

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Art Collection Committee held on Wednesday 29th November 2006

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

In attendance: Ms S Shalgosky, Mrs J Shaw

1/06-07 Terms of Reference and Membership

REPORTED:

(a) That the Council, at its meeting on 6th 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 2006/07 is as follows:

Chair, a senior professor of the University	Professor S E Bassnett
A member of academic staff	Dr C Bishop
A lay member of the University Council	Mr P Varney
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

2/06-07 Chair's Business

REPORTED:

That Dr C Bishop, Ms C Lewis and Ms K Harding had been appointed to the Committee.

RECEIVED:

A proposal from the Chair that the Committee should consider possible options for a distinctive work of art for campus.

3/06-07 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2006 be approved.

4/06-07 Matters Arising on the Minutes

REPORTED:

- (a) Red, Black and Orange by Terry Frost (Minute 14/05-06 (c) refers)

That the confusion surrounding the title of *Red, Black and Orange* by Terry Frost had been resolved.

- (b) Damage to Works of Art in the Collection (Minute 16/05-06 refers)

That the work of art damaged during building work in Biological Sciences has been repaired and the bill has been forwarded to the Estates Office.

- (c) Redisplay of the Ceramics Collection (Minute 17/05-06 refers)

That the display case for the Ceramics Collection at the Westwood campus would be delivered in January 2007.

(d) Works of Art for the Library (Minute 18/05-06 refers)

That the proposed works of art have been installed in the Library stairwell.

5/06-07 Review of Policies

CONSIDERED:

The Policies for the University Works of Art Collection (Paper ACC 1/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the amendments to the Policies for the University Works of Art Collection be approved.

6/06-07 Annual Report

CONSIDERED:

The Annual Report on the University Works of Art Collection (Paper ACC 2/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report be approved and recommended to the Council.

7/06-07 Review of Forward Plan

CONSIDERED:

The Forward Plan for the University Works of Art Collection (Paper ACC 3/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan for the University Works of Art Collection be approved.

8/06-07 Accommodation at the Mead Gallery

RECEIVED:

An oral report on progress on resolving accommodation difficulties at the Mead Gallery from the Curator.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the use of a quiet room and an implementation room as an interim solution to accommodation difficulties at the Mead Gallery.

9/06-07 Damage to the University Works of Art Collection

RECEIVED:

An oral report on damage to paintings from the Curator.

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Committee hopes the new procedure for working with the Estates Office will prevent damage to works of art in the future.

10/06-07 Planning for Works of Art in New Buildings

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the Chair of the Friends of the Mead Gallery that the Committee should reiterate the need for early consultation about the integration of art into new University buildings.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the recommendation made by the Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee at its meeting on 21st November 2002 (Minute JCSSC 6/02-03) on planning for works of art in new buildings be highlighted to the Building Committee and Environment and Amenities Committee.
- (b) That it be noted that works of art have a significant role to play in the development of a distinctive and aesthetically unified campus.

11/06-07 Art Society

RECEIVED:

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

12/06/07 Demonstration of Website

RECEIVED:

A demonstration of the new website for the University Works of Art Collection.

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Committee was extremely impressed by the new website.

13/06-07 Potential Loans and Acquisitions

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Curator about:

- (a) The potential long term loan of *Eclipse*, a bench by Langlands and Bell.
- (b) The potential acquisition of a portrait of Baroness Amos by Tess Barnes.