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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April, 1964 at Daresbury Laboratory

Present: Dr. T. G. Pickavance
Professor A. W. Morrison
Dr. J. H. Valentine
Dr. J. A. V. Willis

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH, 1964

The Minutes were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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Minute 2 - Outturn Forecast: The latest forecast was in paper NI/GP/64/12 just received and was satisfactory. The amended arrangement of Schedule II in this paper had been made without full reference to the Directors owing to lack of time and was not yet quite right.

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X Minute 3(a) - Five-Year Forecast: The final preparation of the five-year forecast including the reconsideration of shadow cuts on future projects was not yet completed. A final check that everything in it was approved by the Directors should be made before it left the Institute.

Minute 3(b) - Promotion procedure - Scientific classes: Dr. Valentine had circulated a draft I.G.N. on which he had had preliminary informal discussions with the Chairman of the I.P.C.S. branch. Some amendments to the wording were agreed and Dr. Valentine was authorised to discuss the draft more formally with the I.P.C.S.

Minute 7 - Take over of functions by Daresbury: It was agreed that the dates given in Mr. Kinnersley's letter of 20th March for the taking over of nominal ledger and rendering of monthly booking minutes and for the preparation of annual accounts should be discussed further with Mr. Walker and with the new Secretary when appointed, but the aim remained to take over these and other functions at the earliest reasonable date. Take over of the nominal ledger and monthly booking minutes was assumed to imply direct funding of the Daresbury bank account from the A.E.A. and it was agreed that Dr. Willis should give notice to Mr. Harris of the wish to make this change on 20th September.

Minute 10 - Staff Conditions Guide: A meeting with the Staff Side to discuss this had been arranged for 14th April.

3. RUTHERFORD LABORATORY OPENING CEREMONY

The need was mentioned for better publicity for the Institute than had been obtained in the past. In this connection it was mentioned that the scientific administration group at the Rutherford Laboratory had been considerably strengthened.

4. POSSIBLE NUCLEAR STRUCTURE LABORATORY

It was reported that Sir John Cockcroft, Sir Harrie Massey and Professor Powell had decided not to make a recommendation on the siting of a possible nuclear structure laboratory in time for the Board meeting on 8th May. They had called for certain further information concerning the plans of the minor centres of nuclear structure research and concerning the progress of the working party under Professor Allen.

5. AGENDA FOR THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - 8TH MAY

In addition to the draft agenda which had been circulated it was agreed that a paper on promotion procedure would be prepared if the negotiations with the Staff Side were completed in time. The comprehensive paper on contract labour at the Rutherford Laboratory was not expected to be ready in time for this meeting.

Arising from discussion of the Personnel Committee agenda it was agreed that a meeting of the U.I.R.N.S. Whitley Council should be arranged in the next one to two months. Ratification of a constitution for the Rutherford Laboratory Whitley Committee would be an item on the agenda.

6. AGENDA FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING - 8TH MAY

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(a) In connection with the draft agenda which had been circulated, Dr. Pickavance said that he had had some comments from Dr. Adams about the suggested "imbalance" between the support of nuclear physics and other science. He agreed to make a further attempt to get some comment from Professor Flowers and if possible Professor Wilkinson and also if possible to consult Dr. Vick. It was hoped that the forthcoming high energy physics conference at the Rutherford Laboratory would provide an opportunity for the preparation of a paper by Dr. Pickavance and Professor Morrison.

(b) The suggestion should be made that all future Board and Committee meetings should be held at the Laboratories.

7. PREPARATION OF THE NEXT ANNUAL REPORT

It was agreed that Dr. Willis would be responsible for the preparation of the draft of the seventh annual report. It was agreed that the sixth report would be a general model, but that more about the scientific work going on in the Laboratories should be included. To assist in this at least one person from each Laboratory would be invited to join Dr. Willis on an editorial board.

8. SHOPS, OFFICES AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

It was agreed that the Secretaries of the two Laboratories would be responsible for registering under this Act.

9. NOTE FOR FUTURE AGENDA

It was agreed that time should be found at future meetings for discussion of important broad questions of Institute policy. One such matter was the Institute's responsibility to reactor users.

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