

University of Warwick
Campus Life Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2003.

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

APOLOGIES: Professor R Freedman

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms A Grant (for item 8), Mr M Scott, Mr C Thomas (for item 8).

8/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 November
2002 be approved.

9/02-03 Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) Religion on Campus (minute 2/02-03 refers)

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Senior Chaplain on religion on campus
including an update on the Islamic Society fund raising event.

REPORTED:

- (i) That at its recent fund raising event, the Islamic Society
had raised £2,000 towards an extension for the
Chaplaincy building and that further events were planned
for the future.
- (ii) That the terms of the University's long standing offer to
fund jointly the extension to the Chaplaincy was based on
the expectation that the new space would be used
predominantly but not exclusively by Muslim staff and
students.
- (iii) That it was hoped that a Muslim Chaplain could be
appointed to the Chaplaincy in due course.

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services and the Senior Chaplain meet again with the Deputy Registrar to discuss the usage of new space within the Chaplaincy.

(b) Allocation of Residential Accommodation for the 2003/04 academic year (minute 5/02-03 refers)

RECEIVED:

A report from the Accommodation Manager on the Allocation of Residential accommodation for the 2003/04 academic year (paper CLC.8/02-03).

(c) Social Space

REPORTED:

- (i) That anecdotal evidence would suggest that little use is made of the recently refurbished staff lounge (Sutherland Suite) outside the lunchtime period.
- (ii) That a strategic review of all catering outlets was being undertaken by Warwick Hospitality and this would include an important customer survey component.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive Director of Warwick Hospitality be invited to provide an update on the review at the next meeting of the Committee.

10/02-03 Nightline

RECEIVED:

A presentation on the work of Nightline.

REPORTED:

That work was underway to create a new web site to promote the services of Nightline, but that difficulties had been encountered in acquiring a stand alone and user-friendly URL for the site.

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services contact IT Services to help resolve this problem.

11/02-03 Acquisition of the National Grid Building

REPORTED:

- (a) That the National Grid Building would be acquired by the end of Summer 2003 but that no decision had yet been made on how any space would be configured or who would occupy the building.
- (b) That there were some concerns about the possible loss of land adjacent to the National Grid Building that is currently set aside for sport.

12/02-03 Higher Education White Paper

RECEIVED:

An extract on Student Services from the White Paper on Higher Education (paper CLC.9/02-03).

13/02-03 Student Services Review

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A paper on the review of Student Services (paper CLC.10/02-03).
- (b) Comments from the Students' Union on the review of Student Services (paper CLC.11/02-03).

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the report and the recommendations it contains be approved, it being noted that the Students' Union, whilst supportive in principle of the specific proposals for co-location of Student Services, had reservations about the detailed implementation of this element of the report and wished to see further investigation and a longer period of consultation.
- (b) That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services continue to meet with the Heads of Student Services and the Students' Union to address the implementation of the report's recommendations.

14/02-03 Unite – Student Living Report

RECEIVED:

A Summary of the Unite Student Report (paper CLC.12/02-03). The full report is available at www.unite-students.co.uk.

15/02-03 Senior Tutor and Counselling Service Report 2001/02

CONSIDERED:

The Annual Report from the Senior Tutor (paper CLC.13/02-03).

RECOMMENDED:

That the Report be welcomed.

16/02-03 Reports from the Senior Warden

RECEIVED:

- (a) An oral report from the Senior Warden on the operation of the residential system with particular reference to the management of anti-social behaviour.
- (b) A report from the Senior Warden on matters arising from the Warden's Liaison Group (paper CLC 14/02-03).

REPORTED:

- (a) That there was considerable concern among the Wardens that service levels within the Halls of residence may be further reduced but that it was hoped that the newly appointed Recruitment Manager would be able to improve recruitment and retention of domestic staff.
- (b) That systems to offer more effective residential support to students taking re-sit examinations during the summer of 2003 had now been agreed.
- (c) That there remained a long-standing concern about the shut down of food outlets on campus during vacations to the detriment of the postgraduate student experience.
- (d) That control of the annual Sports Club initiation ceremonies had significantly improved and that, as a result, there had recently been a noticeable reduction of incidents of anti-social behaviour.

17/02-03 Sport

RECEIVED:

A report from the Director of Physical Education & Sport (paper CLC.15/02-03).

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Tarkett pitch at Westwood had proved a great success.
- (b) That Alderman Callow School and Community College had submitted a bid for a new sports complex and that this may go some way to mitigate the loss of the Physical Education Centre located at Westwood to the local community.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Director of Physical Education and Sport meet with the Director of Student and Ancillary Services to discuss ways in which to promote sports bursaries and scholarships to students of the University and prospective students, including in the Prospectuses and on the Website.
- (b) That the Committee confirm its support for a long term rolling programme for the development of sport at the University.

18/02-03 Warwick Active Community Programme

RECEIVED:

A brochure describing the work of Warwick volunteers (paper CLC.16/02-03).

19/02-03 Institute of Education Working Environment Committee

REPORTED:

That the Director of Student Services had been invited to attend the next meeting of the Institute of Education Working Environment Committee.

20/02-03 Retired Staff Association

REPORTED:

That the Retired Staff Association was funding a number of student bursaries (paper CLC.17/02-03).

RESOLVED:

That the provision of bursaries by the Retired Staff Association be welcomed.

21/02-03 Lakeside Footpath

REPORTED (By Dr Tritter):

- (a) That there were many small children living with their parents at the Lakeside apartments but that there was no safe place to cross Gibbet Hill Road.
- (b) That the negotiations of the route from Lakeside was made more hazardous by the direction of the internal path through Radcliffe House car park.
- (c) That there was no playground facility for children living in the Lakeside apartments or anywhere else on campus.

RESOLVED:

That these specific issues be referred to the Landscape Working Group for consideration and to the Safety Committee.

22/02-03 Big Bash 2003-03

REPORTED:

That the Big Bash 2003 would take place on Friday 27 June 2003 at the Westwood track and Games Hall.

23/02-03 Publication of Committee information

REPORTED:

That it was intended to publish basic Committee information on *insite*.