suggestions he had).