

## Foreword



*John Robinson.*

*Professor David J Drewry.*



The University continued to build on its traditional strengths in supporting the quality of the student experience and further developing its internationally renowned research. Particularly noteworthy were the high-profile openings of the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation (WISE) and the redeveloped Business School.

It was a pleasure to welcome many distinguished guests for the official opening of WISE in July. Among those gathered to mark the occasion were the Rt Hon John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister; Baroness Amos, the Leader of the House of Lords; and the Rt Hon Alan Johnson, the Secretary of State for Education and Skills. Speeches were made by Professor David Drewry, the University's Vice-Chancellor; Professor David Richardson, the Director of WISE; and John Agyekum Kufuor, the President of Ghana. All three speakers emphasised the institute's important role in looking at the wider context of modern social justice and human rights issues as well as the history of slavery. President Kufuor, who made the journey here specifically to open the institute, presented Professor Richardson with a bronze statue of a former slave wearing broken chains.

Already the subject of significant worldwide interest, not least since Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu became its Patron last year, WISE will play a major part in 'Wilberforce 2007', the city of Hull's programme to celebrate the bicentenary of abolition.

In December the Business School officially launched its new £8.7 million facilities. Sir Digby Jones, the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, was the main speaker at the ceremony. He praised the results of the University's investment in the school and proclaimed that business schools such as Hull's would be crucial to the UK's future. This investment has strengthened the Business School's position as one of the best in the UK, transforming the staff, student and visitor experience. Located on the same site as the newly refurbished Business School is the Logistics Institute, which has also undergone considerable investment and development over the past year. It has been extremely rewarding to see such hard work come to fruition.

*John Robinson, former Chairman of the University Council*

*Professor David Drewry, Vice-Chancellor*

### FAREWELL FROM JOHN ROBINSON

After eight years in the post of Chairman of Council, I felt the time had come to step down. John Standen has taken my place, and I know that he will do an excellent job. So too, I am sure, will the Rt Hon Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone, who succeeded Lord Armstrong of Ilminster as the University Chancellor after his 11 years of service.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the University of Hull, and have met some truly inspirational people during my time here. I have been proud to be associated with the University, and would like to take this opportunity to wish it all the best for the future.

*John Robinson*

## New Chancellor and Chairman of Council



*The Rt Hon Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone.*



*John Standen.*

### NEW CHANCELLOR

The Rt Hon Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone, the University's first female Chancellor, was formally installed at a ceremony in April, when she replaced Lord Armstrong of Ilminster on his retirement after 11 years of service. Lady Bottomley had an active and distinguished political career in Parliament that spanned 21 years and included various Cabinet positions. She became a Life Peer in 2005.

Lady Bottomley's involvement with academic bodies has included periods as a Governor of the London School of Economics and, more recently, London's University of the Arts. On appointment to this, her latest engagement with higher education, she commented: 'I am thrilled to be the new Chancellor of the University of Hull. It's a tremendous university with a great deal of ambition, and it is very important not only to the region but also to students from a hundred countries around the world.'

During the installation ceremony, honorary degrees were awarded to John Robinson, the retiring Chairman of Council, and to Sir Digby Jones, the Director-General of the CBI, who opened the Business School's new facilities in December. The Chief Medical Officer for England, Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, was also honoured, as was Baroness Fritchie, DBE, renowned for her work in the field of training and development.

### CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

John Standen was appointed as Chairman of the University Council in June 2006. His career has been distinguished by senior positions in corporate finance and investment banking at several of the UK's major companies. He was chief executive of BZW Corporate Finance before retiring from Barclays in 1998. He has been chairman of Reg Vardy plc, Chapelthorpe plc and Z Group plc, and he is a senior non-executive director of both Lavendon plc and Financial Objects plc.

When first proposed as John Robinson's successor, Mr Standen commented: 'It's a great honour to have been approached to be the next Chairman ... and I look forward with eager anticipation to playing an active role in the governance of the University of Hull.'

## Committed to the development of students

The University of Hull has long offered students an educational package that combines excellent teaching with learning facilities and a social experience that are second to none. This year brought further external validation of that tradition.

In the 2006 National Student Survey the University was – for the second consecutive year – placed among the UK's top five mainstream universities, achieving high overall student satisfaction scores. Our superior standards in teaching and learning were also confirmed when the survey produced high ratings for key subject areas, with 11 in the top 10 nationally. Our programmes in politics, physical geography, philosophy and theology all took first place.

The University received further endorsement of its reputation for friendliness. For the second successive year, a poll conducted by the Friends Reunited website found Hull to be one of the five friendliest universities in the UK. Even more important, we maintained our position among the country's top five for graduate employability according to the performance indicators published by HESA in 2006.

The University continues to extend and develop its work in the area of widening participation (WP). HESA statistics showed that the University performed significantly better than benchmark – and surpassed its 2005 performance – for all indicators related to access and participation. As part of its Widening Participation Strategy, the University nevertheless recognises the need for WP activities to be further embedded within academic and support departments, hosting a variety of awareness-raising events throughout the year aimed at raising educational aspiration and achievement levels.



- *Fourth in the UK for student satisfaction (National Student Survey)*
- *Top five for friendliness (as voted by Friends Reunited)*
- *Top five for graduate employability*

## Promoting research excellence



*HRH Camilla Parker-Bowles and Dr Christian Langton.*

### HULL BONE CENTRE RECEIVES ROYAL VISIT

HRH Camilla Parker-Bowles, Duchess of Cornwall, made a visit to the Centre for Metabolic Bone Disease in February. A joint development between Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Hull, the centre is the world's leading bone measurement innovation centre. Its approach is multidisciplinary, combining medical physics with the clinical specialities of gynaecology and rheumatology, which are closely concerned with the prevention, detection and management of osteoporosis. The centre's lead academic is Dr Christian Langton, who has developed a pioneering ultrasound technique. This work is continuing at the centre within the QuBQu<sup>2</sup> research initiative, which aims to improve understanding of the relationships between the quantity and quality of bone and the mechanical integrity of the skeleton.

The Duchess of Cornwall is dedicated to raising awareness of osteoporosis, which was the cause of both her mother's and her grandmother's death. OSPREY (Osteoporosis Research in East Yorkshire) invited her to visit the Centre for Metabolic Bone Disease in her capacity as President of the National Osteoporosis Society.

### RCUK FELLOWSHIPS

Research provision at the University has greatly benefited from the awarding of several RCUK (Research Councils UK) Fellowships. Designed to provide contract research staff with more stable paths into academia through funding and support, the fellowships have significant advantages for the University as well as the researcher, by enhancing its research capabilities, focusing its research efforts and encouraging innovation. For 2004/05 the University was awarded seven fellowships, and another four followed in 2005/06. Subject areas covered this year were human rights and ethics, micro-technology and logistics.

### PROFESSOR GRAHAM HAUGHTON WINS AWARD

Professor Graham Haughton, of the University's Department of Geography, was awarded the prestigious Back Award of the Royal Geographical Society / Institute of British Geographers for his contributions to policy in sustainable urban development. This annual award is given for distinguished research that has contributed to the advancement of public policy. Professor Haughton's research into urban and regional environmental issues has evolved through a series of articles and books and three ESRC research projects. The latest of these, on 'Integrated Spatial Planning, Multi-Level Governance and State Rescaling', is still in progress.

## Successes in teaching and learning

### LIFELONG LEARNING NETWORK

The University of Hull is committed to developing partnerships with regional education providers. It is currently the lead partner in the emerging Yorkshire and Humber East Lifelong Learning Network, which, funded by £3 million from HEFCE, will encourage and enable vocational and work-based learners to progress to and through HE.

### QAA COLLABORATIVE AUDIT

The high quality of our collaborative programmes and procedures was confirmed by the QAA audit in May. Following its visit, the QAA expressed 'broad confidence' in our collaborative provision. Areas of good practice identified by the audit team included the clarity of the University's strategy for the development of higher education to meet the economic and social needs of the region, as well as the University's commitment to staff development at its partner institutions.

### IDENTIFYING GOOD PRACTICE

Other areas audited by the QAA during the year were Clinical Psychology and Operating Department Practice, which received a vote of confidence in their standards, with the quality of their learning and teaching rated as 'commendable'. A special review of the University's research degree programmes also took place, and found that the institution's ability to secure and enhance the quality and standards of its provision was 'appropriate and satisfactory'.

### IMAGINING THE FUTURE

Computer science students from Hull achieved a remarkable clean sweep at the 2006 Microsoft Imagine Cup. Responding to the challenge 'Imagine a world where technology enables us to live healthier lives', the best developer teams from around the country were invited to present their solutions at the UK final, which took place at Microsoft HQ in Reading. Four Hull teams reached the final, including Team Three, which won first place – followed by two of the others, in second and third – for a project to help patients in intensive care units recover from amnesia or a coma through software that enables family and friends to update them on events. Team Three went on to compete in the world final in Delhi, India, and were among six teams specially selected to meet with Bill Gates in the USA.

### HAT TRICK FOR MONICA

Monica Collinson, a mature student from Romania, amazed lecturers by achieving a first class Honours degree in Combined Languages a year early. She gained distinctions in French, Italian and Spanish. Her success is made all the more impressive by the fact that she completed the four-year programme over three years while also balancing the demands of study with a part-time job as Head Receptionist at a local hotel. Dr Brian Powell, Head of Modern Languages, said: 'We are delighted by Monica's achievement ... She is a role model for prospective students everywhere – at whatever age they start higher education.'



Success in the UK final of the Microsoft Imagine Cup with Bill Gates.



The University is committed to lifelong learning.

## Continuing to invest in success



Sir Digby Jones opening the Business School.

Staff, students and visitors alike reaped the benefits of continuing substantial investment in both of the University's campuses.

### THE BUSINESS SCHOOL

The Business School's £8.7 million redeveloped premises, facilities and surroundings were officially opened by Sir Digby Jones in December. The investment has significantly improved the learning and teaching environment for staff and students, while also greatly enhancing the visitor experience. Facilities include a management learning laboratory, a 500-seat lecture theatre and a fair-trade cafe.

### CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES

Another £1 million investment at Scarborough has enabled the opening of two new rehearsal studios and a recording studio. These complete a suite of 11 soundproofed studios that offer students of creative music technology the very best environment and equipment for study and practice. The Scarborough Campus is now also fully wireless.

### RAISING ACCOMMODATION STANDARDS

There has been significant recent investment in improvements to the University's accommodation buildings and facilities, with a view to providing maximum comfort for students and conference visitors. Work undertaken has included the complete refurbishment of Downs Hall, with conversions to single-room accommodation taking place at other halls of residence. The University's private accommodation has also been redeveloped, ensuring that it achieves premium standard.

### A GOLD-STANDARD CAMPUS

Everyone who visits the Hull Campus can see how richly deserved by the Estates and Maintenance team was the Gold Award that they won in the annual Yorkshire in Bloom contest. Investment here requires not just resources but the application of expertise. And the reward for years of hard work is commensurate: the attractiveness of the campus is often the first thing remarked upon by prospective students and their families at open days.

- *Enhancing the visitor experience at the Business School*
- *Investing in creative music technology at Scarborough*
- *Keeping the campus beautiful*



The Derwent Building in the redeveloped Business School.

## Supporting the community

### SHAPE UP

The University of Hull has been selected to play an important part in the international Shape Up project, a trans-European initiative that is committed to tackling the causes of childhood obesity. A dedicated team of researchers and academics at the University will work on the evaluation of the project, which takes place across 25 cities in Europe, including Hull. Shape Up aims to dispel the stigma of obesity and to promote a critical yet positive view of food and physical exercise.

The University team has an excellent reputation in the field of school health research, having previously been responsible for the evaluation of Hull City Council's 'Eat Well, Do Well' project, which provided Hull's primary school children with access to free, healthy school meals. The team will use a variety of methods to assess the validity of the project's innovative approach, and their findings will be disseminated within every EU country.



### SPORTS AND FITNESS FACILITIES

The University's Sports and Fitness Centre (SFC) is involved in several major initiatives aimed at enhancing sports provision for students and staff and strengthening links with the local community. Reputed as a provider of excellent sports facilities, with one of the city's most successful GP referral schemes, the SFC is now recognised as an Inclusive Fitness Initiative site – confirmation that the centre is accessible to everyone who wants to use it.

Like other facilities across the University (see page 6), the SFC has benefited from major investment this year. In February, its new 3G pitches were opened by the former England football player Sir Trevor Brooking. Located at the University's Cottingham Road site, the two impressive pitches and other facilities were the result of significant funding from the Football Foundation, the UK's largest sports charity, along with substantial contributions from both the University of Hull and Hull University Union.

In line with the University's policy of catering for all user groups, the new facilities are available both to students and to the local community, and they are fully accessible to people with disabilities.



*Sir Trevor Brooking opening the 3G pitches.*

## Enhancing competitiveness and innovation



Dr Christian Langton presents the Vice-Chancellor with a signed copy of his Eureka entry.

### EUREKA!

Two academics at the University of Hull have had their work featured in *Eureka UK*, a new report from Universities UK that showcases the top 100 'world-changing discoveries' from UK universities over the past 50 years. The report profiles Dr Christian Langton's pioneering medical work with ultrasound, which has gained him an international reputation, as well as Professor George Gray's pioneering work with liquid crystals in the 1970s.

Motivated by his grandmother's need for a hip replacement, Dr Langton developed the measurement of broadband ultrasonic attenuation (BUA) and showed that subjects who suffered a hip fracture had lower BUA values. There are now more than 12,000 hospitals worldwide using the BUA technology pioneered at Hull. And thanks to the development of 'a screening technology that may be used within the GP's surgery', as Dr Langton comments, 'there is significant potential for fewer people to suffer a fracture associated with osteoporosis'.

### LOGISTICS INSTITUTE

The past year has witnessed significant developments within the University's Logistics Institute. A joint project between the Business School and the Department of Engineering, the institute is supported by £20 million of funding from Yorkshire Forward, the Humber Trade Zone and the European Regional Development Fund. It will play a key part in this region's business activities and will be instrumental in establishing the region as a European centre of excellence in port logistics and supply chain management. The institute has already recruited an impressive staff base and is set to move to its state-of-the-art new premises in the summer of 2007.

### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Based at Scarborough, the Community Economic Development Centre (CEDC) provides a range of programmes, short courses and initiatives designed to engage communities in higher learning, to promote regeneration, social inclusion, diversity and healthy citizenship, and to support social enterprise and sustainable communities. It also helps to develop the regional workforce through targeted training and development and enables people to help in the regeneration of their communities and the wider region. The CEDC works in partnership with key stakeholders in the public, private and voluntary sectors in North Yorkshire and aims to extend its activity to the Humber region. A new Advisory Group, comprising senior members of key organisations, plays an important role in supporting and guiding the centre's work, making sure that the CEDC and its partners support the Regional Economic Strategy.

### NEW APPOINTMENT FOR VICE-CHANCELLOR

The University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Drewry, was appointed to the Department of Trade and Industry's regional science and innovation council, Yorkshire Science.

*Dr Christian Langton has earned an international reputation in pioneering medical work with ultrasound*



## International students

### GHANAIAN LINKS

The University enjoys a good relationship with Ghana, where some 150 of our graduates currently work in top-level jobs, particularly in financial services and banking. But new and different links are now developing through football, which enjoys huge popularity in that country. Visits and meetings have taken place between the University of Hull, Ghana's national football team and the Ghanaian government to discuss the possibility of forging links and future projects between the University and Ghana.

### STRENGTHENING LINKS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA

The University's student recruitment profile in Southeast Asia has continued to improve this year, the International Office having developed a more strategic focus on partnerships with education ministries and HE institutions. The President of Payap University visited the University in September to formalise a memorandum of understanding on partnership with the Faculty of Health and Social Care. In Malaysia, a series of pre-departure briefings for students were held in August. The biggest of these events was held in Kuala Lumpur, and was attended by 60 new students from various locations in Malaysia along with their parents and sponsors.

### NIGERIAN ALUMNI

The University's very first Nigerian alumni events were held in Abuja and Lagos in April. They were well attended by key representatives of the Nigerian government, many of whom were graduates of the University of Hull. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Barry Winn was there as host. Encouraged by the success of these events, the University's Development and Alumni Relations office is currently setting up an official Nigerian alumni group.

### HULL UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

The University is opening its International College on the Hull Campus in 2007. Providing an exciting but very practical opportunity for the University to welcome more international students, the college will enable overseas students who successfully complete a range of foundation, diploma and pre-Masters programmes to be assured of entry to a number of degree courses.



*(L-R) Matthew Hornshaw, International Officer; Prof Barry Winn; Mrs Marion Sikuade; Mr Akinwande Sikuade; James Richardson, Director of International Office; and Ms Patricia Mould from HUBS.*



*International students arriving this summer at the Hull Campus.*

## Honorary graduates and distinguished visiting lecturers

Over the past year the University has played host to a variety of eminent figures, ranging from honorary graduands to visiting lecturers.

At the January degree ceremonies, honorary degrees were awarded to Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, OBE, the crime writer Ian Rankin, the actor John Hurt and the Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond, DBE. At the July ceremonies, those receiving degrees included the Olympic double-gold winner Dame Kelly Holmes;

Sir Philip Mawer, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; the freelance writer and poet Anne Katherine Stevenson; and Gervase Phinn, a writer, broadcaster and educational consultant. Other recipients were Alwyn Humphreys, MBE, formerly Director of the Morriston Orpheus Choir; Sir Rober Balchin, Chairman of the Education Commission; the former Hull MP Kevin McNamara; and Professor Dr Bernhard Scheuble, an international scientist. Honorary degrees were also awarded at the installation of Baroness Bottomley as University Chancellor.

As part of its public role, the University holds an annual lecture series, and this year the lectures covered a wide range of subject matter from astronomy to the cult of celebrity. Highlights of the year included the Annual English Lecture, given by the writer and critic Professor Blake Morrison, and the UK's top caver Andy Eavis discussing 20th-century exploration in the Stephen Nunwick Lecture.



Tanni Grey-Thompson.



Sir Philip Mawer.



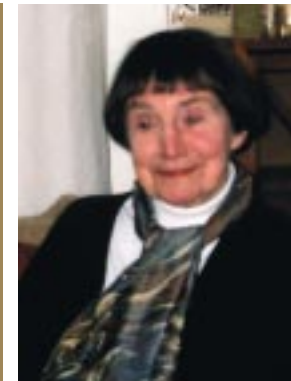
Dame Kelly Holmes.



Kevin McNamara.



Gervase Phinn.



Anne Katharine Stevenson.

# Accounts

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 July 2006

	2006 £000	2005 £000 <i>restated</i>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Funding Council Grants	46,150	42,085
Tuition Fees and Education Contracts	33,512	34,473
Research Grants and Contracts	8,235	9,120
Other Income	25,093	24,640
Endowment and Investment Income	764	813
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>113,754</b>	<b>111,131</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Staff Costs	71,060	66,895
Other Operating Expenses	35,664	37,750
Depreciation	5,327	3,949
Interest Payable	593	887
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>112,644</b>	<b>109,481</b>
Surplus on continuing operations after depreciation of tangible fixed assets at valuation and before tax	1,110	1,650
Transfer (to)/from accumulated income within specific endowments	(28)	20
Surplus on continuing operations after depreciation of tangible fixed assets at valuation and disposal of assets and tax	1,082	1,670

The restatement for comparative purposes arises from the implementation of FRS17, Retirement Benefits, during the current year 2005–06.

## BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31 JULY 2006

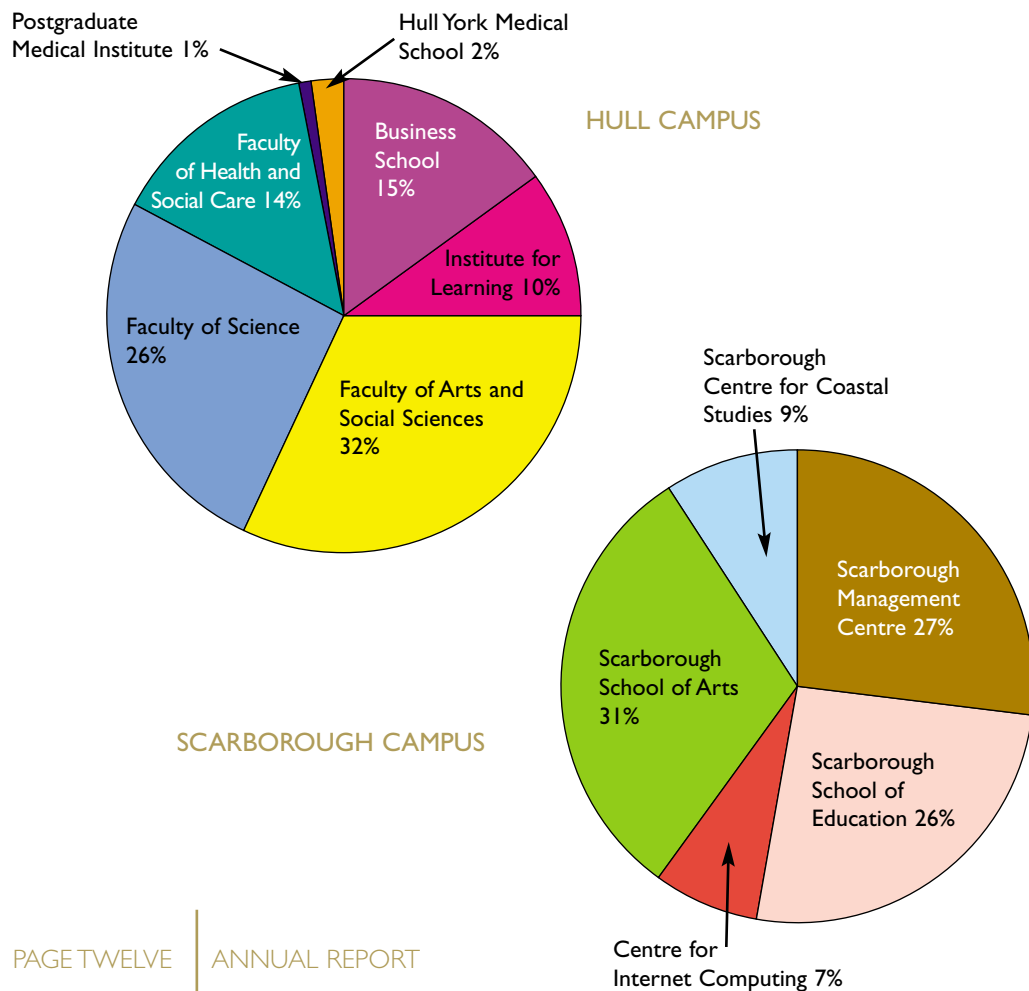
	Consolidated		University	
	2006 £000	2005 £000 <i>restated</i>	2006 £000	2005 £000 <i>restated</i>
Fixed assets	80,986	70,879	82,668	72,561
Endowments assets	10,758	16,935	10,758	16,935
Current assets	21,175	15,058	22,372	16,634
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	(40,572)	(37,204)	(40,640)	(37,272)
Net current liabilities	(19,397)	(22,146)	(18,268)	(20,638)
Total Assets less current liabilities	72,347	65,668	75,158	68,858
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(2,500)	0	(4,494)	(2,169)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(953)	(556)	(953)	(556)
<b>NET ASSETS</b> excluding Pension liability	68,894	65,112	69,711	66,133
Pension (liability)	(15,031)	(16,992)	(15,031)	(16,992)
<b>NET ASSETS</b> including Pension liability	53,863	48,120	54,680	49,141
Deferred Capital Grants	39,092	35,466	39,092	35,466
Endowments	10,758	16,935	10,758	16,935
Reserves excluding Pension liability	19,044	12,711	19,861	13,732
Pension reserve	(15,031)	(16,992)	(15,031)	(16,992)
Reserves including Pension liability	4,013	(4,281)	4,830	(3,260)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,863</b>	<b>48,120</b>	<b>54,680</b>	<b>49,141</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 23 November 2006, and signed on its behalf by:

MR J STANDEN (Chairman of Council) • MR J A PARKES (Treasurer)  
• PROFESSOR D J DREWRY (Vice-Chancellor)

# Student profile

## STUDENT POPULATION (HEADCOUNT)



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	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06		
	H/EU	OS	Total	H/EU	OS	Total	H/EU	OS	Total
<b>HULL CAMPUS</b>									
Full-time	8,382	1,520	9,902	8,519	1,354	9,873	8,862	1,070	9,932
Part-time	2,472	278	2,750	2,652	325	2,977	2,498	343	2,841
Hull Campus Total	10,854	1,798	12,652	11,171	1,679	12,850	11,360	1,413	12,773
<b>SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS</b>									
Full-time	1,267	183	1,450	1,190	175	1,365	1,223	146	1,369
Part-time	69	37	106	62	8	70	100	19	119
Scarborough Campus Total	1,336	220	1,556	1,252	183	1,435	1,323	165	1,488
<b>UNIVERSITY TOTAL</b>	12,190	2,018	14,208	12,423	1,862	14,285	12,683	1,578	14,261

Numbers exclude distance taught and retained students (but include CE).