

ACADEMIC BOARD
Minutes of the meeting held on
11 January 2005

<u>Present:</u>	Mr J Bennett Mr J Cooper Mr A E Dewberry (Secretary) Mr A Dyson Mr C Ellicott Professor R George Dr T Hill Professor R Mears Dr T Middleton	Dr F Montgomery Mr F Morgan (Chair) Ms J Parry Professor N Sammells Dr G Smith Dr A Thomas Professor D Timms Dr C White
<u>In attendance:</u>	Mr J Brady, Dr C Davies	
<u>Unable to attend:</u>	Mr P Bland, Professor D Cush	

04/07 ACADEMIC BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Academic Board formally welcomed the following new members: Mr J Bennett, Professor D Cush and Dr T Hill.

04/08 MINUTES : 9 NOVEMBER 2004

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2004, which had been circulated, were received as a correct record.

04/09 MATTERS ARISING

None.

04/10 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

None.

04/11 USE OF THE UCAS TARIFF

The Chair referred to Paper D280 inviting the Academic Board to endorse proposals for greater use of the UCAS tariff, a paper which previously had been considered by the Senior Management Team.

Following discussion, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D280;
- b) noted the deletion of the third sentence in para 14;
- c) requested the Registrar to provide clarification on BTEC grades, and
- d) endorsed the proposals for greater use of the UCAS tariff in offers to applicants from the 2006 admissions round onwards.

04/12 UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT 2003 / 04

Dr C Davies expanded on Paper D281 providing the Academic Board with an analysis of undergraduate assessment results 2003 / 04 and proposing consequent action.

Following extended discussion, the Academic Board:

- a) received paper D281;
- b) noted the amendment of para 23 to read, "Any module with an overall failure rate in excess of 6.6% of the mean should once again consider whether there are reasons for their exceeding the BSUC mean";
- c) noted the success of the Bath School of Art & Design in re-aligning the proportion of 2.2s awarded to Art and Design students;
- d) noted the omission of Visual Culture in the list of abbreviations on page 7, and
- e) approved the actions proposed in the report.

04/13 CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING & LEARNING

The Chair referred to Paper D282 informing the Academic Board of BSUC's successful bid to host a Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL).

Following consideration, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D282, and
- b) noted that a formal announcement would be made by HEFCE at the end of January.

04/14 CURRENT ISSUES

Professor D Timms referred to Paper D283 informing the Academic Board about significant developments in higher education that affect BSUC.

Mr J Brady expanded on the arrangements described in para. 2.4 for the award of bursaries on sliding scale based on the means tested contributions to tuition fees.

Dr A Thomas confirmed that Foundation Degree fees will be charged at the full £3000 level. The Board noted that BSUC retained the flexibility to reduce tuition fee levels and / or increase the provision of bursaries without reference to OFFA.

Following discussion, the Academic Board received Paper D283.

04/15 ITEMS FOR RECEIPT

The Academic Board formally received minutes of the following meetings:

ED	SB	:	17 November 2004
H&CS	SB	:	9 December 2004
SS	SB	:	29 November 2004
		:	18 October 2004
AQSC		:	3 June 2004
HD (R)C		:	1 December 2004
L&TC		:	19 October 2004
RC&SC		:	14 October 2004

04/16 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Mr J Cooper referred to the late delivery of the Board's Agenda and supporting papers. The Secretary undertook to review the dates of meetings in the next academic year to provide sufficient time for the drafting and publication of reports.

The meeting closed at 1015 hrs.

Anthony E Dewberry
Secretary
12 January 2005