

**ACADEMIC BOARD  
Minutes of the meeting held on  
9 NOVEMBER 2004**

Present:

Mr J Bennett	Dr T Middleton
Mr J Cooper	Dr F Montgomery
Professor D Cush	Mr F Morgan (Chair)
Mr A E Dewberry (Secretary)	Ms J Parry
Mr A Dyson	Professor N Sammells
Mr C Ellicott	Dr G Smith
Professor R George	Dr A Thomas
Dr T Hill	Professor D Timms
Professor R Mears	

In attendance: Mr J Brady, Dr P Davies

Unable to attend: Mr P Bland, Dr C White

**04/01 MINUTES: 7 JULY 2004**

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2004, which had been circulated, were received as a correct record.

**04/02 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**04/03 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

The Chair referred to the imminent visit of QAA to review BSUC's application for university title and urged the Board and in particular the Heads of School to have great confidence in the work of the institution based on:

- High quality academic courses
- Strong student recruitment
- Excellent ratings against sector wide performance indicators
- Sound financial position

**04/04 UNIVERSITY TITLE : 'THE TEACHING-LED UNIVERSITY'**

Professor D Timms expanded on Paper D278 informing the Academic Board of the progress of BSUC's application for university title and initiating a discussion of strategic consequences in the event of success.

The Chair indicated that a full report on the key features of the teaching-led university will be made to the Board of Governors in April or June 2005. He stressed the critical importance of having teaching as a primary function in strategic planning for many years to come.

Following discussion, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D278;
- b) noted the progress of BSUC's application for university title and in particular that a visit by QAA assessors is planned for 29/30 November 2004, and
- c) noted the importance of Minerva and the potential for third leg funding to replace RAE income.

**04/05 GRADUATE SCHOOL : ANNUAL REPORT ON RESEARCH DEGREE PROVISION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2003 / 04**

The Head of the Graduate School, Dr P Davies, referred to Paper D279 providing the Academic Board with an overview of the Graduate School activities and baseline data for the academic year 2003 / 04.

Following discussion, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D279, and
- b) noted that the annual report would also be submitted to Supervised Postgraduate Research Study Committee of the University of the West of England.

**04/06 ITEMS FOR RECEIPT**

The Academic Board formally received minutes of the following meetings:

BOG	:	30 June 2004
E&CS	:	12 May 2004
H&CS SB	:	27 May 2004
		21 October 2004
M&PA SB	:	19 April 2004
		28 June 2004
SS SB	:	4 May 2004
	:	18 October 2004
S&E SB	:	5 May 2004
AQSC	:	8 April 2004
HD (R) C	:	30 June 2004
HD (R) C	:	13 October 2004

The meeting closed at 1025 hrs.

Anthony E Dewberry  
**Secretary**  
20 November 2004