



Council

Date and time	Tuesday 19 December 2000 at 4.00 pm
Place	The Senate Room, Administration Building
Present	Dame Yvonne Moores (<i>in the Chair</i>), Professor Sir Howard Newby (not present for Agendum 51), Sir David Cooksey, Professor P J Curran, Mr B Davies, Mr R J Davies, Professor I D Diamond, Sir John Fairclough, Mr C Gordon, Professor P J Gregson, Ms M Heracleous*, Professor A J G Hey, Mr A R Hodgson, Mrs M Hubner, Mr A S Kent, Mr J Kness, Professor G R Luckhurst, Ms K Maurey, Professor K E McLuskie, Ms K Miller*, Mrs J Round, Dr B G Smith, Dr P Smith, Professor A M Ulph, Mr A J Walker, Professor A A Wheeler and Mr G Whitehead
By invitation	Professor R H Fryer (For Agendum 16)
With	The Secretary and Registrar, Director of Estates and Buildings, Director of External Relations, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, Director of Planning and Ms C J Gamble

(* Members not present for Restricted Section.)

Welcome and congratulations

Dame Yvonne welcomed Ms Kiki Maurey, Dr Bruce Smith, Professor Peter Gregson, Professor Tony Hey and Professor Adam Wheeler, who were attending their first meeting of Council, and Professor Bob Fryer who was present by invitation.

Dame Yvonne congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment of Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) which he would take up with effect from 1 October 2001.

Dame Yvonne reported that Mr Bryan Davies and Mr Richard Davies had not been able to attend the last three meetings of Council, and that, in accordance with Statute 16(6), Council was required to authorize continuation of their membership. Members of Council unanimously supported continuation of their membership.

Resolved That the membership of Council of Mr Bryan Davies and Mr Richard Davies be continued.

Unrestricted

1 Obituary

Dame Yvonne announced with regret the death of the following members of the University and asked Council to stand as a mark of respect:

Louise Crane, First-Year Advanced Diploma in Nursing Student: 5 October 2000

Cathy Rogers, Head of Student Admissions and Recruitment, Academic Registrar's Department: 15 October 2000

James Percil, First-Year Acoustics and Music Student: 16 October 2000

Bo Sogaard Larsen, Postgraduate Student in the Faculty of Arts: 4 November 2000

2 Standing Orders of Council (Agendum 2)

Received A copy of Council Standing Orders, dated May 2000.

The Secretary and Registrar presented the paper, highlighting Standing Order 37 which listed the senior officers of the University who were authorized to sign legal documents affixed with the Common Seal. The Director of Corporate Services, on behalf of the University, was involved in a range of legal issues yet he was not one of the named officers. The Secretary and Registrar invited Council to add the Director to Standing Order 37 as one of the officers authorized to sign documents sealed with the Common Seal of the University and to approve Standing Orders with this amendment.

Resolved That the Standing Orders of Council be approved with the above amendment.

3 Minutes (unrestricted) of the meeting held on 4 July 2000 (Agendum 3)

Resolved That the Minutes (unrestricted) of the meeting held on 4 July 2000 be approved and signed.

4 The Vice-Chancellor's report (Agendum 5)

The Vice-Chancellor reported with great pleasure that the Higher Education Funding Council for England had approved restructuring funds of £6.8m to create a centre of excellence at New College committed to widening participation and lifelong learning. The funds would cover three areas of activity: curriculum and staff development, teaching facilities and academic support services.

The results of the recent teaching quality assessments carried out by the Quality Assurance Agency in the Department of Management and the Research and Graduate School of Education had been excellent; respectively, the groups had achieved 23 and 24 out of a possible total of 24. The Vice-Chancellor said that these results provided

confirmation of the quality of teaching in the Department and the School and he congratulated those concerned.

Turning to the subject of capital developments, the Vice-Chancellor reported that support of £1m would be forthcoming from the Joint Infrastructure Fund for the setting up of a research centre for Social Statistics. Furthermore, the bid for the expansion of accommodation for the Hartley Library's Special Collections had successfully passed Stage One of the Heritage Lottery Fund's application process.

5 Report from the President of the Students' Union (Agendum 6)

Received The report from the President of the Students' Union.

Ms Heracleous summarized the events and developments which had taken place in the Students' Union during the last six months. Two campaigns had been prioritized for the first term of the academic year: raising awareness of meningitis and promoting activities linked to World Aids Day. The Union was working with local services and associations to help students with some of the problems they encountered when renting accommodation. It was considering a system of accreditation of private housing.

The number of clubs and societies, sporting and recreational, had grown to over 200. Ms Heracleous said that the planned refurbishment of the Union Building was eagerly awaited as it would provide the facilities needed for such a thriving Union. The Vice-Chancellor commented that the Olympic success of two Southampton graduates in the British women's rowing team was a testimony to the strength of the Union's clubs.

Ms Heracleous expressed her thanks to all the members of staff and students who had been involved in helping with the emergency measures introduced at the Winchester School of Art during the recent flooding of part of the campus. (Minute 13.4 refers.)

Resolved That the report be noted.

6 Final Accounts for 1999/2000 (Agendum 11)

Received The audited accounts and Treasurer's report for the University and its subsidiary companies for the year ended 31 July 2000, together with a covering report from the Director of Finance.

The Director of Finance presented the audited accounts, drawing attention to a number of changes in the accounting procedures which had affected the overall surplus. The technical changes that had been introduced were: the valuation policy for fixed assets had returned to quoting the historical cost rather than the latest revalued amount; and the format of the Income/Expenditure Account had been modified to give the figures at consolidated level only. The change in practice in respect of the valuation policy had brought the University into line with many comparable institutions.

An analysis of the University's income indicated that funding from research grants and contracts had increased by seven per cent. Since income from this source had

levelled out during the last two years, this was an encouraging development. Another noteworthy point was the rise in the surpluses achieved by both Chilworth companies. Their success contributed towards the consolidated surplus. On the expenditure side, staffing costs had increased by approximately 7 ½ per cent which included the annual salary enhancement, the cost of promotions and incremental uplifts.

Summarizing the end-of-year position, the Director of Finance explained that the overall surplus had shrunk from £4.1m to £0.8m. This reduction was in line with the strategic plans developed during the year which had increased expenditure in preparation of the forthcoming Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). The Director of Finance emphasized that, although the University's Balance Sheet remained relatively strong, the next two years would be difficult prior to the RAE results. Stringent financial planning and monitoring continued to be vital.

The Treasurer drew attention to his report, stating that, ideally, he would like to see fewer perturbations in the financial position in the long run. The success of the University companies had made good deficits that had been sustained elsewhere. He would prefer to see such surpluses being used for investment purposes. As regards fluctuations in the finances, the Vice-Chancellor said that, unfortunately, cyclical changes were unavoidable because of the nature of the current funding mechanisms. For example, in preparation for the RAE, institutions had to invest money in certain areas and this occurred at particular points in the cycle.

Resolved That the Audited Accounts and the Treasurer's report be approved for submission to the Court.

7 **Year-end financial monitoring 1999/2000** (Agendum 12)

Received The financial monitoring statement for the year ending 31 July 2000.

Director of Finance explained that the purpose of the financial monitoring statement was to compare the budgetary allocations and targets with the final outcome. In general, the performance of the budgetary groups was in line with the agreed targets. There had been, however, a number of significant variances; for example, the investment in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science in studentships – in the expectation of rewards in 2001/2002 – had required considerable budgetary constraint in other areas during the year.

Taking an overarching view, the Director of Finance stated that a solid basis had been created for the forthcoming year.

Resolved That the year-end financial monitoring statement for 1999/2000 be noted.

8 **Financial monitoring 2000/2001** (Agendum 13)

Received The financial monitoring statement for the year ending 31 July 2001 as at November 2000.

In presenting the statement, the Director of Finance explained that the initial forecasts had indicated a significant deficit in the order of £2.5m. Steps had been taken immediately to rectify this in three particular areas, the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Applied Science and the Department of Estates and Buildings. The detail of the individual groups' positions was set out in the statement.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the financial position had been the cause of great concern. The University Management Group and the Policy and Resources Committee had taken action straightaway to rein in expenditure and make the necessary adjustments. The budgetary and planning processes had been tightened up. Although the deficit position would not be cleared by the end of the financial year, it would be brought back to a much lower level. Efforts would be made to improve upon the current target deficit which, the Vice-Chancellor reassured Council, would not worsen.

Mr Walker commented that the initial monitoring of this year's financial position had raised questions about the process of identifying levels of expenditure. He was pleased to hear that remedial action had been taken and that the whole area of budgetary control had been scrutinized.

Resolved That the financial monitoring statement be noted.

9 **Audit Committee: Annual report** (Agendum 14)

Received The Annual Report from the Audit Committee for the year ended 31 July 2000, including the Annual Report from the Internal Auditors, together with a statement from the Vice-Chancellor on the effectiveness of the financial controls operating within the University.

Mr Hodgson, Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Annual Report. He referred to one area highlighted previously by the Internal Auditors about the time taken by Departments to respond to recommendations brought forward following particular audits. He confirmed that Departments were now much quicker in responding to the Internal Auditors' recommendations.

Mr Hodgson reported that there were no issues which individually needed to be drawn to the attention of Council. On the basis of the reports from, and discussions held with, the Internal and External Auditors and the senior officers, the Committee believed that the University currently had in place a satisfactory system of control which was working effectively.

The Secretary and Registrar said that Mazars Neville Russell had completed its first year as the University's External Auditors. The arrangements had worked well.

Resolved That the Annual Report from the Audit Committee for the year ended 31 July 2000 be noted.

10 **Report from Working Group on Council effectiveness (Agendum 15)**

Received A report from the Working Group set up to review the effectiveness of Council.

Mr Walker introduced the report. He highlighted four particular areas:

- the scope of the review had been restricted to issues of effectiveness. Matters of institutional performance, listed as one of the benchmarks for the review of governing bodies in the Dearing Report, were examined through the strategic planning process.
- strategic direction. The Working Group believed that there was little opportunity for members of Council to consider and debate strategic issues.
- the review had considered in detail how the size of the governing body and the venue of meetings might affect Council's effectiveness. Other possible impediments to effectiveness had also been examined.
- participation in the decision-making process. More use could be made of the expertise and skills offered by members of Council. This was viewed by the Working Group as being particularly important when considering the longer term developments in the sector.

Mr Walker stated that the Working Group had concluded that Council was operating effectively and that there were no major problems to address. However, in response to comments and suggestions received during the course of the review, the Working Party felt that a number of improvements in the present arrangements could be effected, and this was reflected in its proposals.

Members welcomed the recommendations, all of which were aimed at achieving a closer integration and involvement of lay members in the work of the governing body. A number of them were singled out: publicizing the names of members of Council within the University community; involving a lay member of Council in the work of the Long-Term Planning Group; and organizing visits to departments and schools for lay members. Mr Gordon added that it might be very useful to monitor how well the new arrangements worked. Members supported this proposal.

The Vice-Chancellor commented that members of Council were extremely busy people and it was therefore very encouraging to hear that, on the whole, there was a keenness and enthusiasm to be more involved in the work of the University.

Referring to the section in the report which discussed opportunities for members of Council to get to know each other, the Secretary and Registrar said that the buffet supper, following meetings, was held to provide an informal setting for members to make each others' acquaintance and to meet the officers. He encouraged members to attend whenever they could. It also provided an opportunity to ask questions about issues of governance or any other matters.

- Resolved**
- (i) That the recommendations contained in the report be approved and the Secretary and Registrar invited to make the necessary arrangements to introduce them.
 - (ii) That the Secretary and Registrar should arrange for the new arrangements, put in place to improve the effectiveness of Council, to be monitored after one year in operation.

11 **Recent developments at New College** (Agendum 16)

Received A summary of the restructuring plan for the University of Southampton New College.

Prior to presenting the report which set out the detail of the proposals for the development of New College, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Ulph thanked all those involved in the bid's preparation, in particular Professor Fryer and the Director of Planning. The plans had been approved in September by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

HEFCE would fund part of the cost of the programme; the remaining costs would be met through funding received for widening participation and from the projected additional income received as a result in the increase in student numbers.

Referring to the recruitment targets for the current year, Professor Ulph said that it would be necessary to re-profile streams of income and expenditure to take account of this year's shortfall in student numbers. The overall targets would still be met. A revised business plan was in the process of being produced and would be submitted to Council's meeting in April. In the meantime, a number of task forces had been set up in New College to drive different aspects of the plan. Their work was overseen by an Implementation Group which he chaired. To help with the management of the plan and marketing, the University was seeking to appoint consultants.

Professor Fryer said that the restructuring plan was an extremely noteworthy development. The implementation of the plan would require considerable work and Council would be kept abreast of the progress made. In celebration of the development, Ms Maurey enquired whether it would be possible to hold a future meeting of Council at New College. (The suggestion would be borne in mind when arrangements were made.)

Dame Yvonne said that the restructuring of New College was a considerable achievement for the University and stated that Council would look forward to receiving the next report on the implementation of the plan at the July meeting.

Resolved That the report be noted.

12 **Report from meeting of Senate held on 6 December 2000** (Agendum 20)

Received The report from the meeting of Senate held on 6 December 2000.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the report. He highlighted the members of staff who had received honours and distinctions. To the list should be added three professors who had been elected to the Academy of Learned Societies in the Social Sciences: Professor Coleman (Psychology), Professor Dominelli (Social Work Studies) and Professor Simons (Research and Graduate School of Education). The Vice-Chancellor also drew attention to a minor amendment required: Professor McLean was a member of the School of Engineering Sciences.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor McLuskie introduced the amendment to Ordinance 7.2.4, *Eligibility for Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in the University*. Professor McLuskie explained that the Ordinance had been modified in line with the principles of credit accumulation and transfer whereby students were required to meet pre-requisites for different levels of study when progressing through a degree course. The amendment reflected a change in academic practice.

- Resolved**
- (i) That the honours and distinctions reported by Senate be noted with pleasure.
 - (ii) That the proposed amendments to the Ordinances 2.3 and 7.2.4 be approved with immediate effect.
 - (iii) That, subject to (i) and (ii) above, the comments and information provided by Senate be noted.

(Post-meeting note: The resolution above gives the correct numbering for the Ordinance for the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science (2.3). The amendments approved relate to paragraphs 1 and 3 (i) (c) and (e) only.)

13 **Reports from meetings of Policy and Resources Committee**

13.1 **4 October 2000** (Agendum 21.1)

Received The report from the pre-sessional planning meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4 October 2000.

Resolved That the report from, and the decisions taken by, the Policy and Resources Committee be noted and endorsed.

13.2 **28 June 2000 and 25 October 2000** (Agendum 21.2)

Received The report from the meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 28 June 2000 and 25 October 2000.

Resolved That the report from, and the decisions taken by, the Policy and Resources Committee be noted and endorsed.

13.3 22 November 2000 (Agendum 21.3)

Received The report from the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 22 November 2000.

The Vice-Chancellor drew attention to the key issues for Strategic Planning in 2000/2001 which had been identified during the pre-session meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee. The issues did not represent a move away from the University's overall aims and objectives, detailed in the current Strategic Plan, but represented a small number of particular themes and topics which underpinned the present strategy. There were three areas of focus: research income; postgraduate recruitment; and enmeshing the process of strategic planning and setting of targets with the allocation of resources. On the subject of postgraduate recruitment, the Vice-Chancellor said that the proportion of postgraduates was lower than expected. Similarly, the number of overseas students was smaller than the number at comparator institutions. Referring to the strategic planning process, he said that there were issues of corporateness and communication which should be examined. There was a growing recognition that the devolved budgetary model in operation was not working as effectively as it might. For example, the planning and budget setting process might be devolved further while more corporate involvement was required in areas such as marketing and recruitment. These inherent tensions had been the subject of wide-ranging debates and had resulted in the setting up of a small working group which was examining the balance of central and devolved responsibilities in the current organizational structure. A discussion document which analyzed the nature of the problem would be prepared and a range of possible solutions brought forward for consideration.

Referring to the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN), the Vice-Chancellor reported that two more British universities had recently joined the consortium and a Chief Executive Officer, Dr Pilsbury, had been appointed who would take up his post full time in January 2001. The academic subject areas to be offered were under consideration and it was likely that a number of changes would occur as developments took place. He said that, in the medium to long term, this initiative placed Southampton in the increasingly international educational market of postgraduate, post-experience courses.

On the financial side, the Vice-Chancellor reported that there had been discussions with the partner institutions in the United States of America about the best way to fund the venture and a draft investors' prospectus was now available. The Vice-Chancellor explained that the contribution of the participating British institutions was limited to \$50k each and reassured Council that financial aspects of the venture would not expose the University to risk. Sir David Cooksey said that it would be prudent for a small sub-group of Council members to advise on the financial issues that might affect the University. The Vice-Chancellor invited members of Council with knowledge and experience in such matters to give appropriate advice. It was agreed that the following members would meet to discuss the financial aspects of the initiative: Sir David Cooksey, Mr Richard Davies, Sir John Fairclough and

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Gregson. Professor Gregson suggested that the meeting of the group could be linked with the meeting with the new Chief Executive Officer of WUN.

- Resolved**
- (i) That the report from and the decisions taken by the Policy and Resources Committee be noted and endorsed.
 - (ii) That Deputy Vice-Chancellor Gregson should be invited to organize a meeting of the sub-group to discuss financial aspects of the WUN venture.

13.4 **13 December 2000** (Agendum 21.4)

Received The report from the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 December 2000.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Ulph introduced the report. There had been considerable flooding on the West Site of the Winchester School of Art during the recent period of wet weather. It had been necessary to move computer equipment and the entire Library stock. If the weather did not improve, it was possible that the East Site would also be affected. Work was under way to find alternative accommodation for the Library and computing facilities, the studios, seminar rooms and offices. Contingency plans were being drawn up in case the entire site was flooded and the School had to be closed temporarily.

Dame Yvonne, on behalf of Council, paid tribute to all those members of staff and students who had worked to move equipment and books to a safe location and to those who had devoted their time to helping in other ways with the recovery plans. The Vice-Chancellor extended his thanks to all those involved in assisting with the emergency measures, in particular the Director of the Textile Conservation Centre and Deputy Head of the School, Mrs Nell Hoare, the Librarian, Mr Bernard Naylor, the Director of Estates and Buildings, Mr Patrick Reynolds, and his staff all of whom had worked tirelessly.

As regards the bid for extra medical student numbers, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized that the project represented a significant development for the University. If successful, the bid would result in the establishment of a second teaching hospital at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. The University was in the process of making presentations to the NHS which would be completed by the end of the year; the outcome would be announced in March 2001.

Resolved That the report from, and the decisions taken by, the Policy and Resources Committee be noted and endorsed.

14 **Report from meeting of Standing Committee of Council held on 13 December 2000** (Agendum 22)

Dame Yvonne explained that the item had been withdrawn; there were no matters discussed at the meeting for report at this time.

15 **Report from meeting of Nominations Committee held on 22 November 2000** (Agendum 23)

Received The report from the meeting of the Nominations Committee held on 22 November 2000.

Dame Yvonne presented the report, explaining that, under the terms of the Ordinance in respect of Class 1 appointments of Pro-Chancellors, Senate had the opportunity to comment on proposed re-appointments. If Council was disposed to re-appoint Dame Rennie Fritchie and Sir Adrian Swire, a formal resolution would be brought to the next meeting of Council after Senate had considered it. Members of Council unanimously supported the re-appointment of Dame Rennie and Sir Adrian Swire and looked forward to endorsing the formal resolution at the next meeting of Council.

On behalf of Council, Dame Yvonne expressed her thanks to Lord Selborne for the way in which he had carried out the role of Chancellor during the past five years.

Resolved

- (i) That Lord Selbourne be nominated by acclamation for appointment by Court as Chancellor of the University for a further term of five years from 1 August 2001.
- (i) That Dr Alan Mitchell be nominated to fill the casual vacancy in the Class 2 membership of Council for the remainder of the current session in the first instance.
- (ii) That Ms Karen Woods be appointed to the membership of Court in Class 10(b).

16 **Annual Report of University for year ended 31 July 2000** (Agendum 27)

Received The Annual Report of the University for the year ended 31 July 2000 which was tabled.

Resolved That the Annual Report of the University for the year ended 31 July 2000 be approved for submission to the Court.

17 **Annual Abstract of Statistics, 1999/2000** (Agendum 28)

Received The Annual Abstract of Statistics for the year 1999/2000.

Resolved That the Annual Abstract of Statistics be noted.

18 **Re-naming of the Glen Eyre Old Courts and naming of the new Nursing Building** (Agendum 29)

Received A report from the Secretary and Registrar on the re-naming of the Old Courts at Glen Eyre Hall.

The Secretary and Registrar presented the report, explaining the background to the matter. The Old Courts at Glen Eyre Hall had been chosen as an appropriate and fitting group of residences to honour the names of Richard and Freda Newitt. The re-naming ceremony had taken place before the meeting of Council and had been conducted by the Chancellor.

The Secretary and Registrar reported that, due to a misunderstanding, no committee authority had been requested for the naming of the new Nursing Building as the Nightingale Building. The name commemorated Florence Nightingale who had been born in Hampshire. He apologized for this oversight and asked Council to ratify the adoption of this name for the Building. Dame Yvonne had led the naming ceremony which had taken place on 18 December 2000.

Resolved (i) That the naming of the Old Courts at Glen Eyre as the Richard Newitt Courts be noted.

 (ii) That the naming of the new Nursing Building as the Nightingale Building be ratified.

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Restricted

19 Minutes (restricted) of meeting held on 4 July 2000

Dame Yvonne explained that an amendment to Minute 72 (iv) was required because the period stated in the Minute was incorrect; it should read:

‘That Professor A Hamlin be re-appointed Head of the Department of Economics for the period 1 August 2000 to *31 July 2001*’, rather than 31 July 2003.

Resolved That the Minutes (restricted) of the meeting held on 4 July 2000 be approved and signed, subject to the above amendment.

20 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

21 The Vice-Chancellor’s report

The Vice-Chancellor stated that he had no items for report.

22 Report (restricted) from meeting of Senate held on 6 December 2000 (Agendum 46)

Received The report (restricted) from the meeting of Senate held on 6 December 2000.

Resolved (i) That the following senior appointments, effective from the dates shown, be noted:

Chair of Vascular Surgery	Mr C P Shearman (01.05.00)
Chair of Formal Methods/ Theoretical Computer Science	Dr M Butler (01.10.00)
Director of Enterprise & Innovation	Dr T Raven (04.09.00)
Chair of Computational Acoustics Of Gas Turbines	Professor J Astley (01.03.01)
Director of Academic Support Services	Ms S Corral (01.03.01)

(ii) That Professor D Nicholls be appointed Head of the Department of Music for the period 1 February 2001 to 31 January 2004.

(iii) That Professor R Martin be appointed Head of the Department of Management for the period 1 August 2000 to 31 July 2003.

(iv) That Dr J J McGavin be appointed Head of the Department of English for the period 1 August 2000 to 31 July 2003.

- (v) That Professor A Hamlin be appointed Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences for the period 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2004.
- (vi) That Professor N Foskett be appointed Head of the Research and Graduate School of Education for the period 1 August 2000 to 31 July 2003.
- (vii) That the title of Emeritus Professor be conferred upon the following with effect from the date of his retirement from full-time service of the University:

Professor D Jones	School of Medicine
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- (viii) That, on the recommendation of the Academic Staff Committee, the title and status of Professor be conferred upon the following, with effect from the dates shown:

Dr N Foskett	Research & Graduate School of Education (01.07.00)
Dr X Zhang	Aeronautics & Astronautics (01.10.00)
Dr R W Eason	Physics/Optoelectronics Research Centre (01.12.00)
Dr A Grudinin	Optoelectronics Research Centre (01.12.00)
Dr S F King	Physics and Astronomy (01.12.00)
Dr G J Parker	Electronics & Computer Science (01.12.00)
Dr R E Barnitt	School of Health Professions and Rehabilitation Sciences (01.12.00)
Dr K Mogg	Psychology (01.12.00)

- (ix) That, on the recommendation of the Academic Staff Committee, the Honorary title and status of Professor be conferred upon the following, with effect from 1 December 2000:

Dr H Roe	Southampton Oceanography Centre
Mr G Griffiths	Southampton Oceanography Centre

- (x) That, on the recommendation of the Academic Staff Committee, the title and status of Reader be conferred upon the following, with effect from the dates shown:

Dr P G R Smith	Optoelectronics Research Centre
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Dr G Crow	(01.10.00) Sociology & Social Policy (01.12.00)
Dr P W F Smith	Social Statistics (01.12.00)

- (xi) That, on the recommendation of the Academic Staff Committee, the title and status of Senior Research Fellow be conferred upon the following with effect from 1 December 2000:

Dr N Broderick	Optoelectronics Research Centre
Dr T M Monro	Optoelectronics Research Centre

- (xii) That Professors P M Holligan and Dame Jill McLeod Clark be appointed to the Nominating Committee for the Deputy Vice-Chancellorship.
- (xiii) That the comments and information provided by Senate under (i) to (xii) be noted.

23 **Report (restricted) from meeting of Standing Committee of Council held on 13 December 2000** (Agendum 47)

Dame Yvonne explained that the item had been withdrawn; the restricted item for discussion would be dealt with under Agendum 51.

24 **Nominating Committee for the Deputy Vice-Chancellorship** (Agendum 50)

Received The report from the Nominating Committee for the Deputy Vice-Chancellorship which was tabled.

The Secretary and Registrar introduced the report. He explained that Deputy Vice-Chancellor Ulph was stepping down after having served two periods of office. He explained that the normal reporting line followed for such appointments was first Senate, then Council. On receiving the announcement of the resignation of the Vice-Chancellor, the Nominating Committee had decided to consider the position overall. It had not been possible to report the recommendation to Senate in time for its meeting on 6 December 2000. The Secretary and Registrar said that he intended to write to all members of Senate, setting out the recommendation, after Council had discussed it.

Members of Council unanimously approved the recommendation that Professor Ian Diamond be appointed as Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 1 September 2001 in the first instance.

Resolution That the recommendation in the report be approved.

(The Vice-Chancellor left the meeting at this stage in the proceedings.)

25 **Joint Committee for the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor in succession to Professor Sir Howard Newby (Agendum 51)**

Received A report on the arrangements to be put in place to appoint a successor to Professor Sir Howard Newby.

The Secretary and Registrar presented the report, pointing out that there were no formal constitutional requirements which defined the membership of the Joint Committee, apart from the fact that its composition must be mutually agreed by the Council and the Senate. To the list of Council representatives in the report should be added the President of the Students' Union. He summarized the timetable of meetings of the Joint Committee which would convene early in the New Year, after consultants had been appointed to assist with the appointment process. The representatives of Senate were in the process of being selected and approved by Senate. He hoped that it would be possible to bring forward a recommendation to Council in April and invited members to agree two further representatives of Council to join the Joint Committee.

Mr Kness enquired whether the Joint Committee membership would include a member of the non-teaching staff. The Secretary and Registrar acknowledged that an NTS member had been part of the Joint Committee for the appointment of Sir Howard Newby but pointed out that the membership was not rigidly fixed. The overriding aim was to establish a group which offered a balance of knowledge and perspectives.

Members of Council agreed that Mr Alan Walker should join the membership of the Joint Committee and that the Secretary and Registrar should discuss with Dame Yvonne the choice of a second member.

- Resolved**
- (i) That a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate be established to consider the filling of the post of Vice-Chancellor from 1 October 2001.
 - (ii) That the Joint Committee be chaired by Dame Yvonne Moores and that it consist of four other representatives of Council, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors and four other representatives of Senate, and the President of the Students' Union with the Secretary and Registrar as Secretary to the Joint Committee.

- (iii) That the representatives of Council, in addition to the Chair, be Sir John Fairclough and Mr Godfrey Whitehead and Mr Alan Walker plus one further member to be selected.

(Post-meeting note: Dr Bruce Smith has been invited to join the Joint Committee.)

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The meeting ended at approximately 6.00pm.

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