

THE SENATE



Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2011

- Present: The Vice-Chancellor (Professor E.D.J. Acton) (in the Chair), the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Professor T.D. Davies and Professor T.B. Ward), the Deans of Faculty (Professor D. Peters Corbett, Professor D.J. Richardson and Professor N. Ward), Heads of Schools (Professor J.D. Charmley, Professor D. Edwards, and Professor D. Zizzo), Academic Representatives (Mrs H. Bell, Dr T. Blumenschein, Professor J. Collier, Dr S. Connolly, Dr J. Cross, Mr I. Farr, Professor M. Jancovich, Dr Y. Lebeau, Dr M. McLaughlin, Professor C. Osborne, Dr M. Pfeil, Professor V. Rayward Smith, Dr S. Russell, Professor C. Wadlow and Dr R. Warren), Director of Information Services (Mr J. Colam-French), Dean of Students (Dr A. Grant), Mr D. Palmer (City College Norwich) and the Student Representatives except for business marked ** (Ms R. Handforth and Mr D. Youmans).
- With: The Registrar and Secretary (Mr B. J. Summers), the Head of the Learning, Teaching and Quality Office (Ms A. Rhodes) and the Committee Clerk (Mrs R. Phillips).
- Apologies: Dean of Faculty (Professor I. Harvey), the Deputy Registrar and Secretary (Mr R. Evans), the Director of Pg Research Degree Programmes (Professor R. Gray), Heads of School (Professor V. Lattimer) and Academic Representative (Dr S. Stevens).

18. MINUTES

Confirmed

the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2010 subject to the following amendments:

(1) Minute 7 Employability

The web address for the presentation by Ms Adrienne Jolly, CCEN, is:

<https://intranet.uea.ac.uk/committeeoffice/ueacombds/sen/sen1011/sen101110/employabilitypresentation>

(2) Minute 17 ** Change of Faculty Name

The acronym for the new Faculty name within the detailed minute should read: FMH.

19. THE COUNCIL

Reported

that the Council, at its meeting on 29 November 2010, considered the report of the Senate from its meeting on 10 November 2010 (Minute **29) and approved the recommendations it contained.

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20. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Reported that

- (1) the failure of the network core just before the Christmas closure had been acute and unexpected. The cause of the failure was still unknown and the core had been returned to the manufacturers in the United States for further investigation. The failure had been so unusual that an occurrence of this nature had not been on the 'risk' register.

Since this event, the University had invested in and recently installed two new network cores of a more recent generation and with greater resilience. To date, the cores had been running smoothly and without major incident.

- (2) the Economic and Social Research Council had now completed its consideration of bids to establish Doctoral Training Centres (DTCs). Unfortunately, the University's bid (with the Open University) had been unsuccessful. This news was a great disappointment, particularly as over the summer (2010), the application had been well received but by October, in the light of reductions in public spending, the application had not reached the list of twenty bids that would be supported. As the reasons appeared to be purely financial, the University was submitting an appeal and would also press for restoration of accredited status (which had been the case during the summer but had been removed by October).

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his thanks to Professor Ward and Dr Connolly and colleagues for their hard work in preparing the bid.

- (3) the current consultation led by the UK Borders Agency regarding student visas was due to close on 31 January, 2011. At a recent meeting with the Home Secretary, the President of UUK had urged the case against the proposed reduction in the number of available visas setting out the impact on HE that this would have. There was serious concern that this message would not be accepted despite continuing efforts by Vice-Chancellors and MPs.

*21. HE TUITION FEES 2012-13 ONWARDS

The Senate discussed this matter and a confidential minute has been submitted to the Vice-Chancellor.

22. LEARNING AND TEACHING COMMITTEE

Received

an update report from the meeting held on 8 December 2010. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. SEN10D014)

**23. UNIVERSITY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

This minute is confidential and reserved and attached as a separate sheet.