A meeting of the Senate was held in The Nike Theatre, Agriculture Building, Earley Gate, on Thursday 30 June 2011 at 2.30 pm.

Present: The Vice-Chancellor

Professor N W Arnell
Professor R K Auchmuty
Mr N Bayley
Professor A R Bell
Professor J C Bignell
Professor J Board
Professor G Brooks
Professor R W Chapman
Professor M Clark
Dr G K Cook
Dr F J Davis
Professor T A Downes
Professor J A Ellis
Professor R H Ellis
Professor P R Ghandhi
Mr R Gibbard
Professor V A Gibson
Dr P J Giddings
Professor M J Gooding
Professor S D Green
Professor M E Hodson
Mrs C Hughes
Dr S L Jury
Professor U S Kambhampati
Dr O Kennedy
Professor P Luna
Professor G Marston
Professor G P Meen
Dr P Miskell
Professor S J Mithen
Dr I Mueller-Harvey

Professor C Newdick
Professor S Nortcliff
Professor R B Potter
Dr C Print
Professor R A Rastall
Ms R J Richards
Professor I C Rutherford
Professor J D Saddy
Dr J E Setter
Professor P J Stratton-Lake
Professor C M S Sutcliffe
Professor P J van Leeuwen
Professor A C Williams
Professor C M Williams

The University Secretary

Students:

Ms S Johnson
Ms J Lazarczyk
Ms E Nicol
Mr A Slater

In attendance:

Mrs J A Ghandhi
Mr S P R Horan
Dr R J Messer

(* in margin denotes that a copy of the document has been inserted in the Minute Book).
The Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to the following who had died since the last meeting of the Senate:

**Emeritus Professor Derek Bryce-Smith** who had been appointed to the Department of Chemistry in 1956, had been Professor of Organic Chemistry from 1965 to 1989 and had retired in 1991.

**Mr Dean Juniper** who had been appointed to the Institute of Education in 1964 and had retired as Lecturer in 1984.

**Dr Pat Kerr** who had been appointed to the Department of French Studies in 1968 and had retired as Senior Lecturer in 1997.

**Dr Terry Willett** who had been appointed founder Warden of Windsor Hall in 1963, a post he held until 1970.

*11/28  The Minutes (11/01-11/20) of the meeting held on 16 March 2011 were confirmed and signed*

**Items of Report**

11/29  Report of the Careers and Employability Board (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2010) (2(b))

*  The Senate received the Report of the Careers and Employability Board (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2010).

11/30  Reports of Committees of Selection (Item 2(c))

  The Senate received the following reports of Committees of Selection:

*  (i)  Readership in Environmental Change and Human Communities

*  (ii)  Senior Lectureship in Beckett Studies and Modernism

*  (iii)  Head of Admissions.

11/31  Elections (Item 2(d))

(i)  Election of five Professors to the Senate: It was reported that one nomination had been received, that of Professor P.R. Ghandhi.

Accordingly, Professor Ghandhi had been elected to serve for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2014.
Subsequently, two further nominations had been received, those of:

Professor P. Kruschwitz
Professor A.C. Williams.

The Vice-Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Senate, had agreed that Professor Kruschwitz additionally be deemed elected to serve for the period from 1 October 2011 to 31 July 2014 and that Professor Williams additionally be deemed elected to serve for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2014. Two vacancies remained, one for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2014 and one for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2013.

(ii) Election of six members of the Academic and Academic-related Staff, excluding Professors, to the Senate: It was reported that three nominations had been received, those of

Dr P.E. Hatcher
Dr S. Knox
Dr R.S. Sherratt.

Accordingly, Dr Hatcher, Dr Knox and Dr Sherratt had each been elected to serve for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2014.

Subsequently, two further nominations had been received, those of:

Dr M.J. Almond
Dr W.C. Hayes.

The Vice-Chancellor, acting on behalf of the Senate, had agreed that Dr Almond additionally be deemed elected to serve for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2014 and that Dr Hayes additionally be deemed elected to serve for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2013. One vacancy remained for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012.

(iii) Election of three members of the Senate to the Committee of Selection for the Office of Vice-Chancellor: Nine nominations had been received and in the ensuing ballot

Professor V.A. Gibson
Professor J.R. Park
Professor C.M. Williams

had been elected to serve.

Referring to the White Paper *Students at the Heart of the System* which had been published earlier in the week, the Vice-Chancellor commented that many questions remained unanswered in a document which itself acknowledged
that significant further work had still to be undertaken in a number of key areas. A central aim of the White Paper was to protect the public purse through the control of student numbers and, in this context, postgraduate education appeared increasingly vulnerable. Further, the role of HEFCE seemed likely to evolve into that of principal regulator for the higher education sector. Against this background, it had been especially gratifying to note that the recent Open Day had attracted record numbers of prospective students and their parents, and the Vice-Chancellor thanked all those who had contributed to the undoubted success of the event.

Locally, the present estate strategy had come to maturity and the University was actively engaged in preparing the next. Independent advice suggested that Reading was to the fore of those universities that had successfully addressed legacy maintenance issues in recent years and, whilst the impending reduction in HEFCE capital funding to negligible levels would require the new estate strategy to be considerably less intensive than the last, this University was better placed than most to face the future. Further afield, plans for the establishment of a campus of the University in the Iskandar region of Malaysia were well advanced with the prospect of the first undergraduate students being admitted to degree programmes there in 2014. In response to a question from Professor Marston, the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor offered assurances that budgetary provision consistent with the need to provide a high quality educational experience would be made to those Schools and Directorates which participated in the initiative.

11/33 Report of the Strategy and Finance Committee (Item 4(a))

* The Senate received the report of the meeting of the Strategy and Finance Committee held on 13 June 2011.

11/34 Report of the Senior Management Board (Item 4(b))

* The Senate approved the Report of the meetings of the Senior Management Board held on 28 February, 14 and 28 March, 11 April, 9 and 23 May and 6 and 20 June 2011.

In regard to item 1 (Final report of the sub-group on the Information Strategy Committee and its reporting committees), the Senate approved revised arrangements for the Information Strategy Committee and its substructure agreed to recommend to the Council alterations to Ordinance XIV (The Library) to provide for the establishment of an Advisory Board for Information Services.

In regard to item 9 (Internationalisation: Increasing international full-fee paying student numbers), Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor Mithen) explained in response to a question from the Vice-President Welfare and Representation of the Students’ Union that the additional budgetary allocations that had been made were also intended to enhance the support available to students upon arrival at the University.
In regard to item 12 (Reading Real Estate Foundation (RREF) Mentoring Programme), the Vice-Chancellor drew attention to an initiative which he believed was making an exemplary contribution to graduate employability.

11/35 Report of the University Board for Teaching and Learning (Item 5(a))

* The Senate approved the Report of the meetings of the University Board for Teaching and Learning held on 23 March, 5 May, 23 May and 16 June 2011 and agreed to recommend to the Council alterations to Ordinance XVII (Conduct and Discipline, Neglect of Work and Unsatisfactory Progress, Academic Misconduct and Performance in Examinations) to provide for the establishment and procedures of a Standing Committee on Fitness to Practise. In response to a question from Professor Marston, the University Secretary undertook to consider whether the drafting of that section of the Ordinance relating to the composition of a Standing Committee on Fitness to Practise was sufficiently enabling and to report as necessary to the Council.

In regard to item 12 (University Teaching Fellows, Early Career Teaching Fellows and other awards), Dr Setter expressed disappointment that the winners of the RUSU Gold Star Awards, of whom mention was made in some but not all of the Reports of the Management Boards of the Faculties, were not also acknowledged.

11/36 Report of the University Board for Research and Innovation (Item 5(b))

* The Senate approved the Report of the meeting of the University Board for Research and Innovation held on 7 June 2011.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor Williams) drew particular attention to preparations for the Research Excellence Framework and thanked colleagues for the imaginative approach that many had taken to the first cycle of the newly instituted research management process. In regard to CentAUR, the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences urged that every opportunity be taken to petition publishers such that all research outputs might in time be freely available in the public domain.

11/37 Report of the Management Board of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Item 5(c))

* The Senate approved the Report of the meetings of the Management Board of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities held on 4 May and 1 June 2011.

11/38 Report of the Management Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences (Item 5(d))

* The Senate approved the Report of the meetings of the Management Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences held on 5 May and 2 June 2011.
The Senate approved the Report of the meetings of the Management Board of the Faculty of Life Sciences held on 24 March and 27 April and the meeting held jointly with the Management Board of the Faculty of Science on 1 June 2011.

On the proposal of the Board, and with the approval of the Senior Management Board, the Senate agreed to recommend to the Council that East Malling Research be accorded the status of Associated Institution of the University for a period of five years with effect from 1 August 2011 and that, in consequence, the following be accorded the status of Visiting Member of the Academic Staff:

- Dr C.J. Atkinson
- Dr A.M. Berrie
- Dr K. Burton
- Dr J.V. Cross
- Dr M.A. Else
- Dr J.D. Fitzgerald
- Dr M. Fountain
- Dr R. Harrison
- Dr D.W. Simpson
- Dr X. Xu.

The Senate approved the Report of the meetings of the Management Board of the Faculty of Science held on 23 March and 27 April and the meeting held jointly with the Management Board of the Faculty of Life Sciences on 1 June 2011.

The Senate approved the Report of the meetings of the Faculty Management Board of the Henley Business School held on 23 March, 4 May and 1 June 2011.

The Senate received the Report of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Committee and agreed to recommend to the Council that Professor G. Brooks be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor-designate for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2011 and as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 July 2015.
Report of the Advisory Board for Library Services (Item 5(i))

* The Senate approved the Report of the meeting of the Advisory Board for Library Services held on 17 May 2011.

On behalf of the Senate, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor thanked Professor Chapman for his distinguished Chairmanship of the Advisory Board over a number of years.

Report of the Joint Standing Committee of Council and Senate on Honorary Degrees (Item 5(j))

* The Senate received and, for its part, approved the Report of the meeting of the Joint Standing Committee of Council and Senate on Honorary Degrees held on 13 June 2011.

Report on behalf of the Standing Disciplinary Committee on disciplinary sanctions imposed in the Spring Term 2011 (Item 5(j))

* The Senate received the Report on behalf of the Standing Disciplinary Committee on disciplinary sanctions imposed in the Spring Term 2011.

Appointments to Committees and other bodies (Item 6(a))

(a) The Senate:

(i) appointed Professor D.C. Berry (vice Professor P.R. Lansley) as a member and Professor R.B. Potter (vice Dr F. Tallett) as an alternate member to the Committee appointed to hear appeals against decisions of the Personal Titles Committee to serve until 31 July 2014.

(ii) re-appointed Dr J. Gibbs and Professor S.J. Mithen and appointed Professor P. Robinson (vice Ms S. Clausen) to the Joint Standing Committee of Council and Senate on the Arts to serve until 31 July 2014.

(iii) re-appointed Professor C. Newdick to the Complaints Committee to serve until 31 July 2014.

(iv) appointed Professor G. Marston (vice Dr P.J. Giddings) as an alternate Chair of the Standing Disciplinary Committee to serve until 31 July 2014.

(v) appointed Dr E.M. Page (vice Professor G. Marston) and re-appointed Dr G.K. Cook as members of the Standing Disciplinary Committee to serve until 31 July 2014; and re-appointed Dr I.F. Roe as an alternate member of the Standing Disciplinary Committee to serve until 31 July 2012.
re-appointed Professor P.J. Byrne as a professorial member and re-appointed Professor C.M.S. Sutcliffe as a professorial alternate member on the nomination of the Henley Business School to the Standing Committee on Examination Results to serve until 31 July 2014.

appointed Dr M.A. Gee (vice Dr S.P. Burke) as a non-professorial member and appointed Dr C. Padgett (vice Dr M.A. Gee) as a non-professorial alternate member on the nomination of the Henley Business School to the Standing Committee on Examination Results to serve until 31 July 2014.

appointed Professor V.A. Gibson (vice Professor M. Clark) to the Joint Standing Committee of Council and Senate on Honorary Degrees to serve until 31 July 2013.

re-appointed Professor S.F. Walker to the Committee for the Museum of English Rural Life to serve until 31 July 2014.

appointed Professor J.A. Ellis (vice Professor V.A. Gibson) to the Joint Standing Committee of Council and Senate on Personal Titles to serve until 31 July 2014.

appointed Dr J. Wright (vice Professor M.A. Gosney) as Chair of the Research Ethics Committee to serve until 31 July 2014.

appointed Dr J.F.S. Burchardt and Professor M.A. Gosney (vice Dr R.M.P. Fearon and Dr R.A.R. Smith) to the Research Ethics Committee to serve until 31 July 2014.

re-appointed Professor J.C. Bignell, Professor C.J. Hilson and Professor R.A. Rastall to the panel from which the membership of a Tribunal is drawn under the terms of Statute XXXIII to serve until 31 July 2014.

re-appointed Professor M.G. Fulford to the panel from which the membership of a Grievance Committee is drawn under the terms of Statute XXXIII to serve until 31 July 2014.

re-appointed Professor K.M. Bryden to the panel from which the membership of an Appeal Body is drawn under the terms of Statute XXXIII to serve until 31 July 2014.

appointed Dr B. Cosh (vice Professor S. Nortcliff) to the Joint University/UCU Committee to serve until 31 July 2014.

re-appointed Emeritus Professor S. Nortcliff to the Court of the University of Bristol to serve until 31 December 2014.
(xviii) appointed Dr P. Glaister (vice Professor P.M. Denicolo) to the Court of the University of Surrey to serve until 30 June 2014.

(xix) re-appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor Robson) and Mr M.R. Barsley and empowered the Vice-Chancellor to appoint one member (vice Mr D.M. Roch) to the Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association to serve until 31 July 2014.

(b) agreed that appointments to Hall Committees be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the Halls Transfer Project and the approval of consequential alterations to Ordinance XVI (Halls of Residence).

(c) agreed on the proposal of the Management Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences that the University no longer appoint a member to the Joint University Council for Social and Public Administration.

11/47 Retirement of Professors (Item 6(b))

The Senate agreed to recommend to the Council that under the provisions of Ordinance XXIV the title of Professor Emeritus be conferred on each of the following with effect from 1 October 2011 unless otherwise stated:

Professor H.B. Awbi
Professor J.P. Dancy
Professor P.M. Denicolo
Professor P.R. Lansley
Professor S. Nortcliff
Professor L. Steenman-Clark (1 August 2011).

11/48 Retirements (Item 6(c))

The Senate noted that the following members of the Academic Staff were to retire from 30 September 2011.

The Senate agreed to recommend to the Council that those marked with an asterisk be accorded the title of Honorary Fellow (from 1 October 2011 unless otherwise stated) until his or her normal retirement date.

* Mr I.J.P. Burn
* Dr M.D. Dennett
  Dr P.J. Giddings
  Mrs V. Gray (1 July 2011)
* Ms A. Gregory (1 August 2011)
* Dr P.R.E. Griffiths (1 August 2011)
* Dr S. Han (1 August 2011)
* Mr D. Harries (1 September 2011)
  Mrs P. Hicks (1 August 2011)
* Dr R.J. Hobson (1 September 2011)
* Dr S.L. Jury (1 August 2011)
* Dr G.R. Knight
* Mrs M. Leach (1 August 2011)
* Dr M.J. Lewis
* Mr P.C. McShane (1 May 2011)
  Dr B. Mackey
  Dr C. Martin
* Mrs S. Pawlik
  Dr T. Roberts (1 August 2011)
  Dr J.D. Ross
* Mr A.D. Stafford (1 April 2011)
* Dr F. Tallett
* Mr C. Widdows
  Mr R.A. Wilbey
* Dr G.D. Williams
* Mr R.L. Wolfe.

11/49  List of Meetings 2011-12 (Item 7)

* The Senate received the final version of the list of meetings for 2011-12 for its information.

11/50  Thanks and farewell

The Vice-Chancellor thanked all those who were completing periods of service to the Senate and made particular mention of the Officers of the Students' Union and other representatives of the student body whom he wished well for the future.

Professor Downes, speaking as the longest continuously serving member of the Senate, paid tribute to Gordon Marshall who was attending his last meeting as Vice-Chancellor before taking up the post of Director of the Leverhulme Trust on 1 October 2011. Professor Downes referred to the many achievements of the Vice-Chancellor’s period of office and remarked on the measured and even-tempered manner in which he had chaired the Senate through some necessarily difficult debates. Professor Marshall replied by saying that it had been a privilege to serve the University and by wishing it well for the future. The Senate responded with acclamation.

[Student representatives withdrew from the remainder of the meeting]