

SCHOOL OF WELSH MEDIUM STUDIES

Date: 18 October 2007

Location: Council Chamber

Present: Professor Densil Morgan (Chair), Mr. Geraint George, Mr Ifor Gruffydd, Mrs. Eleri Hughes, Ms Meri Huws, Mr. David James, Mrs. Bethan Llwyd Jones, Mrs. Bethan Wyn Jones, Dr. Llion Jones, Dr. Eifiona Thomas Lane, Dr. Delyth Morris, Mrs. Delyth Murphy, Mrs. Gwerfyl Wyn Roberts, Miss Bethan Williams, Dr. Catrin Haf Williams, Dr. Prysor Williams, Dr. Einir Young, Mr. Emyr Roberts (minutes), Dr. Dafydd Trystan, Welsh Medium Education Development Centre.

Apologies: Dr. Wil Griffith, Mr. Dewi Wyn Jones, Dr. Gwyn Lewis, Mrs. Mairwen Owen, Ms. Sian Pierce, Dr. Robert Pope, Mrs. Delyth Prys, Dr. Enlli Thomas, Professor Deri Tomos, Mrs. Gwenan Williams.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Miss Bethan Williams, President of UMCB, to her first meeting of the School, as well as Dr Dafydd Trystan, Development Manager, Welsh Medium Education Development Centre.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the School's meeting on 23 April 2007 were taken as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Item 3.1 (1) – Neuadd John Morris Jones

It was reported that there were no problems this year during the first weekend of the Freshers Week when new students moved into Neuadd John Morris Jones.

(ii) Item 3.2 – Developments in the Colleges

It was reported that a response was awaited from the College of Health and Behavioural Sciences to the request for Welsh medium developments.

It was **resolved** to ask the Chair and Ms Meri Huws to seek a response from the Head of College. (Action DDM/MH).

(iii) **Item 3.3 – Scholarships and Fellowships**

(1) **Scholarships**

Scholarships were awarded as follows:

Music –	Miss Gwawr Ifan
Social Sciences –	Mr Cynog Prys
Chemistry -	Miss Enlli Hughes
Law -	Miss Lois Roberts
Law (private) -	Miss Hayley Owen
Health -	Mrs Ruth Wyn Williams

(2) **Fellowships**

Fellowships were awarded as follows:

Creative Industries -	Dr Eben Muse
Music -	Dr Craig Owen Jones
Biological Sciences -	Mr Merfyn Williams

- (3) Information regarding new applications will be circulated in November with applications to be submitted by the end of January 2008. The information will be sent to the appropriate contacts in the Colleges.

(iv) **Item 3.4 – Presentations**

It was **resolved** to include specific items such as research and recruitment on the School's agenda and ask relevant staff members to give short presentations. (Action: DDM/ER).

(v) **Item 4 (v) – Targets**

Dr Llion Jones thanked Schools for providing details of their short and mid term targets for the Academic Language Scheme. It is intended to combine the Administrative and Academic Language Schemes and submit them to the Council.

(vi) **Item 4 (viii) – Package of Welsh Medium Stories**

Meri Huws reported that she had discussed with Mr Alan Wyn Parry the possibility of assembling a package of Welsh medium stories. This will be part of the supplement which is being prepared for publication in the magazine *Golwg*.

(vii) **Item 6 – Termiadur y Gyfraith**

It was reported that it had not been possible to launch *Termiadur y Gyfraith* at the Eisteddfod. It is intended to circulate a draft version for staff and students of the School of Law during the current academic year and discuss further

steps with Professor Thomas Watkin (in his role as Chief Legislative Counsel for Wales).

4. TASIG REPORT

Meri Huws reported on the following issues:

- (i) She thanked all the staff members who worked on the University stall at the Mold Eisteddfod. The event for former students had been very successful and it is intended to hold this annually in future.
- (ii) Colleges will receive information from Mrs Carys Wyn Roberts, Head of Student Recruitment, regarding funding which is available for Widening Participation.
- (iii) Advertisements will appear in the press during the next few weeks for two posts at Canolfan Bedwyr, namely a Development Officer and Translator with expertise in simultaneous translation.

5. PRESENTATION BY DR DAFYDD TRYSTAN, DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

1. Dr Dafydd Trystan gave a presentation on the latest progress regarding developing the academic provision as part of the wider scheme under the supervision of HESG (committee comprising senior officers from the various institutions).
2. HESG has earmarked three specific fields as Academic Priorities to be targeted, namely Geography and the Environment, Law and Creative Industries. The Funding Council will identify main providers in other fields during the next few weeks and it will be necessary to prioritise. Substantial development funding will be available to the Network Panels in the priority fields.
3. Research Priorities will be aimed at post-16 students, current students and graduates and employers.
4. The aim in future will be to provide Welsh Medium Learning of the highest standard for students, staff and employers.
5. Members were then given an opportunity to ask questions.

The Chair thanked Dr Dafydd Trystan for his presentation.

6. REVIEWING THE 2007/08 WELCOME WEEK

The College of Arts and Humanities, and Bethan Brown specifically, were thanked for preparing the booklet Welsh and Bilingual First Year Modules.

It was reported that the event for Welsh students on the Tuesday of the Welcome Week had been a success with a good number present. It was suggested that it will be necessary to advertise earlier next year and give notice to more people within the schools. Canolfan Bedwyr through the Development Officer will be responsible for this activity in future.

It was also noted that the Welsh medium training in using Blackboard had been good but again that there was a need to make arrangements earlier for next year.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC STAFF ON PYCI

It was reported that a representative from amongst academic staff was needed to serve on PYCI.

Dr Delyth Morris offered to undertake the duty and it was **resolved** to accept her offer.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 2.15 on Wednesday, 30 January 2008 in the Council Chamber.