

## **RES CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS OF ECONOMICS**

CHUDE Steering Committee Meeting  
Saturday 22 February 2003  
10.30am for 11.00am

Venue: Room MG/124  
London Metropolitan University  
City Campus  
84 Moorgate  
London EC2M 6SQ

Present: John Beath (Chair)  
Alan Carruth  
David Blackaby  
Norman Ireland  
Richard Jackman  
Denise Osborn

### **1. Apologies.**

1.1 Received from James Bradley, Lester Hunt, Malcolm Sawyer and Hassan Molana.

### **2. Minutes of CHUDE Steering Committee Meeting of 5 October 2002.**

2.1 The minutes of the October 2002 meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **3. Matters arising and not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

3.1 John Beath and David Hendry had provided input through Steve Nickell and Richard Portes into the Roberts Review of the RAE on behalf of the RES. A copy of the submission would be made available. It was noted that at present there was much speculation about the likely recommendations from the Review. The Roberts Committee would publish its report in May and CHUDE / RES would have to respond to this during the summer (See 14. AOB).

### **4. Minutes of CHUDE Meeting of 11 November 2002 (for information only).**

### **5. CHUDE Steering Committee**

5.1 The Committee wished to record its gratitude to John Cable for his contribution to CHUDE over many years of excellent service.

5.2 It was proposed and seconded that Professor Andrew Henley be co-opted onto the Steering Committee, and that this recommendation be placed before the April meeting of CHUDE at Warwick. It was noted that the Committee was still a member short following Phillip Arestis' move to the US.

**6. CHUDE Chair**

6.1 This was discussed and it was hoped that a proposal might be put to the April meeting of CHUDE.

**7. Funding for Economics**

7.1 Contact had been made through Stephen Nickell with the Chief Executive of HEFCE to explore the possibility that Economics Departments be put into a higher funding band.

7.2 *Action: Steve and John Beath had prepared a draft paper which would be revised and circulated at the full meeting for comment and input.*

**8. GES matters: Jonathan de Berker to be invited address the CHUDE meeting in April.**

8.1 The success of the Autumn open days for GES and RES was of considerable interest, and there was some discussion of the need to get the message across to schools about the opportunities for economists.

8.2 *Action: Chair would contact Jonathan*

**9. ESRC matters: Ian Diamond to be invited to address the CHUDE meeting in April.**

9.1 The Committee felt it would be very useful to touch base with the new head of the ESRC, and to hear his views on the future of the ESRC and the place of economics in that vision.

9.2 *Action: Chair would contact Ian Diamond and explore a possible theme for his talk if he is available.*

**10. British Academy**

10.1 Letter and report had been received from the British Academy on fine tuning their analysis of the state of academic PhD research by seeking additional disaggregated information on threatened and emerging specialisations within subjects.

10.2 *Action: Chair would make a response with input from the Steering Committee as the deadline for submissions was March 2003.*

**11. HE White Paper**

11.1 It was felt that the paper was too wide ranging on teaching and research to table anything specific for discussion at the CHUDE meeting in April.

**12. Economics LTSN**

12.1 The committee endorsed its view of the important role of the LTSN and our need to remain involved with its innovative work.

**13. QAA**

13.1 Institutional Audit was discussed and the heavy burden it may be placing on institutions was raised, but there was no immediate issue that needed to be placed before CHUDE in April.

**14. A.O.B.**

14.1 It was suggested that the potential implications of the Robert's report should be tabled for the CHUDE meeting as there may be more information available and the Nickell / Beath paper would be available for comment. So a separate RAE item would be placed on the CHUDE April Agenda.

**15. Date of next meeting: To be agreed. Possible date, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2003.**