University of Strathclyde

SENATE

Minutes: Wednesday 26 January 2011

Present: Principal (in the chair)
Dr S Butler, Professor D Christie, Dr C W Coles, Professor G Coombs, Dr A W Cross, Dr P Davies, Mrs S Ellis, Mrs E Figgins, Professor J Finch, Professor M Fox, Dr D Goldie, Dr M Grant, Mr B Green, Dr D Harle, Dr N Hunt, Professor I Hunter, Professor K Ibeh, Professor A Incecik, Professor A Kendrick, Professor W Kerr, Professor R Land, Professor D Littlejohn, Professor S MacGregor, Professor A McGrew, Dr P McKenna, Dr A McLaren, Dr D MacKenzie, Professor S Marshall, Professor R Martin, Professor K Miller, Dr R Murray, Professor M Pacione, Dr C Prior, Dr P Riches, Dr R Rogerson, Dr C Schaschke, Professor P Skabara, Dr S Tagg, Dr R Tate, Dr K Thompson, Professor L Walls, Dr D Willison, Professor P Winn

Attending: Mr H Hall, Professor C Grant, Dr D McGhee, Dr P Sayer, Professor T Bedford, Dr G Mann, Professor X Mao, Mr P Whyte, Mr G Allan, Dr V O'Halloran, Ms S Hansen, Ms J Meredith

Apologies: Dr K Barton, Professor S Carter, Dr A Coddington, Dr G Connelly, Professor B Conway, Professor J Corney, Professor J Darby, Professor M Dawson, Dr C Eschle, Dr V Ferro, Professor D Gani, Professor S Hart, Dr M Heimann, Dr N Langford, Dr J A McInnes, Professor C Mason, Dr D Nash, Dr N NicDaeid, Professor D Nickson, Dr H Pinto, Professor S Porta, Dr S Rasmussen, Professor K Swales, Dr L Woolfson, Professor I Wooton

Obituary

Senate stood for a minute’s silence to mark the passing of Professor John Gennard, former Head of Department of Human Resource Management and former Dean of Strathclyde Business School who died on 11 January 2011

11427 Minutes of the meeting of 17th November 2010

Senate approved the Minutes of the meeting of 17th November 2010.

11428 Convenor’s Action

Senate noted and endorsed the actions taken by the Principal on its behalf as detailed in Paper 3.1.

11429 Principal’s Report and Correspondence

The Principal reminded members that the Green Paper on the future of Higher Education in Scotland was out for consultation and encouraged participation in the consultation events where possible. Strathclyde had been represented in all appropriate fora and was participating fully in the consultations. Senate would be kept informed as matters progressed. Significant funding cuts would affect the Sector in 2011/12 with more likely over the next four years. This would be exacerbated by
the uncertainty caused by the forthcoming Scottish elections. The Principal reassured members that the University is meeting the challenges of the public funding cuts and is adopting a planned, proactive and measured approach that aimed at delivering the soon to be published 2015 Strategy.

The Principal also updated Senate on the following:

- The Advanced Forming Research Centre had been officially opened by the Duke of York in his role as Special Representative for International Trade and Investment.
- The Cancer Research UK West of Scotland Cancer Centre was launched in January. It is a partnership involving Strathclyde, the University of Glasgow and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The Principal noted that Strathclyde had the capacity to impact on health related issues despite not having a Medical School.
- Work was ongoing on forming a multi-disciplinary academic directorate, Chaired by the Principal, to drive the Technology Innovation Centre development forward. It was noted that the TIC was not an end point and it would provide a framework for working that could be replicated across the University.
- A Doctoral Training Centre is planned to focus on PhDs in areas which resonate with the TIC agenda.
- The University had retained Investors in People status. The report was balanced and informative and would shortly be published on the website. Suggestions for improvements would be taken forward.
- Consultation was ongoing on a consistent method to manage consultancy activity. The Principal encouraged staff to become involved in consultancy, particularly when connected to research. However, the University needed to manage this effectively to mitigate risks and ensure appropriate reporting. The matter had been discussed with UCU at the recent JNCC and their feedback was expected mid February. Members of Senate who wished to comment were asked to approach Fergus Brown in HR to receive appropriate documentation.
- The Accountability and Development Review Process was now up and running. A proposal to provide more opportunities for staff development was being considered which would bring the progression cycle for Lecturer to Senior Lecturer in line with progression to Readership and Professorial promotions. It was also proposed that responsibility for management of Probationary status and progression from Lecturer A to Lecturer B should reside in Faculties with participation/support from Senior Officers.

11430 Items for Recommendation to Court

.1 Introduction of the award Doctor of Pharmacy (DPharm) A1, BP04

Senate **resolved to recommend** to Court that, subject to scrutiny by Ordinances and Regulations Committee, the award title and abbreviation “Doctor of Pharmacy (DPharm)” be approved for inclusion in Ordinance 3.1 from 2011/12. Senate noted that the alternative “PharmD” was used for the initial qualification for pharmacists in the USA and the Department therefore wished to avoid using this abbreviation.

11431 Recommendations for Approval *nem con*

.1 Collaborative Arrangements

.1 Articulation Agreement with School of Science, Nanjing University of Science and Technology
Senate approved the proposed Articulation Agreement between the Faculty of Science, University of Strathclyde, and the School of Science, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, be approved for five years from 1 March 2011 as detailed in Appendix B4.1 of BP04.

.2 MOU with Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

Senate approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Physics, Strathclyde and Sichuan University, Chengdu, China to explore the potential for collaboration as detailed in Appendix B4.2(i) of BP04.

.3 Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia

Senate approved the agreement between the Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences and the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia to set up student and staff exchanges and the Memorandum of Understanding between same to explore the potential for further collaboration, building on existing research links as detailed in Appendix B4.2(ii) of BP04.

.4 International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur

Senate approved the collaboration between the Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences and the International Medical University, Malaysia (IMU), on delivery of the MRes in Drug Delivery Systems, leading to the award of the degree by Strathclyde, for a period of three years in the first instance. Appendix B4.3 of BP04.

.2 Introduction of Courses and Classes

.1 Professional Doctorate in Pharmacy

Senate approved the Professional Doctorate in Pharmacy for introduction from 2011/12, subject to approval of the new award by Court and scrutiny by Ordinances and Regulations Committee of the proposed course regulations in Appendix A1of BP04.

.2 PG Cert/Dip/MSc Nanoscience

Senate approved the Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma/MSc in Nanoscience for introduction from 2011/12, subject to scrutiny of the course regulations in Appendix B3, BP04 by Ordinances and Regulations Committee.
.3 PG Cert/Dip/MSc Optical Technologies

Senate approved the Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma/MSc in Optical Technologies for introduction from 2011/12, subject to scrutiny of the course regulations in Appendix B3, BP04 by Ordinances and Regulations Committee.

.4 PG Cert/Dip/MSc Photonics & Device Microfabrication

Senate approved the Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma/MSc in Photonics & Device Microfabrication for introduction from 2011/12, subject to scrutiny of the course regulations in Appendix B3, BP04 by Ordinances and Regulations Committee.

.5 PG Cert/Dip/MSc Quantum Coherence

Senate approved the Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma/MSc in Quantum Coherence for introduction from 2011/12, subject to scrutiny of the course regulations in Appendix B3, BP04 by Ordinances and Regulations Committee.

.6 MEng in Sports Engineering (DMEM) A1, BP05

Senate approved the MEng in Sports Engineering for introduction from 1 September 2011 as set out in Appendix 1 of BP05, subject to scrutiny by the Ordinances and Regulations Committee.

.7 MSc Leadership in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry

Senate approved the MSc Leadership in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry to be introduced with effect from session 2011/12, subject to the scrutiny of draft regulations by Ordinances and Regulations Committee. A1.1, BP06

.8 Introduction of New Postgraduate Classes

Senate approved the introduction of new classes to the MSc Supply Chain Management and in the Department of Management Science, the Department of Management and the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship as detailed in Section A.4 of BP06.

.9 Introduction of New Undergraduate Classes

Senate approved four new Honours classes offered by the Department of Management Science for students taking the Principal Subjects Business Technology and Management Science be amended as detailed in section A5 of BP06 with effect from session 2011/12, subject to scrutiny by Ordinances and Regulations Committee.

.3 Amendments to Prizes & Scholarships Regulations

Senate approved amendments to Regulations 8.5.1 and 6 relating to the following prizes and scholarships as detailed in Appendix B2 of BP04.
.1 Robert Hart Scholarship
.2 Sir Herman Bondi Prize, Mathematics
.3 GlaxoSmithKline Undergraduate Prize in Pharmacology
.4 P J Heald Memorial Prize, Biochemistry
.5 Kelvin Prizes, Mathematics and Physics
.6 McFarlane Lang Prizes, Bioscience
.7 George E Moffat Fund, Biochemistry
.8 Muirhead Scholarships, MPharm
.9 James L Paterson Prize, MPharm
.10 Miss E M Rosenfeld Bursary, Pharmacy
.11 James Taylor Prizes, MPharm
.12 Wyndham Williams Prize in Mathematics

.4 New Prizes

.1 The Ian Davidson Scholarship

Senate approved the introduction of the Ian Davidson Scholarship according to the terms agreed in Paper 5.4.1.

.2 The Frederick M Bruce Prize (EEE) B1, BP05

Senate approved the Frederick M Bruce Prize, as detailed in B1 of BP05, for inclusion in the 2011/12 University Calendar.

.3 The H Frances Bruce Prize (EEE) B1, BP05

Senate approved the H Frances Bruce Prize, as detailed in B1 of BP05, for inclusion in the 2011/12 University Calendar.

.5 Withdrawal of Prizes

Senate approved removal of the following prizes from the University Calendar as detailed in Appendix B2.2 of BP04: 

.1 Conway Wood Prize, Horticulture
.2 Incorporation of Bakers of Glasgow Prize, Food Science
.3 The Institute of Food Science and Technology Scottish Branch Prize
.4 Scottish Association of Master Bakers Prize, Food Science
.5 The McNeil Ltd (Johnson & Johnson) Prize, Pharmacy
.6 Organon Prize for Pharmacology

.6 Appointment of Vice Deans and Associate Deans

.1 Vice-Dean (Academic)

Senate approved the appointment of Dr Chris Prior, Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences, as Vice-Dean (Academic), Faculty of Science, from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2014. B1, BP 04

.2 Vice Dean (Knowledge Exchange)

Senate approved the proposal that that the Vice Dean (Research and Knowledge Exchange) in the Business School be renamed as Vice Dean
(Research), and a new Vice Dean (Knowledge Exchange) be created as a 0.5FTE position.

Senators noted that the Principal had approved the appointment of Professor Paul Thompson (Human Resource Management) as Vice Dean Research as noted in paper 3.1 and that a Search Committee would be established in order to make a recommendation for appointment of a new Vice-Dean (Knowledge Exchange) as soon as possible. B1, BP 06

.3 Vice-Dean (Academic)

Senate approved the appointment of Professor David Hillier as Vice-Dean (Academic), Business School, from 1 January 2011 to 31 July 2014. B2, BP 06

.4 Associate Dean (International)

Senate approved the post of Associate Dean (International) in the Faculty of Engineering, for a period of two years in the first instance A2, BP05

.5 Associate Dean (Postgraduate)

Senate approved the appointment of Dr Calvin Burns as Associate Dean (Postgraduate) (0.2FTE) in the Business School. C BP06

.6 Associate Dean (Research Enhancement)

Senate approved the appointment of Professor Sara Carter as Associate Dean (Research Enhancement) (0.2FTE) in the Business School. C BP06

.7 General Boards of Examiners: Waiver of Progress Regulations

Senate approved the waiver of Regulation 11.1.34 as detailed in R09.

.8 Business School Postgraduate Fees

Senate approved the fees outlined in appendix A of BP06 for postgraduate taught courses in the Business School for 2011-12 and noted that the MBA fees would be confirmed following publication of the FT rankings.

11432 Items for Information

Senate noted the following items of information.

.1 University Strategic Plan, CM 4484, BP03
.2 Internationalisation Activities, CM 4485, BP03
.3 Financial Statements, CM 4486, BP03
.4 University Health and Safety Policy, CM4489.2, BP03
.5 Fellowship of the University, CM 4490, BP03
.6 Charter and Statutes, CM 4482, BP03
.7 Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance, CM 4487, BP03
.8 Succession Planning for Chancellor, CM 4488, BP03
.9 Memorandum of Understanding with King Faisal University [SM 11406.1] C1, BP04
.10 Changes to Guidelines for Faculty Compensation and Progression C, BP05
.11 PGT Admissions C BP06
.12 PGT Fees C BP06
.13 Minutes of the Education Strategy Committee meetings of 21st October 2010 and 25 November 2010, BP08
.14 Minutes of the Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee meeting of 22nd November 2010, BP09
.15 Minutes of the meeting of Ordinances and Regulations Committee held on 24th November 2010, BP10
.16 Minutes of the meeting of Quality Monitoring Committee held on 9th December 2010, BP011
.17 Minutes of the meeting of Senate Discipline Committee held on 6th December 2010, BP14

11433. RESERVED BUSINESS