

## **Education and Lifelong Learning Committee**

### **NAFTHE Wales**

Presentation to Assembly: Emphasise Professional association role

To sustain HE in Wales and serve HE objectives and those of the NAFW.

#### **1. Structure**

Support the role of UoW as validating body for Welsh HE

Support equal status of all HE institutions, but our members in the UoG wish to make it clear that they are concerned to retain their current autonomy.

#### **2. Funding**

Unit of resource central to achieve NAFW objectives.

Change funding methodology to promote collaboration

Need to adequately fund 'third mission activity'

#### **3. Collaboration**

Would wish to see strategic plans such for the integration of library services across Wales

Incentives to encourage cross collaboration between old and new sector in regard to research, both RAE and third mission.

#### **4. ICT**

Developments in this area should support the implementation of the ten-year strategic plan for HE in Wales.

Using ICT as a learning methodology needs careful consideration – supplement not substitute. [Access/widening participation will need people involvement because of the type of student; costs involved in setting-up and running such a system are according to some quite prohibitive.]

## **5. HE in FE**

NATFHE supports widening participation.

Natfhe oppose the position of Fforwm – Foundation degrees better way forward.

HE in FE must be same quality e.g. access to resources and scholarly activity.

Pay and conditions of service differential creates problems – of the employers making.

## **6. Trade Union Position:**

We are stake holders in this debate and wish to be recognised as equal partners in future discussions on the development of HE and FE in Wales – any restructuring will need the support of us and our members to work.

A restructuring fund must be set up to ensure that no member of staff faces compulsory redundancy – the alternative is that all changes will be opposed.

We would wish to see a commitment to maintain national (UK) bargaining on pay and conditions for Welsh HE.