

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Academic Board
Wednesday, 20 July 2016
Council Chamber, Main Building, Cardiff University

Present:

- Members (Coleg): Dr Hefin Jones (Chair and Dean), Dr Dylan Foster Evans, Professor Mererid Hopwood, Delyth Murphy, Professor Eleri Pryse
- Members (Institutional): Dr Gwenno Ffrancon, Gwawr Jones, Dr Elin Royles, Daniel Tiplady, Dr Catrin Haf Williams, Sara Whittam
- Members (Students): None present
- Members (ColegauCymru): Carys Swain
- Advisory Group: David Lloyd
- Officers: Dr Ioan Matthews (Chief Executive), Dr Dylan Phillips (Senior Academic Manager), Dr Gwennan Schiavone (Senior Academic Manager), Dr Dafydd Trystan (Registrar), Nia Brown (Development Officer: Secretariat)
- Apologies: Dr Myfanwy Davies, Professor Siwan Davies, Professor Carwyn Jones, Professor Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, Dr Llion Jones, Mari Elin Jones, Dr Lisa Lewis, Andrew Parry, Gwerfyl Roberts, Llinos Roberts, Llŷr Roberts, Professor Deri Tomos, Professor Enlli Thomas, Gaynor Williams, Linda Wyn

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	1.1. Members were welcomed formally by the Dean to the extraordinary meeting, including Sara Whittam on behalf of Gaynor Williams. 1.2. Cardiff University were thanked for their welcome and for hosting the meeting. 1.3. Members of the Coleg Advisory Group were welcomed to the meeting in order to contribute to the discussion on the new academic plan. 1.4. Good wishes were sent to Professor Deri Tomos on his		

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	<p>retirement, and he was thanked for his contribution on the Academic Board.</p> <p>1.5. Professor Siwan Davies was congratulated on her television programme <i>Her yr Hinsawdd</i> [Climate Challenge] that is currently being broadcast on S4C.</p>		
2. Apologies and declarations of interest	<p>2.1. Apologies were noted as above.</p> <p>2.2. There were no declarations of interest to note.</p>		
3. Cardiff University presentation	<p>3.1. Presentations were given by Eiliw Iwan, Branch Officer, on Welsh-medium provision at Cardiff University, and by Sara Whittam, Vice-Chair of the Cardiff Branch, on teaching health and medicine courses bilingually.</p> <p>3.2. It was reported that a television programme following the health trainees would be broadcast on S4C in due course.</p> <p>3.3. They were thanked for their presentations that reflected the developments and the work undertaken.</p>		
4. Update from the Chief Executive	<p>4.1. The Chief Executive gave an update on the Coleg's current position. It is expected that the Diamond Review recommendations will be published in the autumn.</p> <p>4.2. It was reported that the Board of Directors had discussed academic planning and had made a number of decisions in relation to the processing of funding and prioritising academic areas for future funding.</p> <p>4.3. It was reported that an agreement between the Coleg and the WJEC (Welsh Joint Education Committee) had been confirmed for accrediting the Welsh Language Skills Certificate form 2016/17.</p>		
5. New Academic Plan (Item 3)	<p>5.1. The Registrar gave a presentation on the new academic plan. Academic Board members were thanked for their contributions to the plan.</p>		

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	<p>5.2. Following the presentation, a number of the themes were discussed in detail, and suggestions were made about additions to the new plan, for consideration.</p> <p>5.3. It was agreed that members could provide further comments on the new plan until the end of the month. The Board of Directors and the Advisory Group would be discussing the plan in September before the Academic Board would receive a final document on 13 October 2016.</p> <p>5.4. The Registrar was thanked for his guidance in preparing the plan.</p>	Further comments by the end of the month	29 July 2016
6. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2016	6.1. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.		
7. Research and Publication Strategy (Item 5)	<p>7.1 A draft Research and Publication Strategy Action Plan was received, for information.</p> <p>7.2 Elements of the plan were discussed, and some recommendations and amendments were noted to be conveyed to the next Research and Publication Group.</p>	DP to propose to next Group	Autumn Term 2016
8. 2016/17 Students	<p>8.1. A verbal report was given on student representation on the Academic Board for the 2016/17 academic year. It was noted that the following had been appointed:</p> <p>Representatives of the universities of the south-east– Aimee Keen, University of South Wales and Osian Wyn Morgan, Cardiff University</p> <p>Representatives of the universities of the south-west– Alun Bryn Rennolf, Swansea University and Lois Pennant Jones, University of Wales: Trinity Saint David</p> <p>Representatives of the universities of the north-west – Gethin Morgan and Osian Wyn Owen, Bangor University</p>		

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	<p>Postgraduate representative – Laura Beth Davies, Cardiff University</p> <p>NUS Wales Officer – Ifan James</p> <p>8.2. It was reported that Fflur Elin, the new President of NUS Wales and a new Director of the Coleg representing students, was keen to refine student representation.</p> <p>8.3. The students of 2016/17 would follow the same arrangements as this year in having an informal meeting over lunch with the Dean and having the opportunity to contribute to a specific agenda item.</p> <p>8.4. The students of 2015/16 were thanked for their useful contribution.</p>		
<p>9. Matters arising</p>	<p>9.1 <u>Item 4.3: Information Services Manager</u> It was noted that Owain Huw, Information Services Manager, had left the Coleg and that Rhys Williams had started in post as Systems Manager on 11 July 2016.</p> <p>9.2 <u>Item 12.2: Widening access and participation</u> It was reported that Delyth Murphy was doing important work in the field and that the intention now was to establish a small Working Group to address collaboration before re-convening the Committee. In this context, the Chief Executive gave an update on a new collaboration agreement to be announced at the National Eisteddfod between the Coleg and the Open University, that responds to aspects of part-time provision and the widening access agenda.</p> <p>9.3 <u>Item 13.2: Glyndŵr University</u> It was noted that a Branch Officer had been appointed at Glyndŵr University with a formal relationship with Coleg Cambria.</p> <p>9.4 <u>Item 14.1: Memorial awards</u> It was noted that the Gwobr Merêd award and the Dr John</p>		

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	Davies Memorial Award would be given at the National Eisteddfod at Abergavenny in August.		
10. AOB	<p>10.1. It was reported that the Dean's visits to branches would continue in 2016/17.</p> <p>10.2. Following a matter that was raised during his visits, the Dean noted that he would be in touch informally with institutions in due course to ask how they deal with the assessment of work submitted in Welsh.</p> <p>10.3. Members were thanked for their contribution and their commitment at the end of another academic year.</p>		
11. Dates of the next meetings	<p>11.1. The dates of the meetings for the 2016/17 academic year were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 October 2016, University of South Wales • 8 February 2017, Carmarthen • 10 May 2017, Aberystwyth University 		