

COUNCIL

10 June 2010 at 14:00

Oak House

MINUTES

Members:	Mr M Taylor (Chair)	*Professor G Nicholls
	Professor C M Snowden (Vice-Chancellor)	Professor M Olssen
	Mr T Chambers	Mr I Robertson
	drs J Derwig	*Mr D Rogers
	Mr D Eustace	*Professor N Seaton
	*Dr J Forrest	Miss E Simos
	*Professor J Hay	Professor A Sterr
	*Mr A Herman	Mr K Taylor
	Professor M Kearney	*Ms A Watts
	*Ms D Langston	Professor S Williamson
	*Mr D McNulty	*Professor Lord R Winston

*denotes member unable to attend

In attendance: Mr P Henry – University Registrar and Secretary, Clerk to Council
Mr G Melly – Director, Corporate Services

A INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

10/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dr John Forrest, Prof John Hay, Mr Ashley Herman, Ms Doreen Langston, Mr David McNulty, Prof Gill Nicholls, Mr David Rogers, Ms Anne Watts and Prof Robert Winston.

B PRINCIPAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

10/23 Proposal for Revisions to Charter & Statutes

Consideration was given to the papers setting out the details of the proposed changes to Charter and Statutes (circulated as 10/CNL/17). Members were reminded that the purpose of the changes was to align Charter and Statutes with current practice and legislation (in particular to take account of the Executive Board) and to take some advantage of the opportunity to de-regulate governance arrangements.

Mr Henry advised that legal advice had been sought from Mills and Reeve and confirmation had been received that the proposed changes would have the effect that was desired. They indicated also that there was scope for further deregulation as part of what would be a second phase of changes to Charter and Statutes. The Privy Council office had been apprised of this prospect also and had concurred with the approach.

It was noted that, following consideration of the proposals by the Senate at its meeting on 11 May 2010, a subsequent amendment to the provisions for the Academic Assembly was recommended and this was reflected in the papers. Mr Henry advised members of a further minor textual change that would be needed to ensure consistency between references to the Academic Assembly in Charter and Statutes.

The Council **agreed** unanimously to approve the Special Resolution to amend the Charter and Statutes as outlined in the papers 10/CNL/17.

C CLOSING ITEMS

Dates of Next Meetings

2010:

22 July

14-15 October – annual away day Council/Executive Board

25 November

2011:

17 March

21 July

29/30 September

24 November

**Mr Max Taylor
Chair of Council**