

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

COUNCIL

2nd October 2013 at 5:00pm

MINUTES

Members present: Mr J E K Smith (Pro-Chancellor, in the Chair); Professor K Armour; Dr C N Banks CBE (Deputy Pro-Chancellor); Mr D Davies OBE; Mr M Devenish; Professor D S Eastwood (Vice-Chancellor and Principal); Professor J Frampton; Professor P Fryer; Dr M G Gilbert (Treasurer); Ms E Halford (Postgraduate Mature Students Officer, Guild of Students); Mr R Halton; Mr R Haywood; Ms S Kaur-Stubbs; Ms C Merrick; Professor A Sanders; Dr R Sondhi CBE; Professor A Tickell; Ms P Wilkinson (President, Guild of Students)

Also present: Professor J Bale (Pro-Vice-Chancellor); Mrs G Ball OBE (Director of Finance); Professor K Chipman (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of College); Professor J K Heath (Pro-Vice-Chancellor); Professor E J Jenkinson (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of College); Mr P Clack (Director of International Relations); Mrs C McDonough (Assistant Secretary); Professor E W Peck (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of College); Professor M C Press (Pro-Vice-Chancellor); Mr L Sanders (Registrar and Secretary); Professor M Whitby (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of College) Professor R A Williams OBE (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of College)

Apologies: Dr D Anderson; Dr R Horton; Mr R J Keys; Ms H Paver (Director of HR); Dr N E Price OBE.

Papers: The minute book contains copies of all written papers or reports to which reference is made below unless indicated otherwise.

13/59 Membership and Terms of Reference

Noted:

- (a) the membership and terms of reference of Council (CO.13.10.01);
- (b) that Ms Cilla Snowball had resigned from the Council in August 2013.

13/60 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2013 be approved (CO.13.10.02). There were no matters arising.

13/61 Pro-Chancellor's Items

Received: a report from the Pro-Chancellor (CO.13.10.03). A summary of the outcome of the annual one-to-one meetings was tabled.

Noted:

- (a) the positive outcome of the one-to-one meetings in terms of overall satisfaction

- (b) with the effectiveness of the Council and its discharge of formal responsibilities; that actions regarding individual members of Council would be progressed by the Pro-Chancellor;
- (c) a further update would be received by Council in November 2013.

13/62 Vice-Chancellor's Items

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor (CO.13.10.04). Council particularly welcomed:

- (a) the award of the title of The Times and Sunday Times University of the Year 2013/14. This was a wonderful achievement which recognised a huge team effort and demonstrated how the ethos of the University was being recognised and celebrated externally;
- (b) the achievement of financial close on the Dental Hospital which was scheduled to open in 2015.

13/63 Admissions and Recruitment - Update

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

Considered: an update on the home and international recruitment position for 2013/14 and an overview of the challenges and approach to the 2014/15 recruitment cycle (CO.13.10.06).

13/64 International Strategy

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

Considered: a discussion paper on the University's International Strategy. This had been discussed earlier in the afternoon as part of the Council Strategy Day (CO.13.10.07).

13/65 The University's Developing Partnership with Jinan University

(COMMERCIAL AND IN CONFIDENCE)

Considered: the proposed phased approach to development of the University's partnership with Jinan University (CO.13.10.08).

13/66 Items approved between Meetings of Council

Received: a list of items approved since the meeting of the Council on 26th June 2013 under the procedure for approval of business between meetings of Council (CO.13.10.09).

13/67 Affixing of the University Seal

Received: a report noting the transactions which had required use of the University Seal since the last meeting of Council (CO.13.10.10).

13/68 Any Other Business
Retiring Member

On behalf of Council, the Pro-Chancellor thanked Ms Emily Halford, Guild Postgraduate and Mature Students Officer, for her service as a member of Council for the past two years.

13/69 Programme of Meetings 2013/14

Noted: the Programme of Meetings for Council for the remainder of 2013/14.

26th November 2013, 5:30pm, Council presentation & dinner
27th November 2013, 9:00am, Council meeting

4th February 2014, 5:30pm, Council presentation & dinner
5th February 2014, 9:00am, Council meeting

9th April 2014, 10:00am, Council strategy day & dinner

1st July 2014, 5:30pm, Council presentation & dinner
2nd July 2014, 9:00am, Council meeting