

# UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

## SENATE

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Senate held on Wednesday 6 February 2008

Present: Vice Chancellor, Professor S Palmer, Professor L Bridges, Professor S Bright, Professor S Bruzzi, Professor R Burns, Professor S Burridge, Professor M Cooper, Professor J Davey, Professor J Davis, Professor T Docherty, Professor A Easton, Professor P Edwards, Professor M Finn, Dr M Hadley, Professor M Harrison, Professor R Higgott, Professor C Hughes, Professor J Hutton, Dr C Jenainati, Dr J Kidd, Mr J Kirby, Professor S Kumar, Professor K Lamberts, Professor R Lindley, Professor P Mack, Professor J MacPherson, Mr A Rodrigo, Professor M Smith, Professor C Sparrow, Professor M Waterson, Professor R Wilson, Professor V Zammit.

Apologies: Professor C Aubrey, Professor S Bassnett, Professor A Bell, Professor A Caesar, Dr L Campbell, Professor Y Carter, Professor G Hundt, Professor A Phizacklea, Professor E Peile, Mr P Ptashko, Dr J Read, Professor S Thornton, Professor M Whitby.

In attendance: Dr J Aherne, Professor P Burnham, Professor R Critoph, Professor N Eilan, Professor S Fuller, Professor R J Green, Dr J Jones, Dr A Price, Professor A Prout, Dr R Roemer, Professor M Rosenthal, Registrar, Director of Finance, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar, Dr G Carden, Ms Y Salter Wright.

49/07-08 Research Excellence Framework HEFCE consultation

### CONSIDERED:

A draft response to the HEFCE consultation on the *Research Excellence Framework* together with a paper outlining the key issues for the University and notes from the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 4 February 2008 in relation to the draft response (S.27/07-08).

### REPORTED:

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

That, while the current Research Excellence Framework consultation was mainly in relation to STEM subjects, it was likely that there would be increased use of metrics for STEM and non-STEM subjects within the new research assessment framework.

(by the Registrar)

That, while it was acknowledged that individuals and departments within the University may wish to contribute to responses to the consultation made by a variety of subject groups, the University would submit to the *Research Excellence Framework* consultation one institutional response following discussion and debate at the meeting of the Senate.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Academic Registrar amend the University's response to the consultation in line with the amendments agreed at the meeting.
- (b) That the revised University response to the *Research Excellence Framework* consultation together with a covering letter be considered by the Steering Committee prior to their submission to the HEFCE by the deadline of 14 February 2008.

Note: That following the meeting of the Senate the revised version of the response and the key points to include in the covering letter was considered by the Steering Committee on 11 February 2008 and was submitted to the HEFCE by the deadline of 14 February 2008.

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