Minutes of Meeting

Meeting: COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday 17th May 2012 at 4.15 pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Present: Mr P Troughton (Chair of Council)

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell (Vice-Chancellor)  Mr M Hawkesworth (Appointed Member)
Mr P Wyman (Treasurer)  Mr R Whorrod (Appointed Member)
Mr K Woodley (Pro-Chancellor)  Dr F Laughton (Elected by Senate)
Prof K Edge (Deputy Vice-Chancellor)  Dr M Hejmadi (Elected by Senate)
Dr S Wharton (Chair of Academic Assembly)  Professor J Knight (Elected by Senate)
Mr S Appleton (Appointed by Convocation)  Professor G Price (Elected by Senate)
Mr P Freeman (Appointed Member)  Dr A Salo (Elected by Academic Assembly)
Mrs R Foreman (Appointed Member)  Miss A Harrington (Elected by Non-Academic Staff)
Mr R Hughes (Appointed Member)  Mr D Howells (Students' Union President)
Mr T Sheppard (Appointed Member)  Mr M Benka (Students' Union Vice-President)

In Attendance:
Lord Tugendhat - Chancellor
Professor J Millar - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor B Morley - Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching)
Professor G Hawley - Dean of Engineering and Design
Professor R Eatwell - Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences
Professor D Bird - Dean of Science
Professor R Elliott - Dean and Head of the School of Management
Mrs D Aderyn - Director of Finance
Mr M Humphriss - University Secretary
Mr M Whalley - Director of Estates
Dr N Kemp - Director of Policy and Planning
Mr G Maggs - Director of Development and Alumni Relations
Mr T Kaner - Director of Marketing and Communications
Ms C Milner - Head of Secretariat
Professor M Davidson - Associate Dean, Faculty of Science (for Minute 5949)
Professor S Wonnacott - Associate Dean, Faculty of Science (for Minute 5949)
Mr A Fraser - Chair of Effectiveness Review Group (for Minute 5952)

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Gould, Sir J Horn-Smith, Mr D Medlock and Mr I Robinson.

5949  PRESENTATION: OVERVIEW OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Council received the above presentation from the Dean and Associate Deans of the Faculty of Science (Professors Bird, Davidson, Price and Wonnacott). This and the associated discussion provided an overview of:

- the research activities of the six departments of the Faculty;
- the teaching, research and financial position of the Faculty;
- forthcoming challenges, including the growth of research income and overseas recruitment.

ACTION
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 1st March 2012 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

(1) Minute 5920(1), Sports Training Village

Council noted that there had been no further developments in respect of the potential claim against the University by Bovis Lend Lease since the previous meeting.

(2) Minute 5922, Pro-Chancellors

Council noted that David Medlock and Sir Julian Horn-Smith had been re-appointed as Pro-Chancellors by Court on 4th April 2012.

EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW OF COUNCIL

Council considered the report of the Effectiveness Review Group (ERG) (Paper C11/12-78).

The discussion focussed on:

(1) Recommendation 2, Encouragement of Debate

In terms of the suggestions for encouragement of debate on Page 2 of Appendix 4, concern was expressed that routinely requiring members of Council to provide advance notice of issues which they planned to raise at the meeting might discourage the raising of new issues or suggestions emerging from discussion on the day. It was clarified that the intention of the suggestion was to ensure that significant matters were notified but that members of Council should feel free to contribute and raise issues on the day as part of their active and proactive participation in the meeting.

It was also recognised that:

- the new layout of the Council Chamber had facilitated debate and improved the conduct of proceedings;
- there was a significant level of discussion at committee stage, particularly at meetings of the Finance Committee.

(2) Recommendation 8, Diversity of Membership of Council

The importance of broadening the diversity of the membership of Council in terms of age, gender, disability and ethnicity was emphasised. Particular attention was drawn to the scope for recruitment of an international member and/or recent graduates who had achieved entrepreneurial success.

(3) Reward

The ERG had concluded that the offer of financial reward would change the dynamic of the relationship between members of Council and the University. However, it was suggested that financial support might be offered for a limited
number of places on the Council to those who could not otherwise offer their time to serve on Council. It was felt that perhaps such payments could be made on the basis of loss of earnings in a similar way to jury service. This suggestion would be borne in mind when considering future such candidates for nomination to Council.

The Chair of Council thanked the Chair, Members and Secretary of the ERG for their work on the effectiveness review.

AGREED that Recommendations 1 to 16 be approved as set out in Paper C11/12-78.

5953 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Paper C11/12-79) was noted.

The Vice-Chancellor drew attention to the market implications of the student number controls announced for 2013/14 as reported at Paragraph 2 of Paper C11/12-79.

Council then congratulated Dr Steve Wharton on his receipt of the title of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques from the French Ministry of Education in recognition of his major contribution to the promotion of French culture.

5954 RISK MANAGEMENT

Council received and noted the progress report on improvement actions for February to April 2012 (Paper C11/12-83).

5955 ANNUAL REPORT OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT UNIT

Council noted the Annual Report of the Health, Safety and Environment Unit (Paper C11/12-85).

5956 MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND JOINT COUNCIL/SENATE COMMITTEES

Council received the minutes of the following meetings of Council and Joint Council/Senate Committees:

- Council/Senate/Students’ Union Committee  29th February 2012
- Equalities and Diversity Committee  19th April 2012

5957 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council noted the summary report from Executive Committee (14th March 2012) (Paper C11/12-89).

5958 SENATE

Council noted the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 22nd February 2012 and 18th April 2012 (Papers C11/12-90 and 91).
5959 **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2011/12**

It was noted that the final meeting of Council for 2011/12 would be held on Thursday 28th June 2012 at 4.15pm in the Council Chamber.

5960 **MEMBER OF COUNCIL**
**RESIGNATION OF MR DAVID GOULD**

The Chair reported that Mr David Gould, Member of Council, had been appointed as the General Manager of Submarines in the Australian Government Department of Defence. This sadly meant that Mr Gould would be resigning his membership of Council at the end of July 2012. A casual vacancy in the membership of Council to 31st July 2013 would therefore be created.

5961 **FOUNDATION DEGREE IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELLING**
**PART-TIME FEES FOR TOP-UP TO BSC (HONS) ADDICTIONS COUNSELLING WORK-BASED LEARNING DEGREE**

The President of the Students’ Union drew the attention of Council to the position of students who wished to study for the BSc(Hons) Addictions Counselling Work-Based Learning Degree part-time having completed the Foundation Degree in Addictions Counselling on a full-time basis. A recent change in government legislation meant that the students would be treated as new rather than continuing students and would therefore be liable for higher fees than originally anticipated. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) reported that this issue had only emerged earlier in the day and therefore further consideration would be required outside of the meeting. The matter could then be brought forward to the next meeting of the Finance Committee if necessary.

5962 **RETIRING MEMBERS**

Council noted that the Students’ Union President (David Howells) and Vice-President Education (Matt Benka) would shortly be completing their terms of office on Council. The Chair thanked both of the retiring members for their contribution to the work of the Council and wished them the best for the future.