

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Arts Centre Board

Minutes of the meeting of the Arts Centre Board held on 12 November 2009.

Present: Professor S Bassnett (Chair), Dr A Ainsworth, Ms L Holmes, Dr I Nussey, Professor O Bennett, Ms K Organ, Mr R Perkins, Mr A Rivett, Professor M Waterson.

Apologies: Mr N Matthews

In attendance: Mr J Baldwin, Mr N Darlison, Ms F Emery, Ms A Pulford, Mr I Rowley, Ms R Willis-Griffin.

1/09-10 Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership

RECEIVED:

- (a) The Terms of Reference of the Board agreed by the University Council at its meeting on 16 March 2005, along with the Constitution and Membership for 2009-10, paper ACB 1/09-10.
- (b) An update on membership from the Director of Warwick Arts Centre, noting that the Director would circulate a note on criteria for membership.

2/09-10 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2009 be approved.

3/09-10 Director's report

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A report from the Director of Warwick Arts Centre on developments since the last Board meeting, paper ACB 2/09-10.
- (b) An oral report from the Director of Warwick Arts Centre highlighting:
  - (i) The success of the Gala Concert held to mark the re-opening of the refurbished Butterworth Hall.
  - (ii) The successful launch of a series of live performance transmissions from the New York Metropolitan Opera.
  - (iii) The heavy use of the new Creative Space for a range of activities, including for local theatre company rehearsals.
- (c) An update on catering provision in the Arts Centre, noting that the Arts Centre was exploring opportunities to work with Warwick Food and Drink to promote the recently re-launched EAT and the refurbished Café Bar.
- (d) An update on the implementation of the new online booking system.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the use of the online booking system be discussed at a future meeting once further progress had been made with implementation.
- (b) That the Director circulate the revised fundraising strategy to members of the Board.

4/09-10 Arts Council England Sustain Programme and Arts Centre Future Strategy

CONSIDERED:

A presentation from Ms Anne Gauton (Pentarch Consulting) on the future strategy for the Warwick Arts Centre and the Arts Council SUSTAIN Programme application, noting that the application would include funds to compensate for the shortfall against fundraising targets and an allocation to provide resource for skills development to support future sustainability.

RESOLVED:

That the Director would update members of the Board on the progress of the application and scope for involvement at a strategic level in the implementation of the proposals outlined in the SUSTAIN application, should it be successful.

5/09-10 Chair of the Board

REPORTED:

That Professor Bassnett would be stepping down as Chair of the Board from January 2010, to be replaced by Professor Whitby.

RESOLVED:

That the Board record its thanks to Professor Bassnett for her support for the Warwick Arts Centre.