



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the business session of the meeting of the Board of Governors held at 2.00pm on Monday, 17 September 2007 at the Ramada Grange Hotel, Winterbourne.

Present: Ray Burton (Chairman), Bob Barnett, Rosamund Blomfield-Smith, Chris Booy, Nigel Costley, Ruth Drysdale, Sherrie Eugene, Matt Hughes, Dom Passfield, Rt Revd Barry Rogerson, Prof Bhupinder Sandhu, Graham van der Lely, Prof Steve West

Apologies: Iain Gray, Lise Seager

In Attendance: Prof Rob Cuthbert, Katie Owen-Jones, John Rushforth

MEMBERSHIP

G07.9.1 Further to correspondence sent to members in advance of the meeting, the Board of Governors **RESOLVED** to appoint Louis Sherwood as an independent member with immediate effect and until 31 July 2010.

Dr Sherwood joined the meeting at this point.

Minutes G07.9.2-4 are confidential to the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

G07.9.5 Noted, Paper G07/9/2, a report on the action taken since the last meeting by the Emergency Committee at its meeting on 30 August 2007.

G07.9.6 The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, John Rushforth, updated the Board on the various projects. Dr Sherwood declared an interest as a Trustee of @Bristol; he was not required to leave the meeting. As far as @Bristol was concerned, the University had received a response from the agents to its expression of interest. On the basis of the conditions and further response required, it had been decided not to continue with the bid, although the University had indicated its willingness to talk to the successful bidder or to the RDA if it did not take further its talks with other bidders.

SWINDON DEVELOPMENT

G07.9.7 The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, John Rushforth, reported that the University had been in discussion and signed a memorandum of understanding with Swindon Borough Council, and had commissioned a feasibility study on providing higher education in Swindon. The proposal was for an employer-led approach with programmes designed with employers, but the University retaining responsibility for and control over the quality of programmes. Initial discussions about a possible site had been held, but there were no firm commitments as yet. There had been strong signals of support from the RDA. HEFCE had indicated that additional student numbers would be available if funding was also provided by

employers. The Board welcomed the development and looked forward to receiving additional information and a business case.

RESEARCH INCOME

G07.9.8 The Board congratulated everyone concerned in achieving the increase in research funding to the University, which reflected the good work that had been put in over the last few years.

Meeting closed 2.45pm.