

# UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

## SENATE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 October 2009

- Present: Vice-Chancellor (in the chair), Professor H Beale, Ms A Bell, Mr A Bradley, Professor L Bridges, Professor S Bright, Professor S Bruzzi, Professor T Burnard, Professor R Burns (from item 9/09-10), Dr J Burrows, Professor A Caesar, Professor M Cooper, Mr K Das, Professor J Davey, Professor J Faundez, Ms A Green, Dr A Greene, Dr M Hadley, Professor S Hand, Professor M Harrison, Professor N Hewlett, Professor R Higgott, Professor C Hughes, Professor J Hutton, Professor N Johnson, Ms S Khaku, Professor J Labbe, Professor K Lamberts, Professor A Muthoo, Dr M Pope, Professor B Rosamond (until item 15/09-10), Professor J Seville, Professor M Smith, Professor C Sparrow, Professor S Stewart-Brown (from item 3/09-10), Professor J Thistlewaite, Professor H Thomas, Professor M Underwood, Professor R Wilson.
- Apologies: Professor T Docherty, Professor A Easton, Dr C Harrison, Professor S Thornton, Professor M Whitby.
- In attendance: Professor S B Palmer, Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Academic Registrar, Director of Finance, Head of Governance Support Services, Administrative Officer (Governance).

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed new members and members beginning a new period of office to their first meeting of the Senate for the academic year 2009/10.

### 1/09-10 Minutes

#### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Senate held on 1 July 2009 be approved, subject to the following amendment (deletions ~~struck through~~, additions underlined):

*12/08-09*

(b) That the third student representative on the Senate will be Kartik Das, ~~3<sup>rd</sup>~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> year Engineering student.

### 2/09-10 Progress of Senate Recommendations

#### REPORTED:

That the Council, at its meeting on 8 July 2009, had approved the recommendations of the Senate recorded under the following items:

- (i) Establishment of a School of Life Sciences (minute 113/08-09 refers)
- (ii) Retention of the Associate Professor (Reader) position and necessary amendments to Regulation 4 (minute 117/08-09 refers)
- (iii) Adoption of the University Stress Management Policy (minute 118/08-09 refers)
- (iv) Amendments to University Ordinances and Regulations under item 3 of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee report (minute 116 (a)/08-09 refers)

3/09-10 Library Restructuring (minute 107/08-09 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Librarian would provide an update on the changes arising from the recent Library restructuring and their impact at the meeting of the Senate to be held in January 2010.

4/09-10 Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors (minute 114/08-09 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That, as previously announced, Professor Ann Caesar had been appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience).
- (b) That there had been revisions to the roles and responsibilities for the four PVCs:
  - (i) Professor Caesar would be the academic lead on the student experience including all of the academic and non-academic aspects that encompassed;
  - (ii) Professor Whitby would be the academic lead for academic resourcing issues;
  - (iii) Professors Higgott and Smith would retain their research focus, noting that Professor Smith had also been appointed Deputy Chair of the Academic Staff Committee; and
  - (iv) All of the Pro-Vice-Chancellors would be supporting colleagues in the areas of international affairs and fundraising.

5/09-10 Professor S B Palmer

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor would formally be vacant for the 2009/10 academic year, noting that it was the intention to appoint a new Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 2010/11.
- (b) That at numerous times in its recent history the University had turned to Professor Palmer at times of significant transition or to lead on major projects, for example two periods of office as Acting Vice-Chancellor and the leading role in RAE 2008 and that, in his role as Interim Chair of the School of Life Sciences, he would be leading the development of the School of Life Sciences over its initial important developmental year.
- (c) That Professor Palmer would continue to chair the Capital Planning and Accommodation Review Group and the Probation Review Group of the Academic Staff Committee.
- (d) That Professor Palmer had agreed to continue to act as the first point of contact for Heads of Department to ensure the continuation of ease of access and that he would also continue to represent the Vice-Chancellor in activities and on formal occasions as appropriate and necessary.

6/09-10 Assessment Conventions (minute 116 (b)/08-09 refers)

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That in the Summer Term 2008, the Senate had approved a new harmonised Honours degree classification convention for students joining the University in Autumn 2008 or later applying to all students in the Arts, Sciences and Social Sciences, noting that the convention allowed also for special conventions to apply on particular courses, if approved by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (AQSC).
- (b) That as reported to the Senate in July 2009, a Working Group had been established by AQSC to consider the issues further over the summer and that the Working Group had met in late July 2009 and proposed amendments to the harmonised convention were subsequently circulated to Heads of Department in August for consultation.
- (c) That the Group met again in September and would be consulting again with Heads of Department and Faculty Committees on revised proposals during the Autumn Term 2009, acknowledging that whilst there appeared to be broad agreement on some issues, further agreement was required in relation to a number of issues of principle.

RESOLVED:

That a full report and proposed amendments to the harmonised convention be submitted for consideration by the Senate at its meeting in January 2010 following further consultation as set out above.

7/09-10 Membership of the Senate

RECEIVED:

The membership of the Senate for the academic year 2009/10 (S.1/09-10), noting that Professor Mark Harrison (Economics) had been appointed to the vacant Faculty of Social Sciences representative position subsequent to the circulation of the papers for the meeting.

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That under the provisions of Statute 19 (2), the Senate might appoint “the holders of such other posts, including persons charged with the welfare of the students of the University, as the Senate might from time to time determine”, noting that currently no such changes had been made.

8/09-10 Constitutional Advisory Group

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That the Constitutional Advisory Group was inviting contributions from all members of the University, with an initial deadline of 12 October 2009, to aid in its consideration of the current University organisational structures and their fitness for purpose in the context of the University Strategy, Vision 2015.

09/09-10 Monash University and Warwick Strategic Alliance

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That the University had recently signed a Strategic Alliance Agreement with Monash University in Australia.
- (b) That the Agreement would formalise the partnership with Monash which had been developed over the past year and was being supported by a joint funding initiative to help academics to develop research and teaching projects which harness the combined strengths of both universities.

10/09-10 Times Higher Education Awards 2009

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That that the University had been shortlisted for the Times Higher Education 'University of the Year' award to be announced on 15 October 2009.
- (b) That the other shortlisted institutions were:  
Bournemouth University  
University of Nottingham  
Queen Mary, University of London  
Teesside University  
University of Winchester

Note: It was announced that Teesside University was awarded University of the Year 2009.

11/09-10 The Sunday Times University Guide

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) The University had ranked 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the recent Sunday Times University Guide and continued to lead the Midlands universities.
- (b) That the Times Higher Education World Rankings were due to be published on 8 October 2009.
- (c) That further analysis of the Sunday Times and other league tables would be received at a future meeting of the Senate.

Note: The Times Higher Education World Rankings were published on 8 October 2009 and the University had risen from 69<sup>th</sup> to 58<sup>th</sup>.

12/09-10 University Financial Plan

CONSIDERED:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor, Finance Director and Registrar on the current status of the University Financial Plan 2008/09-2012/13, noting that the Plan would be considered at the Financial Plan Sub-Committee on 5 October, the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 3 November and the Council on 27 November prior to being submitted to the HEFCE by the deadline of 1 December 2009.

REPORTED: (by the Finance Director)

- (a) That the projected surpluses within the Five Year Plan had remained largely unchanged since the consideration of the provisional Plan at the meeting of the Senate held on 1 July 2009.
- (b) That the position at the end of 2008/09 reflected excellent progress on cost control with some of the 5 percent savings target starting to impact on the year end results.
- (c) That the full impact of the 5 percent savings target would take effect from 2009/10 onwards, noting that there was a contingency of £2.5m within the Plan (for 2009/10 only) in case the projected level of savings was not achieved.
- (d) That accounting standards stipulated that HEFCE matched funding for donations received by the University should be accounted as a recurrent grant resulting in matched funding of over £1m falling into 2008/09 rather than being matched against related expenditure.
- (e) That the University had raised £700k, exceptionally, through the sale of the Kirton site and an additional £800k from the difference between libor and the Bank base-rate which contributed to the University achieving a small surplus rather than being in deficit at the end of this financial year.
- (f) That provision had been made in the Plan to cover potential 'Section 106' planning commitments with £500k payable to Coventry City Council as a condition of the Section 106 agreement and an additional £3m added to the Plan to cover a potential contribution to other traffic related schemes should Coventry City Council be able to secure the funds required to carry out the projects.
- (g) That the provision for restructuring had decreased from £10m to £9m since the previous version of the Plan to reflect the £1m spent on the Early Leavers Scheme in 2008/09.
- (h) That there had been some re-profiling of deferred capital grant releases to ensure that CIF money was spent swiftly to avoid HEFCE claw back.
- (i) That, while the proposed 'Bluebell' student residences was not yet incorporated in the Financial Plan, it was likely that they would be added, should the business case be approved.

*Note: That the residences were subsequently added to the Financial Plan following the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3 November 2009)*

- (j) That it was anticipated that over the course of the current Five Year Plan, total HEFCE income would decrease by £2m and research income would grow from £73m achieved in 2008/09 to £109m by 2012/13, noting that despite a reduction in number of government grants being awarded, the University had secured a significant number of 2 to 3 year length grants and the associated income would follow in the next few years.
- (k) That it was not clear how severe any future cuts to the University's various sources of funding and income might be and that the University had been

modelling the impact cuts ranging from 5 per cent to 15 per cent.

- (l) That the Financial Plan as approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Council would be made available to members of the Senate.

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (m) That Warwick needed to continue to invest strategically and make adjustments to the University Strategy and the operations of the institution to succeed in the challenging economic climate, noting the forecasts on the Plan would need to be revisited as updated information, especially concerning HEFCE and other government funding, became available.
- (n) That consideration should be given to expanding the range of research funding bodies approached nationally and internationally to sustain the growth in research funding.

RECOMMENDED: (to the Council)

That the Financial Plan 2009 to 2012 be approved prior to being submitted to the HEFCE by the deadline of 1 December 2009, noting that the Plan would be considered by the Financial Plan Sub-committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee before consideration by the Council at its meeting to be held on 27 November 2009.

13/09-10 Corporate Planning Statement 2008/09

CONSIDERED:

A draft University Corporate Planning Statement 2009, noting that it would be given further consideration by the Council at its meeting held on 27 November 2009 prior to submission to the HEFCE (S.2/09-10).

REPORTED: (by the Registrar)

- (a) That the submission of the Corporate Planning Statement (CPS) formed part of the HEFCE Single Conversation with the University, noting that HEFCE had, to date, been satisfied with the CPS and the more general strategic alignment evidenced across the institution.
- (b) That the strategic objectives at the rear of the CPS would be completed as the University strategy, Vision 2015, was reshaped in the coming months to reflect the changing HE environment and other external challenges.

(by the Director of Warwick HRI)

- (c) That the section relating to stakeholders in the UK could better reflect the University's substantial engagement in this regard.

RESOLVED:

That the University Corporate Planning Statement be revised to reflect feedback received at the meeting prior to submission to HEFCE by 1 December 2009, noting that the revised Corporate Planning Statement would be considered and approved by the Council at its meeting to be held on 27 November 2009.

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Steering Committee (S.3/09-10 {parts 1 and 2}) and its resolutions recorded under the following items together with a report from the Vice-Chancellor:

(a) Higher Education Funding Agency Reviews

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That the forthcoming government review of higher education funding agencies would seek to examine the role played by the national funding bodies, inclusive of research councils, and their relationship to central government.
- (ii) That the independent review of HEFCE to start in this autumn was unlikely to lead to dramatic change.

(by the Registrar)

- (iii) That the consultants undertaking the HEFCE review would be visiting Warwick to meet with colleagues with experience of working with HEFCE and that a programme was being developed for their visit.

(b) HEFCE 25/2009: Review of Teaching Funding

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That in July 2009, HEFCE had launched a sector-wide consultation on proposals to withdraw the following three targeted allocations from recurrent teaching funding from 2010-11:
  - (A) old and historic buildings
  - (B) accelerated and intensive provision of postgraduate taught subjects in price band D
  - (C) foundation degrees.
- (ii) That the University intended to respond strongly to the consultation because if the changes progressed as proposed, it would have a detrimental impact on funding for Postgraduate Taught courses in the Arts and Social Science Faculties.
- (iii) That the University was opposed to the withdrawal of funding for Foundation Degree provision as a matter of principle as Warwick was one of the few Russell Group universities fully engaged in such provision and that the withdrawal of funding was contrary to the government's widening participation agenda.

(by the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Arts)

- (iv) That the University needed to be realistic with regards to its long term strategy to postgraduate study and the relationship between MA and PhD study, provision and funding to ensure it attracted the best quality students.

(by the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies)

- (v) That the University's response would be submitted by the deadline of 14 October 2009 but that the initial projections regarding the potential financial impact on departments had been incorrect, noting that the School of Health and Social Studies would not be affected as the School's MA programmes were in price band C.

(c) School of Life Sciences: Progress Report and Update on Process and Timescales

REPORTED: (by the Interim Chair of Life Sciences)

- (i) That a Life Sciences Advisory Group had been established and had met regularly since August 2009.
- (ii) That the support of members of the Senate would be required to ensure that the School of Life Sciences was successful both nationally and internationally.
- (iii) That the School would focus around four research themes which had success in the recent RAE2008, noting that the strategic proposals would be discussed at an extraordinary meeting of the Senate to be held in mid-November 2009.

(d) National Student Survey Results 2009

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (i) That it was pleasing to note the overall improvement in the results for the University, acknowledging how seriously many departments have taken the results of this survey since the University participated in it.
- (ii) That, given the implication for league tables and wider reputation, the University continued to aim for an overall satisfaction score of 90 per cent or above in all categories and that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) would be working with departments on strategies to achieve this.
- (iii) That further analysis of the data for individual academic departments would take place over the coming weeks.

(e) Admissions and Recruitment

REPORTED: (by the Academic Registrar)

- (i) That recruitment of undergraduate Home/EU students was as predicted while an overshoot of approximately 150 students looked likely.
- (ii) That overseas enrolments had improved since the latest report to the Steering Committee with a forecast of 830 students, noting that this might change over the coming weeks as the extent of students not taking up their place became clearer.



- (iii) That, whilst the full postgraduate position would not be known for some time, it was likely that postgraduate taught enrolments would be above forecast.
- (iv) That there was concern regarding postgraduate research students who would enrol later in the academic year as well as over issues surrounding the visa letters.
- (v) That those students who were initially placed in off-campus accommodation were currently being moved into on-campus accommodation or to the shared accommodation with Coventry University at Liberty Park, noting that the Accommodation Office would continue to contact the limited number of students who had secured rooms but had not yet arrived to confirm whether these rooms could be re-allocated.
- (vi) That there would be consultation with some departments with regards to intake targets to address how the University would move back within the HEFCE contract range as swiftly as possible, acknowledging that this consultation would also set timeframes for the potential revision of offers to include the new A\* at A-Level.
- (vii) That analysis would be undertaken to identify the factors affecting student recruitment for 2009/10 entry, noting that it would be difficult to single out any one factor as there had been numerous external pressures on universities in this cycle, for example swine flu, the new point-based immigration system and the cap on Home/EU numbers.

(by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (viii) That, while it would be politically difficult to do so, it was not clear whether HEFCE would impose the proposed financial penalties on institutions which had over-recruited.
- (ix) That proposals had been received from specific departments to include A\* at A-level within offers and that this led to the University amending its initial approval so as to allow a small selection of departments to include A\* in offers for 2010/11 entry.

(by the Registrar)

- (x) That the Fees Working Group was undertaking an extensive piece of work to identify a methodology for fee setting which took into account competitiveness and quality of provision.

RESOLVED:

That the report from the Fees Working Group regarding proposals for a revised fee setting methodology be considered at the meeting of the Senate to be held in January 2010.

- (f) The Future Funding and Direction for the Centre for Lifelong Learning
- (g) Update to the University's Access Agreement for 2010/11 Entry Students
- (h) International Programme in Leadership and Management in Higher Education (IPLMHE)
- (i) Constitutional Advisory Group: Call for Evidence
- (j) HEFCE 24/2009: HEFCE Grant Adjustments 2009/10

- (k) HEFCE 20/2009: Student Data Audits
- (l) Community Strategy
- (m) UKRIO –Final Code of Practice for Research
- (n) EPSRC: Capital Intensive Proposals
- (o) New Chair of Science and Technology Facilities Council
- (p) Recruitment of Marie Curie Research Groups: Case-for-Support
- (q) Major Bid Proposal: Mathematics and Statistics DTC
- (r) Advantage West Midlands: IT Proposal
- (s) Institute of Advanced Study Update
- (t) UUK Report: The UK Doctorate – Opportunities and Challenges
- (u) NHS Centre for Involvement
- (v) UK Border Agency Visit
- (w) Introduction to Boston University Delegation
- (x) IGGY Summer U
- (y) HESA Performance Indicators 2009
- (z) HEFCE Review of Subject Cost Weight in HEFCE Research Funding
- (aa) HEFCE 19/2009: REF Pilot – Impact Assessment
- (bb) Financial Sustainability Strategy Group and Launch of TRAC Development Group
- (cc) HEFCE 16/2009: Demonstrating the Public Benefits of Higher Education
- (dd) UUK I-Note I/2009/078: Launch of New Office of Life Sciences
- (ee) UUK I-Note I/2009/071: Fair Access to the Professions Panel
- (ff) JISC Strategy 2010/12
- (gg) IUSS: Creation of a New Science and Technology Committee
- (hh) UUK Response to IUSS Report on ‘Students and Universities’
- (ii) USS Pension Review
- (jj) UCEA Final Pay Offer
- (kk) UCEA 09:068 – Government Consultation on Medical Notes
- (ll) Centre for Workforce Intelligence – Supplier Briefing Note
- (mm) Group of 13
- (nn) Sutton Trust Report on Applications, Offers and Admissions to Research Led Institutions
- (oo) NTU – Warwick Collaborative Double MA
- (pp) University Information Security Policies
- (qq) Policy Update: Development and Alumni Relations
- (rr) Policy Update: HR and LDC
- (ss) Policy Update: Equality and Diversity
- (tt) Policy Update: Health and Safety
- (uu) Faculty of Arts Update
- (vv) Faculty of Medicine Update
- (ww) Faculty of Science Update
- (xx) Faculty of Social Studies Update
- (yy) Summer Degree Ceremonies 2009
- (zz) Ministerial Visit to the University
- (aaa) British Transplant Games
- (bbb) UUK I-Note I/2009/047: Monitoring Research Concentration and Diversity
- (ccc) Research Fortnight: New Defra Research Agency
- (ddd) Europe Unit: EU Research Policy
- (eee) UUK I-Note I/2009/063: Update on Student Immigration Route
- (fff) UUK I-Note I/2009/079: Changes to Points-Based Immigration System – Tiers 2,4 and 5
- (ggg) Higher Education and Collaboration in Global Context: Building a Global Civil Society
- (hhh) Europe Unit: UK HE in Europe – Engagement and Partnership
- (iii) International Partnerships: A Legal Guide for UK Universities
- (jjj) Charity Regulation Update
- (kkk) New Advisory Panel on New Industry, New Jobs, Universities and Skills

- (III) University Response to QAA/UUK/GuildHE Survey on the Implementation of the HE Credit Framework for England
- (mmm) UCEA: Facts and Figures Emphasise the Need to Sustain the Success Sector
- (nnn) UUK I-Note I/2009/066: From Recession to Recovery
- (ooo) UUK I-Note I/2009/064: Impacts – Success in Shaping Public Policy and Services
- (ppp) UUK I-Note I/2009/067: HEFCE HE-BCI Survey
- (qqq) UUK I-Note I/2009/055: Digital Britain Strategy
- (rrr) UUK I-Note I/2009/060: Student Recruitment 2009/10
- (sss) Statement from DBIS on Student Support Arrangement 2010/11
- (ttt) Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills (IUSS) Select Committee – Evidence Check
- (uuu) UUK I-Note I/2009/074: IUSS Report into Science and Engineering Policy
- (vvv) I/2009/082: Consultation on Proposed Intellectual Property Office Fee Changes
- (www) HEFCE Circular 12/2009 – Funding Partial Completion
- (xxx) Europe Note 09-04: Update Higher Education Description for England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- (yyy) Europe Unit E/09/06: UK Arrangements for Academic Credit and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)
- (zzz) UUK I-Note I/2009/068: Modernising Scientific Careers – Genetics Pilot
- (aaaa) AWM Corporate Plan and Project Review
- (bbbb) Advantage West Midlands Annual Report 2008/09
- (cccc) Advantage West Midlands: Stakeholder Survey
- (dddd) Europe Unit E/09/07: UK MEPs and European Parliament Committees
- (eeee) NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement Annual Report 2008-09
- (ffff) CIHE: Valuing Knowledge Exchange
- (gggg) UUK I-Note I-2009-057: Information Legislation and Management Survey
- (hhhh) OECD Report: Education at a Glance
- (iiii) UCEA Update 09/094 – UCEA Board Changes
- (jjjj) I/2009/085: UUK Facts and Figures – The Creative Sector
- (kkkk) HEFCE 2009/28: Performance in Higher Education Estates
- (III) UUK Annual Benefits Statement
- (mmmm) University Response to Higher Education and Community Sport Partnership Plan Consultation
- (nnnn) University Response to DCLG Consultation on Houses in Multiple Occupation and Possible Planning Responses

15/09-10 University Committee Structures and Membership of Senate Committees

REPORTED:

That the membership of the Advisory Boards of University Research Centres and Institutes for the 2009/2010 academic year would be set out in the University Calendar 2009/2010.

CONSIDERED:

- (a) Proposed revisions to University Committee Structures and to the constitutions of Committees of the Senate (S.4/09-10).
- (b) The appointment of the Committees of the Senate for the 2009/2010 academic year (S.5/09-10).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

- (a) That whilst the paper S.4/09-10 proposed the abolition of the Campus Life Committee with immediate effect, any significant items of business in this area would be considered by the Steering Committee on behalf of the Senate.
- (b) That there was a commitment to reflect on how best to develop and consider issues relating to the student experience within the University's decision-making structures, noting that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) and the Deputy Registrar would be leading on this with proposals thereon to be considered at a future meeting of the Senate.
- (c) That he had approved, on behalf of the Senate, the appointment of Professor Mark Harrison to a co-opted position on the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposal to abolish the Campus Life Committee be approved as set out in S.4/09-10 with immediate effect, noting that any significant items of business in this area would be considered by the Steering Committee on behalf of the Senate.
- (b) That the appointments to Senate committees be approved as set out in S0.5/09-10 with those appointments still to be confirmed being delegated for approval the Steering Committee on behalf of the Senate.
- (c) That the following appointments to Senate committees additional to those included in S.5/09-10 be approved:
  - (i) The appointment of Professor Mark Harrison (Economics) as one of three members of the Senate to the Academic Resourcing Committee.
  - (ii) The appointment of Professor Matthew Watson (Politics and International Studies) as one of four co-opted members to the Board of Graduate Studies.
  - (iii) The appointment of the practitioners in the field of Person Centred Counselling and Psychotherapy to the Fitness to Practise Committee Panel (MA/SW, Diplomas in Specialist Social Work and Person Centred Counselling and Psychotherapy, and PGCE) on the recommendation of the Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning be approved as follows:
    - (A) John Briffitt
    - (B) Heather Swan
    - (C) Jackie Oglethorpe
    - (D) Faisal Mahmood
    - (E) Marisa Parker
    - (F) Penny Feldon

16/09-10 Awards and Distinctions

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out Awards and Distinctions that had been conferred upon members of the University since the last meeting of the Senate held on 1 July 2009 (S.6/09-10).

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That, in addition to the Awards and Distinctions included in S.6/09-10, he extended his congratulations to the Department of Physics which had been recognised by the Institute of Physics for efforts made to reduce gender inequality among staff and students, noting that Warwick, along with Imperial College London, were the first Physics Departments ever to be recognised as Juno Champions, signifying the department's culture was gender friendly and had fair and equitable policies.

17/09-10 Joint Supper for Members of the Senate and the Council

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

That as previously notified, a supper for members of the Senate and the Council would be held at the Cryfield Barn at 5.30pm today and that he looked forward to seeing members at this event.

18/09-10 REF Consultation

REPORTED: (by the Vice-Chancellor)

(a) That the Heads of Department Forum to be held on 4 November 2009 would focus on the REF, noting that further details would follow closer to the date.

(by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research: Science and Medicine))

(b) That the timetable for HEFCE's consultation with universities on the proposals for the REF would be circulated soon.

(c) That the University had been selected to participate in the REF Impact pilot, noting that this would focus on certain subject areas only and the departments involved would be contacted in due course.

19/09-10 Committee Timetable 2009/10 (minute 119/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

That the University Committee Timetable for the 2009/10 academic year, inclusive of dates for meetings of Senate and Council committees, had been published on the University's website: [www.warwick.ac.uk/go/governance/atoz/timetable](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/governance/atoz/timetable)

20/09-10 Conferral of Title of Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Reader

REPORTED:

(i) That the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate, had recommended the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Reader respectively on the following colleagues with effect from their retirement (given in brackets below):

*Emeritus Professor*

Professor Y Carter, Warwick Medical School (31 July 2009)

Professor B Parry, English and Comparative Literary Studies (31 August 2009)

Professor M Paterson, Computer Science (30 September 2009)

*Emeritus Reader*

Dr E McLeod, School of Health and Social Studies (31 October 2009)

- (ii) That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to approve the above recommendations.

Note: Professor Yvonne Carter died on 20 October 2009.

21/09-10 Revisions to Membership of First Year Board of Examiners for the Faculty of Science 2008/09

REPORTED:

That the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate, had approved the following revisions to the membership of the First Year Board of Examiners for the Faculty of Science 2008/09:

For the Department of Computer Science:

Dr J Sinclair to replace Dr N Rajpoot

Dr H Racke to replace Dr M Beynon

KMS/YSW/JF/shared/senate/2009-2010/Minutes/07Oct09mins  
15/01/10