

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Academic Board
Thursday, 13 October 2016
Board Room, Newport City Campus, University of South Wales

Present:

Members (Coleg): Dr Hefin Jones (Chair and Dean), Professor Siwan Davies, Dr Dylan Foster Evans, Professor Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, Professor Emeritus Densil Morgan, Gwerfyl Roberts, Llŷr Roberts, Professor Emeritus Deri Tomos

Members (Institutional): Dr Myfanwy Davies, Dr Tudur Davies, Dr Gwenno Ffrancon, Professor Mererid Hopwood, Dr Gwawr Jones, Daniel Tiplady, Sara Whittam

Members (Students): Laura Beth Davies, Ifan James, Lois Pennant Jones, Gethin Morgan, Osian Wyn Morgan, Osian Wyn Owen, Alun Bryn Rennolf

Members (ColegauCymru): Llinos Roberts

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: Professor Carwyn Jones, Dr Lisa Lewis, Huw Morris, Delyth Murphy, Professor Eleri Pryse, Dr Elin Royles, Carys Swain, Professor Enlli Thomas, Dr Catrin Haf Williams, Linda Wyn

Item	Main points of discussion	Action	Timescale
1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	1.1. The Dean welcomed members formally to the meeting, including Dr Tudur Davies on behalf of Dr Elin Royles and Dr Gwawr Jones on behalf of Dr Lisa Lewis. 1.2. The student representatives for 2016/17 were welcomed to their first meeting. 1.3. The University of South Wales was thanked for hosting the meeting.		
2. Apologies and declarations of interest	2.1. Apologies were noted as above. 2.2. There were no declarations of interest to note.		

<p>3. Update from the Chief Executive</p>	<p>3.1. The Chief Executive gave an update on matters involving the Coleg.</p> <p>3.2. The Chief Executive reported that Dr Hefin Jones had been nominated by Coleg members to serve as Coleg Dean and Chair of the Academic Board for a further term. The Appointments Committee will consider the recommendation on 14 October 2016. He was thanked for his service thus far.</p> <p>3.3. It was reported that the Diamond Review had recommended that the Coleg remain as the principal organisation for planning and supporting Welsh-medium higher education and that it should continue to receive an annual budget at least in line with the budget for 2016/17, which was £5.8m.</p> <p>3.4. It was reported that a constructive and positive meeting had been held on 5 October 2016 with the Cabinet Secretary for Education and the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language.</p> <p>3.5. Following the First Minister's announcement at the National Eisteddfod, a Task and Finish Group is to be established to review the Coleg's responsibilities. Further information is expected shortly.</p> <p>3.6. It was reported that planning meetings had been arranged between the Coleg and individual institutions. The main purpose of the meetings will be to discuss situations where the Coleg's current grants expire in July 2017.</p> <p>3.7. It was reported that Andrew Green's term as Chair of the Coleg will end on 31 March 2017. The post will be advertised shortly.</p> <p>3.8. It was reported that further consideration will be given during the year to the structure and responsibilities of the Coleg Branches. This will be in the context of drawing up new funding agreements with the institutions for implementation from August 2017.</p>		
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<p>4. Presentation by the University of South Wales</p>	<p>4.1. Dr Gwawr Jones, Head of the Welsh Language Unit and University Welsh Language Officer, and Llŷr Roberts, Head of Canolfan ABC, gave a presentation on the recent increase in the Welsh-medium provision at the University of South Wales.</p> <p>4.2. They were thanked for their presentation, which showed both the challenges and the pioneering work taking place in the institution.</p>		
<p>5. Academic Planning (i)</p>	<p>5.1. An academic planning exercise by subject was undertaken, led by the Registrar.</p>		
<p>6. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016</p>	<p>6.1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.</p>		
<p>7. Academic Planning (ii) (Item 5)</p>	<p>7.1. A presentation on the new academic plan was given by the Registrar.</p> <p>7.2. The Registrar reported on the plan's development since the early discussions at the Academic Board in October 2015, the consultation with institutions and branches, and the further discussions at the Academic Board, the Advisory Group and the Board of Directors.</p> <p>7.3. Reference was made to the policy context: the Coleg Review; the Diamond Report, the Hazelkorn Review, the Welsh Government's Strategy to create a million Welsh speakers by 2050; the Welsh language standards for the NHS and the Government's More than Just Words framework; and the TEF/White Paper for England.</p> <p>7.4. In light of the policy context, the plan was developed for higher education, but with principles that could be applied more widely.</p> <p>7.5. During the discussion, members explored how to ensure that support is available to those lecturers not funded by the Coleg who contribute purposefully to Welsh-medium provision at the institutions. It was agreed that this was a matter for discussion at the planning meetings in the</p>	<p>Discuss at the planning meetings</p>	<p>By 8 February 2017</p>

	context of the new funding models that will, in time, replace the Staffing Scheme.		
8. Student representation paper (Item 6)	<p>8.1. A paper on student representation on the Academic Board was presented by Ifan James, Welsh Language Officer for NUS Wales, on behalf of Fflur Elin, NUS Wales President.</p> <p>8.2. Part A, on adopting the practice that there should be no more than one student from each university, was approved into the election process.</p> <p>8.3. Part B of the paper, setting out good practice for student training, was welcomed.</p>	Revise the election process	Summer 2017
9. Student discussion paper (Item 7)	<p>9.1. Alun Rennolf presented, for discussion, the student paper on communication with students and prospective students.</p> <p>9.2. Following a discussion, it was agreed to look into the membership system and provide feedback on any developments to the next meeting.</p> <p>9.3. Students were reminded that they would need to decide on a topic and present a discussion paper to the next meeting on 8 February 2017.</p>	<p>Feedback on the membership system</p> <p>NB to remind students</p>	<p>By 8 February 2017</p> <p>By January 2017</p>
10. Academic Collaboration Committee (Item 8)	<p>10.1. The draft minutes of the Academic Collaboration Committee meeting of 21 March 2016 were noted for information.</p> <p>10.2. The Chief Executive gave an update on the committee's discussions in relation to collaboration, which have been incorporated in the academic plan.</p>		
11. Research and Publication Strategy (Item 9)	<p>11.1 The draft minutes of the Research and Publication Group meeting of 7 June 2016 were noted for information.</p> <p>11.2 The Group will discuss the Diamond Review recommendations at its next meeting, and this will be reported back to the Academic Board in February 2017.</p>		
12. Widening Access and Participation	12.1. The Chief Executive gave an update on Widening Access and Participation matters. It was reported that a Widening		

	<p>Access Working Group had been established and had met on 23 September 2016.</p> <p>12.2. It was reported that widening access and participation featured in the new academic plan.</p>		
13. Academic Planning (iii)	<p>13.1. A report was given on the outcomes of an academic planning by subject exercise.</p> <p>13.2. Following a discussion, it was agreed that, for clarity, the wording of some clauses in the Academic Plan should be reconsidered.</p> <p>13.3. It was emphasised that the document would form the framework for planning decisions.</p> <p>13.4. It was agreed that members could offer further comments on the new plan until 31 October 2016. The plan will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval on 23 November 2016.</p> <p>13.5. The Registrar was thanked for his work in preparing the new academic plan.</p>	<p>Reconsider the wording of some clauses</p> <p>Member comments</p>	<p>October 2016</p> <p>31 October 2016</p>
14. Matters arising	<p>14.1 <u>Item 1.4:</u> It was noted that Professor Emeritus Deri Tomos would continue as a member of the Academic Board until the end of the term of his membership.</p>		
15. AOB	<p>15.1. Reference was made to two television series on S4C, <i>Doctoriaid Yfory</i> and <i>Her yr Hinsawdd</i>, which highlight the work of the Coleg and Welsh-medium study.</p>		
16. Dates of the next meetings	<p>16.1. The following dates were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 February 2017, Carmarthen • 10 May 2017, Aberystwyth University 		