

University of Warwick

Campus Life Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2002.

PRESENT: Professor S Bassnett, Rev M Bratton, Professor, R Burns, Dr P Byrd, Mr J Cunnington, Mr P Greatrix, Mr J Lumley, Professor M McCrae, Mr T Monnington, Mr A Reiss

APOLOGIES: Mr M Benson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M Scott

1/02-03 Membership and Terms of Reference

CONSIDERED:

The Membership, Terms of Reference of and issues for possible consideration by the Committee (paper CLC.1/02-03)

RECOMMENDED:

That Terms of Reference 3 be amended to include a reference to religion and development opportunities available for students and staff on campus as follows:

'To keep under review the social, cultural, religious and sports facilities available and development opportunities for students and staff on campus'.

2/02-03 Welfare and Support Services Annual Reports

(a) Students' Union Advice and Welfare Services for the 2001/02 academic year

REPORTED:

(By The Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officer) That there had been a significant increase in the number of enquiries relating to immigration and that there was some concern that staff of the Advice and Welfare Service were the only staff at the University qualified to give advice on immigration.

CONSIDERED:

The Annual Report from Students' Union Advice and Welfare Services for the 2001/02 academic year (paper CLC.3/02-03)

RESOLVED:

That the report be welcomed.

- (b) The Chaplaincy and a progress report upon Religion and Equal Opportunities

REPORTED:

(By the University Chaplain)

- (i) That there had been a significant increase in the number of staff and students approaching the Chaplains with mental health issues.
- (ii) That a Catholic Chaplain to the University has yet to be appointed and that the Archdiocese of Birmingham was pursuing the matter urgently.

CONSIDERED:

- (i) The Annual Report from the Chaplaincy (CLC.4/02-03)
- (ii) A progress report upon Religion and Equal opportunities (CLC.7/02-03)

RESOLVED:

That the reports be welcomed.

3/02-03

Sport

REPORTED:

(By the Director of Physical Education and Sport)

- (i) That the University was undertaking a £2 million building programme to improve sports facilities on the campus. The work included an extension to the Sports Centre and a new 'state of the art' astroturf pitch at Westwood.
- (ii) That there had been a delay in the completion of the new astroturf pitch due to bad weather and a requirement to excavate and protect an Iron Age settlement discovered during the construction work, but that the work would be completed before the end of the Autumn Term.
- (iii) That, subject to a successful application for lottery funding, it was planned to extend the climbing wall facility.

- (iv) That membership of Sports Federation Fed had reached a record level.

4/02-03 Residential Accommodation 2002/03

RECEIVED:

A report from the Accommodation Manager on the allocation of residential accommodation for 2002/03 (paper CLC5/02-03)

REPORTED:

(By the Accommodation Manager)

- (i) That the University had experienced an 'overshoot' of more than 200 first year undergraduates but that the additional students had been offered accommodation in shared single rooms at Westwood, en-suite rooms at Liberty Park and rooms available in shared student housing available through the private sector.
- (ii) That by the end of week 7 all but 15 students asked to share single rooms at Westwood had been offered permanent campus accommodation.
- (iii) That, due to delays in construction, students who accepted accommodation at Liberty Park had experience inconvenience due to building work and teething problems with the new building.

5/02-03 Residential Accommodation 2003/04

REPORTED:

(By the Accommodation Manager)

- (i) That in the plan for the allocation of residential accommodation 2003/04 there is very little provision of campus accommodation, particularly at the lower end of the rent range, for new home/EU postgraduates
- (iii) That there was some anecdotal evidence that the Westwood dining scheme had not proved popular with some first year undergraduates, particularly those from overseas.
- (iv) That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services was undertaking a strategic review of residential accommodation and would provide a report for the Committee at its next meeting.
- (v) That a limited amount of accommodation in the management centres would be made available at the beginning of each

academic year to provide a 'holding area' in order to ensure that any new students arriving at the University will not find themselves homeless.

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Accommodation Manager on the allocation of residential accommodation for 2003/04 (paper CLC6/02-03)

RESOLVED:

- (i) That, to ensure that students and staff receive accurate and up to date information, the Accommodation web pages will become the preferred source of information about accommodation.
- (ii) That careful consideration be given to any future relationship the University has with any private sector provider of hall of residence style off-campus housing.

6/02-03 Review of Student Services

REPORTED:

(By The Director of Student and Ancillary Services)

That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services is conducting a review of student support services and will provide a report for the next meeting of the Committee.

7/02-03 Staff Social Facilities

REPORTED:

(By The Director of Student and Ancillary Services) That the former Sutherland Suite was undergoing the final stages of adaptation to become a staff lounge and would be open in early December 2002.