

The University of Warwick

Campus Life Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 June 2003.

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

APOLOGIES: Professor R Freedman, Mr J Lumley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Paine, Mr M Scott, Mr P Vickers, Mr H Al-Zoubein

20/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 February 2003 be approved.

21/02-03 Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) Nightline (minute 10/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

By the Director of Student and Ancillary Services that work was underway to establish a new user-friendly URL for Nightline.

(b) Student Services Review (minute 13/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Director Student and Ancillary Services was preparing a strategic plan for student services and would make a full report to the Committee at its meeting in the Autumn Term.

(c) Senior Tutor and Counselling Service Report 2001/02 (minute 15/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Report had been received by the Senate and Council at their meetings on 12 March 2003 and 21 March 2003 respectively.

(d) Institute of Education Working Environment Committee (minute 19/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services had attended the meeting of this committee on 29 April 2003.

(e) Lakeside Footpath (minute 21/02-03 refers)

REPORTED:

That the issue had been investigated by the Safety Officer and proposals prepared for consideration by the relevant Officers.

22/03-03 Nursery

REPORTED:

That the Chair and the Director of Student and Ancillary Services were scheduled to visit the Nursery to discuss plans for its future development with the Nursery Manager.

23/02-03 Review of Catering Provision on Campus

RECEIVED:

A presentation from the Executive Director, Warwick Hospitality.

REPORTED:

That Warwick Hospitality was undertaking a strategic review of catering services and a full report would be made to the University in December 2003.

24/02-03 National Student Survey

REPORTED:

- (a) That the University had been invited to participate in a pilot of the new HEFCE-organised national student survey.
- (b) That, although the University had responded positively to the invitation, HEFCE had subsequently determined that it had a sufficient number of participating institutions and that Warwick was not required to join the pilot.

25/02-03 Community Service Volunteers

REPORTED:

That the proportion of student wheelchair users choosing to study at the University was above the national average.

CONSIDERED:

A report prepared by the University's Disability Co-ordinator (paper CLC.19/02-03).

RESOLVED:

That the Disability Co-ordinator be thanked for her report and invited to a future meeting to make a presentation on her overall role.

26/02-03

Residential System

RECEIVED:

- (a) An oral report from the Senior Warden on recruitment to the Residential System for 2003/04.
- (b) An oral report from the Director of Student and Ancillary Services on proposals for enhancing the student residential experience.

REPORTED:

- (i) That the University had received the largest number of applications for the position of Resident Tutor for many years and that all vacancies in the undergraduate residences had been filled.
- (ii) That the transfer of three experienced Resident Tutors, to take up posts in new Lakeside, had been agreed.
- (iii) That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services was working closely with Wardens and Warwick Hospitality to support the wide range of activities undertaken by Resident staff to involve students fully in campus life.
- (iv) That there had been a significant increase in the budget available to Resident Staff to support and induct students.

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A paper concerning smoking by staff in residential areas (paper CLC.20/02-03).
- (b) A report on noise emanating from the Students' Union (paper CLC.21/02-3).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That Warwick Accommodation be asked to investigate the possibility of rostering non-smoking staff to Jack Martin and explore ways in which to encourage staff to stop smoking.
- (ii) That the Students' Union be asked to investigate the possibility of adjusting the sound governor on their sound system in order to prevent it being altered to allow sound in excess of 57dB to escape from the building.

27/02-03

Accommodation Update

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Accommodation Manager on the allocation of residential accommodation for the 2003/04 academic year.

REPORTED:

- (i) That the allocation campus accommodation to students entering their final year in 2003/04 was now complete and that the Accommodation Monitoring Group was meeting on a weekly basis to monitor the number of applications for accommodation from new undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- (ii) That temporary accommodation in Scarman House had been reserved for the first week of the autumn term to ensure that no new student would arrive at the University homeless.
- (iii) That the contractor building new Lakeside was behind schedule and that the University had provisionally booked hotel accommodation in order to accommodate students for a brief period should some of the rooms not be available for the start of the academic year.
- (iv) That offer letters to students allocated to new Lakeside would include information about the building programme and possible use of temporary hotel accommodation.
- (v) That experienced Resident Tutors had been appointed to new Lakeside and were aware of the possible delay in the completion of the building and will be available to provide information and offer support to the residents.

28/02-03

Sport

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Director of Physical Education and Sport.

REPORTED:

- (i) That the £3m project to extend the Sports Centre is close to completion and that new facilities were expected to open shortly.
- (ii) That a proposal to integrate the administration of sporting activities on campus would be put before the Students' Union during week 9 of the summer term and that the Director of Physical Education and Sport would report on progress to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (iii) That students now had unprecedented access to sport facilities and there were now 74 sports clubs at the University, significantly more than at either Loughborough or Birmingham Universities.

29/02-03

Responsible Drinking

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Director of Student and Ancillary Services.

REPORTED:

- (i) That the majority of discipline problems that arose on campus were as a result of the excessive consumption of alcohol.

- (ii) That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services would be working closely with the Students' Union to produce long term proposals for encouraging a sensible drinking attitude to be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

30/02-03 Chaplaincy Matters

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Senior Chaplain.

REPORTED:

- (i) That the Islamic Society was fully committed to playing its part in campus life and at two recent fund raising events had raised a total of £20,000 towards the Chaplaincy extension project.
- (ii) That progress was being made towards the appointment of a Muslim Chaplain.
- (iii) That, in order to encourage inter-religious activities, the Chaplaincy had created the Warwick Roundtable for Dialogue Group through which it was intended to foster mutual respect and stimulate exploration of respective religious heritage.

31/02-03 Environment Website

REPORTED:

That a comprehensive environment website had been established at www.warwick.ac.uk/environment/.

32/02-03 Regulations

CONSIDERED:

Proposed changes to Discipline Regulations (paper CLC.22/02-03).

RECOMMENDED:

That subject to minor drafting revisions the changes be approved.

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