

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING –UNIVERSITY OF LUND, SWEDEN**  
**Thursday 29 September 2005**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Prof Jan Nilsson (outgoing Chair)	Dean, Host University 2005	(Lund University)
Prof James Angus	Dean, Host of Secretariat	(University of Melbourne)
Prof Peter Brooks	Dean, Host University 2004	(University of Queensland)
Prof Collette Clifford	Nursing representative	(University of Birmingham)
Dr Sylvia Rodger	Health & Rehab. Sciences representative	(University of Queensland)
Prof Robert Sindelar	Pharmacy representative	(University of British Columbia)
Prof Terence Stephenson (incoming Chair)	Dean, Host University 2006	(University of Nottingham)
Lorraine Devitt	Executive Officer	

**Apologies**

Prof Eric Reynolds	Dentistry representative	(University of Melbourne)
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**1. Review of current membership**

In order to ascertain the current status of individual universities in the Universitas 21 Health Sciences network, the Committee agreed that J Angus would seek advice from the University of Melbourne's U21 Manager and report on findings at the next meeting (by teleconference) of the Executive.

**2. U21 Health Sciences Secretariat**

The Committee endorsed the continuation of the U21 Health Sciences Executive Officer position and it was noted that the appropriate follow up action would be undertaken by the University of Melbourne.

**3. Budget – U21 Health Sciences Secretariat**

The Committee approved the 2005-2006 budget as presented by the Executive Officer. It was agreed that the funding allocation for further development of DLOCat would be subsumed under the general funding allocation for U21 projects. The Committee approved the recommended subscription rate (January 06 – January 07) of AU \$11,000.

**4. 2005 Meeting Outcomes and U21 Projects**

e-health

The Committee discussed the four resolutions arising from the U21 global e-health workshop held on Monday 26 September and Tuesday 27 September 2005.

It was agreed that the e-health steering committee would work towards substantive and ongoing collaboration with WHO and the Swinfen Charitable Trust, to further develop the U21 partnership in e-health for student and staff exchange, service delivery, and research.

The Committee supported the request that the U21 Managers' group be approached by the U21 Health Sciences Executive to fund, in the first instance, the development of a business case analysis for the operation of the U21 partnership in e-health. It was noted that the business case would involve collaboration with U21 Business School colleagues. It was also noted that the request should be framed in such a way as to suggest a commitment to ongoing funding, in order to facilitate the implementation of the U21 e-health partnership.

It was agreed that the U21 e-health sciences group, with the WHO e-Health Unit, would jointly establish a committee under the Global Observatory for e-Health to ascertain opportunities for collaboration, and that

findings and outcomes would be reported at the 2006 U21 Health Sciences meeting in Nottingham. Members also noted the need to encourage member universities to nominate and link specific point of contacts (SPOCs) to the e-health steering committee, for involvement in e-health initiatives and as telehealth consultants.

#### Outcomes of the interdisciplinary workshop and panel discussion

Members agreed that the Executive Officer would clarify and disseminate to the U21 Health Sciences group the suggestions arising from the discussion during the interdisciplinary workshop. It was agreed that the group would be asked to prioritize these suggestions and that the feedback would be discussed at the next Executive Committee teleconference.

#### **5. Nottingham 2006 – suggestions / proposals for the core meeting programme**

Members noted and endorsed the proposed leads for the discipline group meeting arrangements in Nottingham in 2006 (13-15 September). Members agreed that the Executive Officer would work with T Stephenson to prioritize the various multidisciplinary themes suggested for the core meeting programme.

#### **6. Membership of the U21 Health Sciences Executive Committee**

Members noted the proposed composition of the U21 Health Sciences Executive Committee for the period September 2005 until September 2006.

#### **7. Other Business**

##### U21 Pharmacy Teleconference in Lund

R Sindelar provided Members with a brief overview of the proceedings of the U21 Pharmacy teleconference held on Wednesday 29 September. It was noted that potential topics for follow up at the meeting in Nottingham included accreditation, interprofessional education; the broader research context, and ongoing work on benchmarking. Members also noted the potential for expanding the U21 Pharmacy group to include the Deans at Fudan University and the University of Peking.

##### 2007 U21 Health Sciences Meeting

Members noted that written communication would take place with both the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong and the Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia as a means of formalizing the arrangements for the U21 Health Sciences meetings in 2007 and 2008.

##### *Postscript*

*P Brooks has finished his term as an Executive Committee member. On behalf of the U21 Health Sciences Executive, J Nilsson thanked P Brooks for his substantial contribution and commitment to the Committee over the last three years.*