Senate

09/64  A meeting of the Senate was held in The Nike Theatre, Agriculture Building, Earley Gate, on Wednesday 7 October 2009 at 2.30 pm.

Present:

The Vice-Chancellor

Dr M J Almond
Revd Dr T R Astin
Professor R K Auchmuty
Professor M A Baker
Dr S Banks
Professor D C Berry
Professor J C Bignell
Dr I M Bland
Dr R Bonser
Dr S P Burke
Professor R W Chapman
Professor M Clark
Dr C Cirillo
Dr G K Cook
Dr B Cosh
Dr J D Creighton
Professor S Dentith
Professor T A Downes
Professor S I Edwards
Professor J A Ellis
Professor R H Ellis
Professor P R Ghandhi
Professor V A Gibson
Dr P J Giddings
Dr P Glaister
Dr M J Gooding
Professor C G Guy

Professor R G Harrison
Professor B Heuser
Professor C J Hilson
Professor W P Hughes
Professor U S Kambhampati
Dr M-M Kleinhans
Professor P M Leopold
Professor G Marston
Dr P Miskell
Professor S J Mithen
Mrs J H Munro
Professor S Nortcliff
Professor J Pemberton
Mr T Pitman
Dr C Print
Ms A C Quinn
Professor R I Robson
Dr I F Roe
Dr V F Ruiz
Dr J E Setter
Professor C M Sutcliffe
Dr F Tallett
Mrs G Taylor
Professor J R Tiffin
Professor S F Walker
Professor A C Williams
Professor C M Williams

The University Secretary

Students:

Ms E Bell
Ms S Brennan
Mr T Gilchrist
Ms M Pennyfather

In attendance:

Mrs J A Ghandhi
Mr S P R Horan
Dr R J Messer
Mr C Robbins
The Minutes (09/36-09/58) of the meeting held on 25 June 2009 were confirmed and signed.

Arising on the Minutes:

**Minute 09/44: Report of the University Board for Teaching and Learning**

It was reported that one of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor Robson) and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor had agreed on behalf of the University Board for Teaching and Learning and the Vice-Chancellor had agreed on behalf of the Senate:

(a) the introduction of an MChem programme in Chemistry with Forensic Analysis with effect from October 2010;

(b) the introduction of a BA programme in Business with effect from October 2010;

(c) the introduction of a BA programme in Business and Management with effect from October 2010;

(d) the introduction of a Graduate Certificate programme in Evidence-based Psychological Treatments (IAPT Pathway) with effect from September 2009.

(e) the introduction of Certificates in Higher Education in Building Surveying (External), in Construction Management (External), in Property Management (External) and in Quantity Surveying (External), all with retrospective effect.

*09/66  Report of the Committees of Selection for the Professorship of Planning (Item 2(a)(i))

* The Senate received the Report of the Committee of Selection for the Professorship of Planning.

*09/67  Report of the Committees of Selection for the Readership in Real Estate and Planning (Item 2(a)(ii))

* The Senate received the Report of the Committee of Selection for the Readership in Real Estate and Planning.

*09/68  Report of the Committees of Selection for the Directorship of the Graduate Teacher Programme (Item 2(a)(iii))
The Senate received the Report of the Committee of Selection for the Directorship of the Graduate Teacher Programme.

09/69  **Elections (Item 2(b))**

(i) Nomination by the Senate of one member of the Academic Staff to serve on the Restructuring Committee established by the Council in respect of the School of Continuing Education: It was reported that one nomination had been received, that of Professor P.R. Ghandhi. Accordingly, Professor Ghandhi had been appointed to the Restructuring Committee by the President on behalf of the Council.

(ii) Election of one member by and from amongst the registered students of each Faculty for the Session 2009-10: It was reported that elections were to be conducted imminently.

09/70  **Students' Union (Item 2(c))**

The Senate approved a proposal from the Students' Union that the following five Officers be included in membership of the Senate under the terms of Statute XVI(10):

The President (Ms S. Brennan)
The Vice-President Education (Mr T. Gilchrist)
The Vice-President Student Rights and Diversity (Ms M. Pennyfather)
The Vice-President Student Activities (Ms A. Barnes)
The Vice-President Democracy and Campaigns (Ms E. Bell).

09/71  **Offices of Deputy Vice-Chancellor and of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Item 2(d))**

The Senate received a paper from the University Secretary and noted that the present terms of office of Professor Downes as Deputy Vice-Chancellor and of Professor Robson as Pro-Vice-Chancellor were to end on 31 July 2010. In accordance with the established arrangements a Deputy and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Committee was to be appointed and the Senate noted the timetable for the election of four of its number to that Committee.

09/72  **Membership of the Senate 2009-10 (Item 2(e))**

The Senate received a list of its members for the Session 2009-10.

09/73  **Disclosure of Interests (Item 2(f))**

The Senate received a paper from the University Secretary in regard to Disclosure of Interests.
**09/74 Availability of Senate papers (Item 2(g))**

* The Senate received, for its information, a paper from the University Secretary relating to availability of Senate papers.

**09/75 Report of the Vice-Chancellor**

The Vice-Chancellor gave a presentation to the Senate which set the prevailing financial and political context for higher education, described a range of possible responses by the sector in general and by this University in particular, and stressed that, despite medium-term travails, there was much in which the University and its members should justifiably take great pride. The importance of focussing on excellence was paramount and, occupying as it did a ‘top twenty’ position in the winning of Research Council awards, the National Student Satisfaction survey and the outcome of the recent Research Assessment Exercise, Reading was better placed than most do so.

**09/76 Senior Management Board: 13 July, 7 September and 21 September 2009 (Item 4)**

* The Senate received a Report of the meetings of the Senior Management Board held on 13 July, 7 September and 21 September 2009 and approved the recommendations contained therein.

In regard to item 2 (Reshaping the University), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor reported that the Senate could expect to receive the first interim report of the Project Board for the Reshaping of the University at its next meeting.

In regard to item 3 (Final Report of the Interim Management Group for the School of Continuing Education), the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities reported that good progress continued to be made by the successor body, the Transition Management Group.

**09/77 Report of the Standing Disciplinary Committee (Item 5)**

The Senate received a Report compiled on behalf of the Standing Disciplinary Committee of disciplinary sanctions imposed on students during the Summer Term 2009 for breaches of discipline other than academic misconduct and neglect of work.

**09/78 Committees and other bodies (Item 6(a))**

The Senate appointed Dr S.P. Burke to the Careers Advisory Board (vice Dr P.A.T. Mignot) to serve until 31 July 2012.

**09/79 Professor Emerita (Item 6(b))**
It was reported that the Vice-Chancellor had recommended on behalf of the Senate and the President had agreed on behalf of the Council that under the provisions of Ordinance XXIV the title of Professor Emerita be conferred on Professor J. Keene with effect from 1 October 2009.

09/80 Retirements (Item 6(c))
The Senate noted the retirement of the following members of the Academic Staff and agreed to recommend to the Council that each be accorded the title of Honorary Fellow with effect from 1 October 2009 until his normal retirement date:

Dr J.H.M. Jones
Mr A.R. Rowley.