

The University of Warwick

Campus Life Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 June 2004.

PRESENT: Professor R Dyson (Chair), Rev M Bratton, Mr J Cunnington, Ms K Dodd, Professor R Freedman, Professor M McCrae, Ms F Miles, Mr T Monnington, Dr C Rodgers, Ms L Whithorn.

APOLOGIES: Dr P Byrd, Mr J Darwin, Prof Rai, Mr S Pretty.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Paine, Mr M Scott.

23/03-04 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 February 2004 be approved.

24/03-04 Matters Arising on the minutes

(a) Developing Accommodation Strategy (minute 14/03/04 refers)

REPORTED:

(i) By the Executive Director of Warwick Hospitality that the following principles had been incorporated into the Warwick Accommodation five-year plan:

- Seek to provide accredited accommodation for all students, staff and visitors who wish it
- Ensure that no new arriving students will be left homeless
- Provide a single point of contact for all accommodation matters
- Deliver a clear and coherent message, primarily by means of the website, to ensure that all our customers are aware of our services, policies and procedures
- Retain a ladder of rents
- Maintain a balanced Residential Account
- Offer a choice of let lengths for students
- Ensure an appropriate balance of Home/EU and overseas students in residences
- Recognise the key contribution that accommodation makes to 'University Life'

(ii) By the Acting Director of Student & Ancillary Services, that it had not been possible to complete the work on the revised Strategy in time for the meeting but is was hoped that a report would be made at the Autumn term meeting of the Committee

(b) Strategic Review of Catering Services (minute 14/03-04 refers)

REPORTED:

By the Executive Director of Warwick Hospitality, that a pathfinder paper, setting out the principles for the provision of food and drink on the campus, was being prepared and would be available for wider circulation before the end of June.

(c) Central Funding for Disabled Students (minute 15/03-04 refers)

RECEIVED:

A report (tabled) from the Senior Tutor on the central funding for disabled students.

(d) The Future of Warwick Sport (minute 17/03-04 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Director of Physical Education and Sport and Sports Officer, Students' Union on the Future of Warwick Sport (CLC 11-03/04)

REPORTED:

By the Director of Physical Education and Sport, that a programme of consultation with the Unions and the wider University community would begin in the near future

By the Acting Director of Student & Ancillary Services, that any references to 'free sport' would need to be removed from all publicity material referring to the facilities available at the University.

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposal **for the creation of a news sports administration, Warwick Sport**, be approved and forwarded to Senate Steering for further consideration.

(e) Facilities at Lakeside (minute 18/03-04 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Acting Director of Student & Ancillary Services on the Facilities at Lakeside and Heronbank (CLC 12-03/04).

REPORTED:

By The Director of Physical Education and Sport, that he hoped that, in order to prevent wear and tear of the football pitches, consideration would be given to the creation of a 'kick about area' for the residents of Lakeside and Heronbank.

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposal to construct a building to house a social facility that will accommodate both catering and retail functions be forwarded to Steering Committee for further consideration.

(f) Students Union Arts Festival (minute 19/03-04)

REPORTED:

By the Welfare & Equal Opportunities Office of the Students' Union, that the Warwick Student Arts Festival will take place during week 10 of the summer term (20 - 24 June) and that a booklet providing details of the various events taking place around the campus would soon be available.

By the Acting Director of Student & Ancillary Services, that the Security Manager had met with the Societies and Student Development Officer and had received reassurances about noise levels, behaviour etc. and that the event should be an excellent addition to the University Calendar.

25/03-04 Piazza

REPORTED:

By the Accommodation Manager, that, in advance of the post examination use of the Piazza, the arrangements for clearing rubbish had been reviewed and that 'litter pickers' had been recruited to work between 7.00pm and 11.00 pm each night and from 6.00am each day to assist Estates workers clear debris that may have accumulated between 11.00pm and 6.00am.

That additional rubbish bins had been made available in anticipation of increased use of the Piazza.

It is acknowledged that the problem of litter is generated by customers of the Students' Union, Warwick Retail and Warwick Hospitality and the cost of additional staff has been shared by the three operations Students' Union (25%, Warwick Hospitality 25% and Warwick Retail 50%).

26/03/04 Nursery

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Nursery Manager on the development of childcare services at the University of Warwick (CLC 13-03/04).

REPORTED:

By The Director of Physical Education and Sport, that there had been a significant increase in the number of visitors to the Sports Centre that their children would be allowed to accompany them whilst they used the facilities or that a child care facility would/should be available.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be forwarded to Steering Committee for further consideration.

27/03-04 Disability Network

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Senior Tutor on the Disability Network (CLC 14-03/04 attached).

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposal **for the establishment of a University Disability Network** be approved and forwarded to Senate for further consideration.

28/03-04 Warwick Volunteers

REPORTED:

By the Acting Director of Student & Ancillary Services, that the Project Manager and his team had put together an excellent programme and that funding had now been secured from HEFCE for a further two years which should secure the future of Warwick Volunteers until summer 2006.

RESOLVED:

That the Project Manager and his team be thanked and their report forwarded to Senate.

29/03-04 40th Anniversary Celebrations

REPORTED:

By the Acting Director of Student & Ancillary Service that a range of activities were being planned by the Alumni and Development Office to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the University.

30/03-04 Child Protection Policy

CONSIDERED:

A revised draft University Child Protection Policy (CLC 16-03/04 tabled).

RECOMMENDED:

That the revised **University Child Protection Policy** be approved and forwarded to Steering Committee for further consideration.

31/03-04 Language Skills

REPORTED:

By the Senior Warden, that concern had been raised at a recent Warden's Liaison Committee meeting about the apparent inability, of an increasing number, of overseas students unable to communicate effectively in English. Particular reference being made to the difficulties faced by Resident Staff and Security Staff when dealing with emergencies.