Senate

10/59 A meeting of the Senate was held in The Nike Theatre, Agriculture Building, Earley Gate, on Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 2.30 pm.

Present:

The Vice-Chancellor

Dr M J Almond
Professor N W Arnell
Mr N Bayley
Professor D C Berry
Professor J C Bignell
Dr I M Bland
Professor J Board
Professor G Brooks
Dr S P Burke
Professor S N Chandler-Wilde
Professor R W Chapman
Dr B Cosh
Dr J D Creighton
Professor T A Downes
Professor J A Ellis
Professor R H Ellis
Dr M D E Fellowes
Professor P R Ghandhi
Mr R Gibbard
Professor V A Ghandhi
Dr P J Giddings
Dr P Glaister
Dr M J Gooding
Professor A C Goodwyn
Professor P Grindrod
Professor M E Hodson
Mrs C Hughes
Dr S L Jury
Professor U S Kambhampati
Dr O Kennedy
Professor H King
Dr M-M Kleinhans
Dr M E Lewis
Professor P Luna
Mr T Macfadyen
Professor G Marston
Dr P Miskell
Professor S J Mithen
Dr I Mueller-Harvey
Mrs J H Munro
Professor S Nortcliff
Mr T Pitman
Professor R B Potter
Dr C Print
Ms A C Quinn
Professor R A Rastall
Ms R J Richards
Professor R L Robson
Mr D M Roch
Dr V F Ruiz
Professor I C Rutherford
Professor J D Saddy
Dr D Savva
Dr J E Setter
Professor C M S Sutcliffe
Dr F Tallett
Dr A P Tonkyn
Professor G H Tucker
Professor P J van Leeuwen
Professor S F Walker
Professor A C Williams
Professor C M Williams
Dr P E Woodman

The University Secretary

Student representatives:

Mr C Campbell
Ms N Cazimoglu
Mr T Gilchrist
Ms E Hatcher
Ms S Johnson
Ms E Nicol
Mr A Slater

In attendance:

Mr S P R Horan
Dr R J Messer
The Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to the following who had died since the last meeting of the Senate:

**Mr A.J. Allen**: Arthur Allen had been appointed Lecturer in Applied Physical Sciences in 1971 and had transferred to the Department of Cybernetics in 1981. Mr Allen had retired early in 1992.

**Mr D.W.I. Brooke**: David Brooke had been appointed Lecturer in Agricultural Engineering in 1964. He had transferred to the Department of Cybernetics in 1990 and had retired in 1993.

**Professor T. Evans, FRS**: Trevor Evans had been appointed Lecturer in Physics in 1961 and had been promoted to Reader in 1964. The personal title of Professor had been conferred on him in 1968. Professor Evans had been Warden of Wantage Hall from 1971 until 1984 and had served as Head of the Department of Physics from 1984 to 1988. He had been elected to Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1988 and had retired in 1992.

**Mrs P.A. Goldey**: Patricia Goldey had been appointed Lecturer in the Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Centre in 1978 and had retired in 2006.

**Professor D.D. Malvern**: David Malvern had been appointed Research Associate in the Schools Council Sixth Form Mathematics Project in the School of Education in 1971. In 1973 he had been appointed Lecturer in the School of Education and had been promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1986. Professor Malvern had served successively as Head of the Department of Science and Technology Education and the School of Education, had been elected Dean of the Faculty of Education and Community Studies in 1999 and had thereafter been appointed Head of the Institute of Education until 2006. The personal title of Professor of Education had been conferred upon him in 1999.

**Dr S. Rymer**: Stella Rymer had been appointed Research Assistant in the Department of Physics from 1954 until 1960 and as a part-time Lecturer from 1969 until 1977. She had worked for the Department for many years after her retirement and had been a member of the University Court at the time of her death.

The Senate stood in silent memory of these former colleagues.

* 10/60 The Minutes (10/27 - 10/52) of the meeting held on 24 June 2010 were confirmed and signed.
10/61 Reports of Committees of Selection (Item 2(a))

The Senate received the following Reports of Committees of Selection:

* (i) Professorship of Financial Regulation
* (ii) Professorship (part-time) of Leadership
* (iii) Senior Lectureship in Educational Leadership and Management
* (iv) Headship of Counselling and Wellbeing
* (v) Professorship (part-time) of Mathematics of Data Assimilation and Inverse Problems

10/62 Elections (Item 2(b))

(i) Election of one member of each School other than the Head of School to the Senate to serve for the period to 31 July 2013: The Senate received a report that the following had been elected:

- Agriculture, Policy and Development: Dr I. Mueller-Harvey
- Arts and Communication Design: Professor P. Luna
- Biological Sciences: Dr D. Savva
- Chemistry, Food and Pharmacy: Professor R.A. Rastall
- Construction Management and Engineering: Dr G.K. Cook
- Institute of Education: Mr T. Macfadyen
- Health and Social Care: Mr N. Bayley (to 30 September 2011)
- Human and Environmental Sciences: Dr M.E. Lewis
- Humanities: Professor P.J. Stratton-Lake
- ICMA Centre: Professor A.R. Bell
- Literature and Languages: Dr A.P. Tonkyn
- Mathematical and Physical Sciences: Professor P.J. van Leeuwen
- Real Estate and Planning: Mrs C. Hughes
- Systems Engineering: Dr V.F. Ruiz.

It was noted that a vacancy remained for the election of one member of the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences other than the Head of School to the Senate to serve for the period to 31 July 2013.

(ii) Appointment of one member of the Senate not being a registered student of the University to the Council: The Senate was invited to appoint one of its number not being a registered student of the University to membership of the Council (vice Professor P.M. Leopold) to serve for the period to 31 July 2013.

Nominations, proposed and seconded by a member of the Senate together with an indication from the individual so nominated of his or her willingness to serve, were to reach the University Secretary no later than noon on Wednesday 27 October 2010.
(iii) Election to the Senate of one member by and from amongst the registered students of each Faculty for the Session 2010-11:
The Senate received a report that the following had been elected:

- Arts and Humanities: Ms E. Hatcher
- Social Sciences: Mr C. Campbell
- Henley Business School: Mr A. Slater
- Life Sciences: Mr A. Sollesse
- Science: Ms B. Brooke.

10/63 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 J. Lazarczyk)
- The Vice-President Academic Affairs (Mr T. Gilchrist)
- The Vice-President Welfare and Representation (Ms S. Johnson)
- The Vice-President Student Activities (Ms E. Nicol)
- The Vice-President Democracy and Campaigns (Ms N. Cazimoglu).

10/64 Membership of the Senate 2010-11 (Item 2(d))

* The Senate received a list of its members for the Session 2010-11.

10/65 Availability of Senate papers (Item 2(e))

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

10/66 Senate Standing Orders (Item 2(f))

* The Senate received, for its information, the Senate Standing Orders.

10/67 Report of the Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor remarked that, as he embarked on his customary annual series of talks to staff, he was pleased to report that, importantly, the University had not exceeded its control number for Home/EU student admissions in October 2010; that International student admissions appeared healthy; and that, in all essential regards, the University’s capital programme remained on schedule and within budget.
For the remainder of his Report, the Vice-Chancellor summarised for the Senate the recommendations of The Independent Review of Higher Education Funding and Student Finance [http://hereview.independent.gov.uk/herereview/report](http://hereview.independent.gov.uk/herereview/report) which had been published the previous day, set these in the context of the likely outcome for higher education of the Comprehensive Spending Review due to be announced the following week and speculated as to the potential impact of these developments on this University.

In essence, and subject ultimately the agreement of Parliament, the Review prepared the ground for a market in student fees (brought about by the removal of the present ‘cap’) and a market in student numbers (brought about by the removal of the limitations currently imposed on individual institutions) regulated by a single Higher Education Council, the role of which would be to safeguard students’ interests and the public investment in higher education. Against the background of a Comprehensive Spending Review which was expected to reduce HEFCE T-funding by more than 80%, to cut capital funding by two-thirds and to remove some 16% of research funding it had been estimated that an annual student fee of around £7,500 would be required simply to maintain the current unit of resource but alternative scenarios were in the process of being modelled. Members of the Senate had a number of questions of an operational nature for the Vice-Chancellor who explained that it was, as yet, too early for definitive answers to be provided, especially in relation to timing and phasing. The Vice-President Academic Affairs asked if a reassuring statement might reasonably be issued to present to students and the Vice-Chancellor undertook to consider the best means of doing so.

The Vice-Chancellor concluded by saying that, in order to thrive in this radically changed environment, a university would need to exhibit a demonstrably strong market position and performance, high levels of student demand and satisfaction, an appealing portfolio of programmes, economies of scale, attractive infrastructure, talented and well-qualified staff, good links with industry and relevant employment sectors, strong research performance and quality provision of support to students, all reflected in a loyal and generous alumni base. The University of Reading was one such institution and was thus well-placed to manage it way through the difficult years that inevitably lay ahead as the transition to a more heavily marketised funding regime for higher education took effect.

10/68 Senior Management Board: 12 July, 13 September and 27 September 2010 (Item 4)

* The Senate received a Report of the meetings of the Senior Management Board held on 12 July, 13 September and 27 September 2010 and approved the recommendations contained therein.
The Senate received a Report of the Standing Disciplinary Committee held on 15 September 2010 and, subject to potential drafting amendments to be settled in discussion between the Vice-President Academic Affairs of the Students’ Union and the University Secretary, agreed to recommend to the Council approval of a Code of Behaviour for those residing in University Accommodation.

The Senate received a Report compiled on behalf of the Standing Disciplinary Committee of disciplinary sanctions imposed on students during the Summer Term 2010 for breaches of discipline other than academic misconduct and neglect of work.

The Senate:

(a) appointed Dr O. Tansey (vice Mrs E.A. Smith) on the nomination of the Faculty of Social Sciences to the Advisory Group for Information Technology Services to serve until 31 July 2013; and

(b) empowered the Vice-Chancellor to appoint one member on the nomination of the Henley Business School to the Advisory Group for Information Technology Services to serve until 31 July 2013.

The Senate agreed that:

(a) Professor G.P. Meen, Head of the ‘shadow’ School of Politics, Economics and International Relations, be co-opted to membership of the Senate for the period to 31 July 2011; and

(b) Dr F.J. Davis, Warden of Wantage Hall, be co-opted to membership of the Senate for the period to 31 July 2013.

The Senate agreed to recommend to the Council that under the exceptional provisions of Ordinance XXIV the title of Dean Emeritus of the Henley Business School be conferred on Professor C.J. Bones.
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 2010 (unless otherwise stated) until his or her normal retirement date:

- Mr M.J. Andrews
- Mr R. Butler (1 January 2011)
- Mrs M. Cutts (1 August 2010)
- Dr E. Edwards (1 August 2010)
- Mrs P.E. Goodwin (1 September 2010)
- Mrs G.F. Grogan (1 January 2011)
- Mrs A. Kirk (1 August 2010)
- Ms H. Leonard (1 August 2010)
- Mrs E.R. Phillips
- Mr B. Rowe (1 July 2010)
- Mrs E.A. Smith
- Mrs S.M. Walker.

[Student representatives withdrew from the remainder of the meeting]