

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting held at the Rutherford Laboratory on  
9th December, 1964.

Present: Professor A. W. Morrison (Chairman)  
Dr. T. G. Pickavance  
Dr. A. C. W. V. Clarke  
Mr. H. Rothwell  
Dr. J. M. Valentine  
Dr. J. A. V. Willis (Secretary)

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th October, 1964, were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Estimates Dr. Willis said that the estimates in AEA form had been sent to the AEA. Following the original practice, the estimate of amounts to be paid to universities under EMR agreements (known as VLS 1) had not included experimental agreements. However, he had just heard that Mr. Hudspeth now felt strongly that these should be included. It was left to Dr. Clarke to decide what should be done on this occasion.

3. WHITLEY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER

(a) Matters arising from the Minutes It was agreed to make no reply to the Staff Side's statement at the last meeting unless they raised the matter, if so, the Chairman would ask Dr. Clarke to make comments.

(b) S.R.C. It was agreed that Dr. Clarke should be the principal Official Side spokesman on the subject of the arrangements for a S.R.C.; he would also prepare a short formal statement for the Chairman to make on this subject.

(c) Benevolent Fund It was agreed that unfortunately it would be impossible to introduce a benevolent fund before the ending of the Institute. However, it was desirable to prepare a minute, agreed between the Official and Staff Sides, of the position reached in the hope that this would reduce delay in setting up a benevolent fund under a new organisation.

(d) Training The report should be noted. Dr. Clarke agreed to write a short brief for the Chairman on this point.

(e) Promotion Authority It was noted that the Executive Committee had decided that one of their academic members should be added to the NIRNS Promotion Authority. However, it was agreed that it would be unreasonable to put this decision into effect in respect of the current promotion reviews and that this point must be referred back to the Executive Committee at their next meeting. In the meantime, Professor Morrison agreed to get into touch with Professor Flowers to explain why the decision could not be immediately put into effect.

The reply to any Staff Side inquiry about promotion arrangements at present should be over the interim arrangements of which they were aware were still in operation.

4. ACTION ARISING FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(a) Working Parties It was agreed that Dr. Willis should write to Dr. Adams, Professor Wilkinson and Professor Flowers as Chairmen of the three Working Parties, on the subjects of (i) inclusion of a DSIR official, (ii) membership, (iii) any secretarial help needed.



(b) Glasgow SMP project It was agreed that Dr. Willis should write to Professor Dee expressing the Executive Committee's reproach over the late discovery that building work was needed and to invite Professor Dee to be Chairman of the Project Committee.

(c) Oxford PEPR project It was agreed that the decision to amend the project by increasing the size of the computer and reducing the potential output needed to be justified in preparing a case for financial approval, but that this could readily be done. Dr. Pickavance said that with the help of Mr. Mullett and others he would give Dr. Clarke the necessary information.

5. SOME ITEMS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1965.

It was agreed that at the January meeting, outline scientific programmes and staffing forecasts for the two laboratories would be presented. At the February meeting, the five year forecast would be presented, involving also more conclusive discussion of staffing forecasts.

A paper defining the Daresbury computer proposals and seeking approval for them would also be presented at the February meeting.

In accordance with the above programme, the complete draft five year forecast paper was required for the next Directors' Meeting on 14th January. This would be compiled from the following forecasts:

Rutherford Laboratory, Atlas Laboratory and Reactor work (Dr. Valentine)

Daresbury Laboratory (Mr. Rothwell)

NIRNS Central Projects, including nuclear structure laboratory (Dr. Clarke)

Dr. Clarke would need the guidance of the Executive Committee at their January meeting, in preparing the forecast for the NIRNS Central expenditure. Since no decision had yet been taken as to whether Professor Flowers or Professor Wilkinson would be responsible, it was agreed that Dr. Clarke should ask both of them to join him in preparing a draft forecast.