

## Notes – Executive Committee meeting – Nottingham 14/9/06

### Members

Prof Terence Stephenson (Chair)	Dean, Host University 2006	(University of Nottingham)
Prof James Angus	Dean, Host of Secretariat	(University of Melbourne)
Prof Eric Reynolds	Dentistry	(University of Melbourne)
Prof Collette Clifford	Nursing	(University of Birmingham)
Prof Robert Sindelar	Pharmacy	(University of British Columbia)
Dr Sylvia Rodger	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	(University of Queensland)

### Apologies

Prof Jan Nilsson	Dean, Host University 2005	(Lund University)
Prof S K Lam	Dean, Host University 2006	(University of Hong Kong)

### Welcome

A/Prof Niv Patil	(nominee of Prof S K Lam)	(University of Hong Kong)
Prof Nick Shaw	(nominee of Prof R Sindelar)	(University of Queensland)
A/Prof Judy Kilpatrick	(new Nursing representative)	(University of Auckland)
Prof Gillian Webb	(new HRS representative)	(University of Melbourne)

## 1. **Composition of U21 Health Sciences Executive Committee (September 2006 – 2007)**

The Committee noted that the Executive Committee now comprised:

A/Prof Niv Patil as nominee of Prof S K Lam (Chair)	Dean, Host University 2007	(University of Hong Kong)
Prof Terence Stephenson	Dean, Host University 2006	(University of Nottingham)
Dr Arthur Garson	Dean, Host University 2008	(University of Virginia)
Prof James Angus	Dean, Host of Secretariat	(University of Melbourne)
Prof Eric Reynolds	Dentistry (re-elected)	(University of Melbourne)
A/Prof Judy Kilpatrick	Nursing	(University of Auckland)
Prof Robert Sindelar	Pharmacy	(University of British Columbia)
Prof Gillian Webb	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	(University of Melbourne)

## 2. **Budget – U21 Health Sciences Secretariat**

The Committee discussed the Executive Officer's proposed budget and the matter of outstanding subscriptions. It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to institutions with outstanding subscriptions indicating that non-payment had been noted and that membership of the U21 Health Sciences group would be terminated unless payment was received within a specified period. In the event of subsequent non-payment, it was noted that a final determination on membership would take place approximately three months prior the next annual meeting. It was agreed that communications would be directed at each institution's U21 Manager.

It was agreed that the 2006 subscription rate would not rise substantially for the 2007 period, and that a final rate would be determined at the next Executive Committee teleconference.

## 3. **Outstanding subscriptions**

See item 2 above.

## 4. **Business case relating to future directions for the U21 Health Sciences / SCT consortium**

The Committee considered the proposed expansion of telehealth services as outlined in option 2 in the business case prepared by the University of Queensland. Members noted the level of financial commitment required and it was agreed that a range of issues still needed to be explored and clarified. The Committee also noted that commitment to the initiative might require the involvement of senior university administration. Options discussed included the possibility of modest funding to facilitate student involvement in the initiative. The matter will be further discussed at the next Executive Committee teleconference.

## 5. **2006 meeting in Nottingham**

### 5.1 Resolution – United Nations & Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Dissemination

The Committee supported Kendall Ho's proposal that ongoing dialogue take place with United Nations Section of the Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) to explore how U21 Health Sciences can contribute to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in terms of education and training.

## 5.2 Proposed U21 Health Informatics course

The Committee noted the commitment and effort demonstrated by Prof Peter Harris in his work on the proposed U21 Health Informatics course. Members also noted the range of current offerings and it was agreed that the project should remain on hold for the foreseeable future and would be revisited if there was a demonstrable increase in the need / demand for this type of course.

## 6. Hong Kong 2007

Members noted that the 2007 annual meeting being hosted by the University of Hong Kong would take place on 26 - 28 September 2007.

Members noted the proposal by Prof S K Lam that a satellite meeting of around one and a half days be convened for other (non-U21) medical and health sciences faculty within the broader region. It was noted that facilitators and speakers would be sought from the U21 Health Sciences group and that the meeting would comprise workshops and symposia (by subscription) under the U21 Health Sciences banner.

During the ensuing discussion, it was agreed that the proposed meeting could involve and interest a range of health sciences disciplines. Members noted that the proposal provided the U21 Health Sciences group with an opportunity to pilot the initiative to assess its feasibility in terms of an ongoing activity and potential funding source. It was agreed that a draft programme and details relating to the satellite meeting would be presented to the Executive Committee for consideration at each teleconference prior to the 2007 annual meeting.

## 7. Other business

7.1 Members noted that the University of Korea and Tech de Monterrey, Mexico, had expressed an interest in hosting the U21 Health Sciences meeting in 2008. These generous offers were noted and it was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next Executive Committee teleconference (date to be advised).

7.2 Thank you to the outgoing Health and Rehabilitation Sciences representative on the Executive Committee, Dr Sylvia Rodger, and to the outgoing Nursing representative, Professor Collette Clifford. In addition, many thanks to Professor Jan Nilsson, host Dean of the 2005 meeting in Lund and outgoing Executive Committee member. Your commitment and contribution is greatly appreciated.

## 8. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next teleconference would take place prior to the end of the year. The Executive Officer will contact the relevant staff and the exact date will be advised.