

## THE SENATE



### Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2012

Present: The Vice-Chancellor (Professor E.D.J. Acton) (in the Chair), the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Professor D.J. Richardson and Professor T.B. Ward), the Executive Deans of Faculty (Professor P. Gilmartin, Professor I. Harvey and Professor N. Ward), Heads of Schools (Professor J.D. Charmley, Professor D. Edwards, Professor V. Lattimer and Professor D. Zizzo), Academic Representatives (Mrs H. Bell, Dr T. Blumenschein, Dr M.G. Blyth, Professor T. Chapman, Professor J. Collier, Professor D. Crossman, Mr I. Farr, Professor M. Jancovich, Dr Y. Lebeau, Professor A.E. McDonald, Dr T. Sach, Dr O. Springate-Baginski, Professor C. Osborne and Dr L. Xu), Dean of Students (Dr A. Grant), and the Student Representative except for business marked \*\* (Ms M. Evans).

With: The Registrar and Secretary (Mr B. J. Summers), the Senior Assistant Registrar (Dr L. Moulard), the Director of University Services (LTS) (Dr A. Blanchflower) and the Senior Administrative Assistant (Committee Office) (Mrs R. Phillips).

In Attendance: The Academic Director of Taught Programmes (Dr A. Longcroft).

Apologies: Professor D. Peters Corbett, Dr A. Haour, Mr D. Palmer (City College Norwich), Ms T. Ross and Dr R. Warren.

#### 15. MINUTES

Confirmed  
the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2011.

#### 16. STATEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

- (1) The Chair congratulated:
  - Professor Bob Watson on the award of a knighthood in the 2012 New Years Honours;
  - Professor Andrew Coats on his appointment as Chief Executive of the Norwich Research Park;
  - the School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing on the award of a Queen's Anniversary Prize for their Creative Writing programme. The Queen's Anniversary Prize medal and certificate will be presented by the Queen at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace on February 24.
- (2) In response to a Government initiative to strengthen partnerships between the NHS Trusts and Universities the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences was leading on the construction of a formal network in Norfolk and Suffolk.

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- (3) Progress was being made in the development of the University Corporate Plan. Comments from Faculty Executives had now been considered and a general consultation would shortly commence. Consideration was being given to the question of University growth and shape. There were opportunities for growth in subject areas where quality was improving and consideration needed to be given to constraints where this was not the case. New areas for development were also being examined. The Government's plans for extending the de-regulation of the student market from AAB to ABB would be influential but the research and analysis undertaken to date indicated that a strategy of measured growth was a reasonable proposition in either scenario.

\*17. REVIEW OF PSYCHOLOGY

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19. LEARNING AND TEACHING COMMITTEE

Received

an update report from the meeting held on 7 December 2011. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book, ref. SEN11D013)

20. SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Reported

that the Vice-Chancellor had approved by Chair's Action the appointment of Professor Tracey Chapman to replace Dr Karen Heywood as one of the Academic Representatives for the Faculty of Science.

\*\*21. THE COUNCIL

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