

ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on

19 May 2009

<u>Present:</u>	Ms A Baud	Professor R Mears
	Mr J Bennett	Professor T Middleton
	Mr J Cozens-Smith	Professor F Montgomery
	Professor P Davies	Mr D Moore
	Dr M Deegalle	Professor F Morgan (Chair)
	Mr A E Dewberry (Secretary)	Mr P Sharma
	Mr A Dyson	Dr A Thomas
	Mr C Ellicott	Professor D Timms
	Dr M Lundskaer Nielson	Professor S Ward

In attendance: Mr J Brady, Mr D Hamilton, Ms K Akerman, Dr C Davies

Unable to attend: Professor N Sammells

08/19 MINUTES : 10 MARCH 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2009, which had been circulated, were received as a correct record.

08/20 MATTERS ARISING

None.

08/21 UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT 2007 / 08

Dr C Davies referred to Paper D338 providing the Academic Board with an analysis of undergraduate assessment results 2007 / 08 and recommending consequent action. The Board noted that this report had been considered by AQSC.

Dr Davies expanded on the principal features of the data including an increase in the number of upper second and first class degrees, a decrease in the number of third or ordinary degrees awarded and an increase in the number of first year withdrawals.

Following discussion, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D338, and
- b) approved the recommendations described in paragraphs 10 and 18.

08/22 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2009 / 10

Mr J Brady referred to Paper D339, which had been circulated electronically, inviting the Academic Board to consider the Budget Proposals 2009 / 10 and to advise the Vice Chancellor on the distribution of academic budgets.

The draft budget was based on the potential deficit of £4.6m in 2012 / 13 described in the Vice Chancellor's e-mail to all staff dated 8 April 2009.

Mr Brady expanded on the key features of next year's funding including a reduction in non-staff budgets, savings from the reduction, merger or closure of activities, the importance of recruiting to target and the reallocation of some support staff budgets which traditionally had been administered centrally, to Heads of School.

The Vice Chancellor, whilst noting the University's need to position itself to accord with future government policy, stressed the importance of protecting the institution's academic activities and building on opportunities for development and innovation.

Following consideration, the Academic Board:

- a) received Paper D339, and
- b) noted that the annual revenue budget will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval on 24 June 2009.

08/23 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

08/24 ITEMS FOR RECEIPT

The Academic Board formally received 'confirmed' minutes of the following meetings:

BSAD	SB	:	13 November 2008
HCS	SB	:	4 December 2008
S&E	SB	:	7 January 2009
HDR		:	4 February 2009
RCSC	SB	:	15 January 2009
Ed	SB	:	14 January 2009
AQSC		:	5 February 2009
HDC (T)		:	19 November 2008
SS	SB	:	11 February 2009
HD(R)C		:	25 March 2009
D&P	SB	:	2 February 2009

The meeting closed at 1015 hrs.

Anthony E Dewberry
Secretary
19 May 2009