



Council of Deans of Health

Minutes of meeting of the Executive Team of the Council of Deans of Health, Thursday 18 March 2010

Present:

Ieuan Ellis	Vice Chair
Iain McIntosh	Nation Officer – Scotland
Melanie Jasper	Nation Officer – Wales
Lyn Karstadt	Nation Officer – England
Mary Lovegrove	Officer – AHP
Linda Merriman	Officer AHP
Richard Stephenson	Officer – AHP
Anne-Marie Rafferty	Officer- Nursing
Gail Thomas	Acting Director
Catherine Deakin	Policy Officer
Eve Jagusiewicz	UUK
Jan Durbridge	Administrator

1. Apologies

Sue Bernhauser, Jill Macleod Clark, Hugh McKenna

2. Unconfirmed Minutes of 25 January 2010

These were agreed as correct.

3. Actions arising from the minutes of 25 January 2010

Staffing Survey: The survey of academic staffing levels is near completion and to be presented at the Retreat. The Council of Deans of Health (CoD) need to look at whether we do a survey this extensive in the future and how frequent such a survey should be.

NMC Review of Pre-Registration Education: A discussion followed. The draft SETs and SOPs are to be circulated to the Exec team for comment before wider circulation. A 15 point guide will come out of this to guide response to the consultation shortly after the event on 12 April.

Website development: The Executive team were asked to read and consider the paper put forward by HQ office on the Council of Deans website development. Comments to be sent to Janice Durbridge.

4. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

None noted.

5. Headquarters report

Noted for information.

6. Urgent Policy Issues

HENSE: The CoD/UUK response to the draft guidance paper from the HENSE education sub group was discussed. Mary Lovegrove was asked to clarify the status of the WAPPIG paper at the next meeting of HENSE on 25 march. It was agreed CoD need to gather information on commissioning numbers from members and how the scenario planning may happen. CoD membership to be emailed about patterns of commissioning, the email to ask for:

- Examples of universities working together cross regions with or without SHA concerning commissioned numbers;
- Whether institutions are scenario planning for reductions.

AHP Professional Advisory Board: Ieuan Ellis /Mary Lovegrove are currently attending these meetings. Ieuan Ellis has suggested the PAB be co-chaired as Karen Middleton, Chief Health Professions Officer, is in a difficult position being an employee of Department of Health and Chair.

Heartlands Trust: They have had the launch event which was very well attended. The tender has not come out yet. They are going to focus on post registration courses. It was agreed the Council of Deans need to keep a watching brief on developments.

First employment reference form: Colleagues have been asked to feed back their comments. There were concerns the current draft was lifted from the medics form and does not relate to our professions. It was felt that it was unrealistic as to what this tool can do.

Independent Safeguarding Authority: There have been reports from Supporting Professionalism in Admissions (SPA) that there are problems. Colleagues were asked to send any comments to Eve Jagusiewicz.

Working group on the political world of higher education and its interface with health: CoD to instigate a working group on the political world of higher education and its interface with health. This would feed back to the executive team on issues in higher education that the CoD should be considering. Catherine Deakin is to discuss this further with Mary Lovegrove.

7. Future meetings/ specialist seminars

'Designing the nurse of the future', 12 April: The programme and delegate list were reviewed by the executive team. It was agreed a seating plan would be useful, with several members of Council on each table. It was agreed the HQ office would:

- Revise agenda as agreed;
- Brief Chair and presenters;
- Send out programme to attendees;
- Draw up a table plan for the day.

Specialist seminars: Catherine Deakin updated the executive team on the specialist seminar on recruitment and retention, held on 9 March. The executive team were asked to consider the recommendations put forward from this day.

Away day: It was agreed this meeting would focus on strategic planning and the executive team would revisit the position statements.

Retreat: A draft programme was tabled and discussed. The executive team were asked to send comments back to the CoD HQ.

9. Briefing on discussion with Dickon Weir-Hughes, Chief Executive and Registrar and Tony Hazell, Chair of the Nursing and Midwifery Council

The executive team discussed the forthcoming meeting with Dickon Weir-Hughes, Chief Executive and Registrar and Tony Hazell, Chair of the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

10. Discussion with Dickon Weir-Hughes, Chief Executive and Registrar and Tony Hazell, Chair of the Nursing and Midwifery Council

There was a productive discussion between the CoD executive and Gail Thomas, Acting Director of Policy, gave a short introduction to the Council of Deans and its activity.

CoD executive members then raised the following issues with Dickon Weir-Hughes and Tony Hazell.

- The benefit of the CoD having the perspective across professional groups;
- Seeing CoD and higher education as a 'resource';
- Issue of role creep within the NMC and the duality within NMC of professional body and regulator;
- How the image of nursing could be improved, and how the NMC saw their purpose for improving the understanding of the public;
- Issue of healthcare support workers;
- The role of education providers and regulators;
- Quality assurance issues.

The NMC responded to these questions, updated on current and past issues and what they saw as the future for the organisation.

The following actions were agreed:

- Regular meetings between Dickon Weir-Hughes, Chief Executive of the Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC), the Royal College of Nursing,

the Royal College of Midwifery, Sue Bernhauser and Matthew Hamilton;

- Setting up further meetings with the executive, involving more NMC representatives;
- Meeting with Council members, for example those educators on the Council – Judith Ellis, Mary Renfrew and Kuldip Bharj – but also other council members;
- Ensure engagement with lower level NMC officers - NMC and CoD to consider secondment policy within higher education;
- CoD to share work with Dickon Weir-Hughes, Chief Executive of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) that the Department of Health is doing around AHP practice education;
- CoD to send details of Julie Badon, who is leading on quality and attrition issues at the Department of Health to Dickon Weir-Hughes;
- NMC to share FTP data with CoD.

11. Debrief from Dickon Weir-Hughes, Chief Executive and Registrar and Tony Hazell, Chair of the Nursing and Midwifery Council

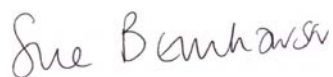
The executive team reflected on the productive meeting with Tony Hazell and Dickon Weir-Hughes. It was agreed Dickon would be invited to present at the October Full Council meeting, alongside Marc Seale (Health Professions Council).

12. Any other business

Catherine Deakin updated the executive on the CoD Disability Guidance. This guidance, originally produced by a small working group in 2007 has been reviewed by a working group, updated and is shortly to be circulated to the wider membership and other stakeholders.

13. Date of next meeting

18 May 2010, Bath Spa Hotel, Bath



Chair: Date: 18/05/2010.....