

ACADEMIC BOARD
Minutes of the meeting held on
10 OCTOBER 2006

Present:

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

In attendance: Mr J Brady, Mr D Hamilton

Unable to attend: Mr D Pickett

06/01 MINUTES : 4 JULY 2006

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2006, which had been circulated, were received as a correct record.

06/02 MATTERS ARISING

None.

06/03 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

06/03.1 **Dr Brian Griffin**

The Chair welcomed Dr Griffin as a new member of the Academic Board.

06/03.2 **Chair's Action : School Board**

The Vice Chancellor reported that he had taken Chair's Action to establish a School Board for the new School for Development and Participation.

06/04 RESEARCH DEGREE AWARDING POWERS

Professor D Timms referred to Paper D301 describing aspects of the procedure for applying for research degree awarding powers and inviting comment on the draft 'Critical self-analysis'.

The meeting noted that formally the application will be submitted by the Board of Governors (to which a report will be presented in the October cycle) to the Privy Council which will then take advice from the appropriate QAA Advisory Committee.

Professor Timms received several comments and examples of the strong relationship between research and teaching throughout the institution together with information on financial support for PhD students.

Following consideration, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D301;
- b) noted the process for applying for research degree awarding powers;
- c) commended the application for approval by the Board of Governors, and
- d) requested the Head of Graduate School to review the destinations of students completing their PhDs.

06/05 STUDENT APPLICATIONS AND RECRUITMENT 2006 / 07

The Vice Chancellor referred to Paper D302 reporting the number of students who applied for entry to the University in 2006 / 07 and provisional recruitment figures in 2006 / 07 for full-time degree and PGCE courses.

Dr A Thomas expanded on his report and confirmed an encouraging recruitment pattern which appeared to be unaffected by the introduction of variable tuition fees. Applications per place remain healthy compared with the University's peer group. The Board was advised that a reprint of the 2007 / 08 Prospectus was required in order to meet demand.

Dr Thomas expressed disappointment at recruitment to certain Foundation Degrees in FE partner institutions and informed the Board that he would be undertaking a strategic review of BSU's provision in FE.

Mr S Ward reported on new government initiatives for Foundation Degrees in Early Years, Youth work and Health funded through the local education authority.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated all staff that had been involved with the University's success in marketing, recruitment and registration.

Following discussion, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D302, and
- b) noted the successful introduction of on-line registration in 2006 / 07.

06/06 ITEMS FOR RECEIPT

The Academic Board formally received minutes of the following meetings.

E&CS	SB	:	29 March 2006
		:	10 May 2006
E	SB	:	17 May 2006
HD (T)		:	21 June 2006
HD (R)		:	5 July 2006
AQSC		:	8 June 2006

The meeting closed at 1020 hrs.

Anthony E Dewberry
Secretary
10 October 2006