

## UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

### Minutes of the meeting of the Art Collection Committee held on Tuesday 20th November 2007

Present: Professor S E Bassnett (in the Chair), Dr C Bishop,  
Ms C E Charlton, Ms K Harding, Mr M Lloyd Smith

In attendance: Ms S Shalgosky, Mrs J Shaw

Apologies: Ms P Egan

### MINUTES

#### 1/07-08 Terms of Reference and Membership

##### REPORTED:

(a) That the Council, at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2001, established a Committee for the Oversight of the University Works of Art Collection (later renamed Art Collection Committee), with terms of reference as follows:

- (i) To be responsible to the Council for the management of the University's Collection of Works of Art and its development.
- (ii) To approve a collection management plan and to receive reports and recommendations on its implementation and review.
- (iii) To approve, for submission to the Council, an annual report from the Curator on the collection.

(b) That the membership of the Art Collection Committee for 2007/08 is as follows:

Chair, a senior professor of the University	Professor S Bassnett
A member of academic staff	Dr C Bishop
A lay member of the University Council	Ms P Egan
A person external to the University with expertise in the area	Ms C Lewis (Curator of the Contemporary Art Society)
A representative of the Friends of the Mead Gallery	Mr M Lloyd Smith
A student representative	Ms K Harding
University Secretary	Ms C E Charlton

The Curator (in attendance)

Ms S Shalgosky

2/07-08 Chair's Business

REPORTED:

(a) Membership

- (i) That Mr P Varney would be replaced by Ms P Egan as a lay member of the University Council on the Committee;
- (ii) That Ms C Lewis had left the Contemporary Art Society to work at the art commissioning agency Modus Operandi, and would be asked to continue as a member of the Committee;
- (iii) That it would be recommended to Council that external members be appointed for a period of three years at a time;
- (iv) That the Registrar would be consulted about replacing the University Secretary on the Committee, noting that the constitution for the Committee would need to be changed.

RESOLVED:

- (b) That the regret of the Committee over the death of Professor Noel Carr be noted.

3/07-08 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007 be approved.

4/07-08 Matters Arising on the Minutes

Results of the Annual Survey (Minute 16/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Curator had spoken about the University's Art Collection at the Faculty of Arts Lunch and the Registrar's Officers' Meeting and would be speaking at the Faculty of Social Studies Lunch shortly;
- (b) That the Curator would also be arranging to speak with the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Medicine, Warwick Business School and Warwick HRI.

5/07-08 Annual Report

CONSIDERED:

The Annual Report on the University Works of Art Collection (Paper ACC1/07-08).

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report be approved, noting the congratulations of the Committee to the Curatorial Team for a positive year.

6/07-08 Review of Policies

CONSIDERED:

The Policies for the University Works of Art Collection (Paper ACC2/07-08).

RESOLVED:

That the Policies for the University Works of Art Collection be approved, noting that the decision of the Committee that the University would not actively develop the ceramics collection had been incorporated in point 5.2.

7/07-08 Review of Forward Plan

CONSIDERED:

The Forward Plan for the University Works of Art Collection (Paper ACC3/07-08).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Forward Plan be approved, noting that the budget for the University Works of Art Collection in 2007/08 was £37,876;
- (b) That the Curator would consult the Academic Registrar about safeguards in employing students to work with confidential information in order to progress the digitisation of records for the University Works of Art Collection;
- (c) That the Space Management Group and the Registrar would be consulted on the most appropriate place to locate the University Plate.

8/07-08 Display and Conservation

RECEIVED:

A report from the Curator on issues arising from display and conservation (Paper ACC 4/07-08).

RESOLVED:

That the Chair would write to the Space Management Group with regard to the issues raised on the location of vending machines across campus.

9/07-08 3D Research Project

RECEIVED:

A report from the Curator on the 3D Research Project (Paper ACC5/07-08).

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Arts Council Away Day would be held in Scarman House, and that the Chair would propose ways in which this could be linked with the Sculpture Trail and Warwick Arts Centre.

10/07-08 The Art Collection and the University Strategy

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Curator on the Art Collection and the University Strategy (Paper ACC6/07-08).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the University Secretary would clarify the terms of the budget for new Works of Art in the Financial Plan with the Registrar, and confirm that this was an annual allocation with the Finance Director;
- (b) That it be noted that it was the view of the Committee that this budget should be controlled by the Curator;
- (c) That the Committee identified the Digilab, the entrance to University House, the Physics/Chemistry Concourse, and the Library as priority sites for new Works of Art.

11/07-08 Residency of Dan Perjovschi

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Curator on the residency of Dan Perjovschi.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the success of the residency be noted;

- (b) That Dr C Bishop and the Curator would meet with the Head of the Department of Statistics to discuss their experience of the residency;
- (c) That the Curator would liaise with the Communications Office regarding the publication of an article about the residency on insite.

12/07-08

Art Society

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair of the student Art Society on current activities and future plans, noting:

- (a) That the Art Society was now one of the biggest student societies with over 180 members;
- (b) That the Art Society continued to lobby the Students' Union for studio space.