## THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX - FORMER STAFF INAUGURAL EVENT

Thursday 6 April 2006

Steering Group Tea from 4.30pm Committee Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Sussex House

5.00-6-00 pm Meeting chaired by Sir Gordon Conway

Main reception 6.00-8.00pm Quiet Room, Meeting House

c6.30pm Welcome/broad outline – Sir Gordon Conway

Brief University overview - Alasdair Smith

Discussion – led by Jennifer Platt

From c.6.50pm Informal music for violin & piano in Chapel

(Peter Williams, Chris Darwin)

# **STEERING GROUP**

Sir Gordon Conway (Chairman) **Bob Benewick** Politics/Soc **Physics** David Betts Valerie Cromwell History Mike English Engineering Jackie Fuller SPRU Christine Glasson Maths Charles Goldie Maths Willie Lamont History Mike Land Biols Adrian Peasgood Library Jennifer Platt Sociology Ken Wheeler Biols

#### In attendance:

Dominic Tickell (Development Director)

Marina Pedreira-Vilano(Dep Director inc Alumni Relations) Roger Walkinton (Legacies Development, alumnus)

#### **AGENDA**

## 1. Organisation:

Agree broad purpose of the association How autonomous should the association be?

In any case, how can the US help it? (free use of rooms? publicity?)

Should it charge subscriptions?

The optimum post-Steering Group Committee structure and how to recruit it?

# 2. Activities:

What types of activity might be suggested to start discussion of interests? e.g. pre-retirement and ongoing welfare of former colleagues; social events; special interest themes e.g. sports, music, wine, visits; archives and oral history

## 3. Reception discussion:

What additional comments or information should attenders be invited to offer in writing on the forms provided?

Draw other ideas from guests to get a sense of the collective views on the issues above

Invite volunteers to serve on the post-Steering Group; encourage attenders to publicise the association to other friends/colleagues