

Enterprise and Learning Committee

Minutes (EL(3) 07-08)

Date: 5 March 2008

Time: 9.00am - 11.35am

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Gareth Jones, (Chair) Aberconwy
Alun Cairns, South Wales West
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Michael German, South Wales East
Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
David Melding, South Wales Central
Sandy Mewies, Delyn
Janet Ryder, North Wales
Kirsty Williams, Brecon and Radnorshire

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Dr Kathryn Jenkins, Clerk
Daniel Collier, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Ben Gray, President, NUS Wales
Carl J. Harris, Deputy President, NUS Wales
Siân Taylor, NUS Wales Manager, NUS Wales
Robert O Humphreys, Director, The Open University
Jane Williams, Assistant Director (Learning & Teaching), The Open University
Michele Looker, Assistant Director (Planning & Resources), The Open University
Dr Medwin Hughes, Principal and Chief Executive, Trinity College, Carmarthen
Dr Brian Clarke, Director of Resources and Operations, Trinity College, Carmarthen
Professor Robert Pearce, Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, Lampeter
Professor Barry Burnham, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Wales, Lampeter
Professor Ian Roffe, Director of the Centre for Enterprise, European and Extension Services, University of Wales, Lampeter

1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Michael German attended the first hour of the meeting on behalf of Kirsty Williams, who attended the remainder of the meeting.

2: Evidence to the Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of higher education

Papers: EL(3) 07-08 - Paper 1, EL(3) 07-08 - Paper 2

2.1 The Committee welcomed Ben Gray, President, NUS Wales; Carl J. Harris, Deputy President, NUS Wales; Siân Taylor, NUS Wales Manager, NUS Wales; Robert O Humphreys, Director, The Open University; Jane Williams, Assistant Director (Learning & Teaching), The Open University; Michele Looker, Assistant Director (Planning & Resources), The Open University; Dr Medwin Hughes, Principal and Chief Executive, Trinity College, Carmarthen; Dr Brian Clarke, Director of Resources and Operations, Trinity College, Carmarthen; Professor Robert Pearce, Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, Lampeter; Professor Barry Burnham, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Wales, Lampeter; Professor Ian Roffe, Director of the Centre for Enterprise, European and Extension Services, University of Wales, Lampeter.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

Action point:

Trinity College, Carmarthen agreed to provide:

An evaluation of their collaboration with University College, Dublin on the Tenderwise project.

Paper to note:

Minutes of the last meeting

Paper: EL(3) 06-08 - Minutes

The Committee ratified the minutes of the 27 February meeting.

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