

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Campus Life Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 June 2005

PRESENT: Professor R Dyson (Chair), Ms C Braddock, Rev M Bratton,
Professor L Bridges, Professor R Burns, Dr P Byrd, Mr J Cunnington,
Ms G Morris, Mr T Monnington, Professor S Rai, Dr C Rodgers.

APOLOGIES: Ms Cassie Adjei, Professor R Freedman, Ms H Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms C Combelas (for minute 28/04-05 only) Ms K Bailie, Mr M Scott,
Ms K Stark, Mr R Wilson

21/04-05 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21 February 2005 be approved.

22/04-05 Matters Arising

(a) Developing a Residential Accommodation Policy (minute 3/05-04 refers)

REPORTED:

- (i) That the Student Accommodation Strategy Working Party met on 4 April 2005 and identified three areas that should be kept under review:
 - ? The standard of accommodation and on-going maintenance
 - ? The forecasting of student numbers
 - ? The University's ability to guarantee campus accommodation to various categories of student.
- (ii) That a Working Group of the Accommodation Strategy Working Party was examining the business case for further development of student accommodation on campus and that discussions were also being held about the possibility of residential accommodation as part of the regeneration of Canley.
- (iii) That the Estates Department was leading a review of the University's carbon management plan which requires looking at emissions, recycling and sustainability, and could include transport.
- (iv) That the Campus Development Plan had been approved by the Building Committee noting that further work would be undertaken on a transport and green travel plan.

- (b) Facilities at Lakeside (Minute 12/04-05 (b) refers)

REPORTED (by Mr R Wilson):

That a plan had now been prepared identifying a number of possible sites and that a working group would meet to identify the best site and report its findings at the next meeting of the Committee.

- (c) Residential Accommodation (Minute 13/04-05 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A report by the Secretary on responses to a survey of departments to establish the number of students who may have legitimate academic reasons for being away from the University for part of the academic year (paper CLC 16/04-05).

RESOLVED:

That where possible students who enrolled on courses requiring that students be away from the University during 'term time' should be offered 39 week let accommodation that could be used flexibly during the course of the academic year to meet their placement needs, noting that the Committee did not support offering 39 week lets to postgraduate students who did not have a legitimate academic case for being away from campus.

- (d) Warwick Children's Services (Minute 15/04-05 refers)

REPORTED:

- (i) That at its last meeting, the Committee considered a discussion paper proposing an expanded range of offerings for childcare on campus (paper CLC 10/04-05) and resolved that the paper be referred to the Equal Opportunities Committee for consideration.
- (ii) That at its meeting held on 18th May, the Equal Opportunities Committee considered the discussion paper and resolved:
- (A) That the proposal be welcomed by the Equal Opportunities Committee.
- (B) That detailed consideration be given to the implementation, particularly taking into account the needs of staff and students living outside the local area.
- (C) That the resolutions made by the Campus Life Committee be endorsed by the Equal Opportunities Committee.

Minute 48/04-50 (unconfirmed)

- (iii) That a business plan would be prepared for the next meeting of the Committee.

RECEIVED:

A paper from Sarah Shalgosky, Curator of the Mead Gallery, outlining the desired expansion in the range of Children's Services and numbers from a customer perspective (paper CLC 18/04-05 [tabled]).

RESOLVED:

That the paper be taken into account when preparing the business case for the development of Warwick Children's Services.

- (e) Senior Tutor and Counselling Service (Minute 16/04-05 (b) (ii) refers)

REPORTED:

- (i) That at its last meeting, the Committee considered the annual report from the Senior Tutor and Counselling Service (paper CLC 12/04-05) and resolved that in response to the difficulties arising from the need to maintain confidentiality on student matters when discussing specific cases with members of the Counselling Service, the Senior Tutor develop a protocol for communication between the Senior Tutor & Counselling Service and Academic Departments, to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.
- (ii) That a memo from Professor Michael Whitby had been sent to departmental Senior Tutors and Chairs of Departments requesting a summary of the way the personal tutor system was working in the department and the role of the departmental Senior Tutor vis-à-vis other personal tutors and students.

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Senior Tutor on communication between academic departments and the Senior Tutor and Counselling Service, paper CLC 18/04-05 (copy attached); it being noted that the normal assumption underlying the work of the Counselling Service was that of confidentiality, noting that confidentiality is not unqualified and exceptions were made when 'a member of staff believes that someone is at serious risk, or when required by law to disclose'.

RESOLVED:

- (iii) That the network being established by the Disability Co-ordinator consider further the issue of balancing confidentiality for students against concerns about ensuring the appropriate people are informed and a department's ability to make reasonable adjustments in good time.
- (iii) That the Committee welcomed the bid for Lottery Funding to support the post in the Students' Union to develop a mental health network, but expressed concern that the proposed Mental Health Advisor might not be funded by the University in 2005/6; it being noted that the Committee felt the post should be given priority with the advent of higher tuition fees in 2006/7.

23/04-05 Progress of Committee Recommendations

REPORTED:

That at its meeting held on 1st December, the Senate considered a report from the Campus Life Committee and its resolutions recorded under the following items:

- (a) Warwick Children's Services
(b) Annual Reports from Student Welfare and Support Services

Developing a Residential Accommodation Policy

REPORTED:

That at its meeting held on 9th March 2005 the Senate considered a report from the Director of Student and Ancillary Services on the University's Student Accommodation Strategy (paper CLC.7/04-05) and resolved that the paper 'Developing a Residential Accommodation Policy' be approved as set out in paper CLC.7/04-05 (revised).

24/04-05. One World Week

RECEIVED:

A report from the Societies and Student Development Officer on One World Week.

REPORTED:

- (a) That it is now believed that One World Week is the largest student led festival in the UK and that the NUS had made enquires about using the One World Week model at other Universities.
- (b) That Ingrid Warner had been appointed the new Co-ordinator of One World Week for 2005/06.

RESOLVED:

That the One World Week team be thanked and congratulated for their work in organising such a successful event.

25/04-05 Warwick Student Arts Festival

RECEIVED:

A copy of the proposal for the Warwick Student Arts Festival (paper CLC 17/04-05) and an oral report from the Societies and Student Development Officer and Co-ordinator of the Warwick Student Arts Festival on arrangements for the 2005 Festival.

REPORTED:

- (a) That local community groups, schools/colleges and residents from the surrounding area had been informed about the programme of events and had been invited to attend.
- (b) That the Warwick Festival Team would be preparing a plan to ensure that the Festival was self-financing in the future.

26/04-05 Warwick Sport

RECEIVED:

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

REPORTED:

- (a) That the launch of Warwick Sport in September 2005 would encourage more University students and staff to become involved in sport.
- (b) That students would be provided with information about Warwick Sport when they enrolled for 2005-06 and staff would receive information about online registration with their pay slips.
- (c) That all income generated through the Warwick Sport initiative would be used for initiatives to encourage further participation in sport.
- (d) That a sum of £1m had been generated in collaboration with the Lawn Tennis Association towards the development of an indoor tennis facility on the campus.
- (e) That the University was holding discussions with the City Council and other outside agencies about the possibility of constructing a 50m swimming pool on campus.

27/04-05 40th Anniversary Campus Open Day

RECEIVED:

An oral report from Ms Claudie Combelas on the 40th Anniversary Campus Open Day.

REPORTED:

- (a) That as part of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations a three hour Open Gala Concert, including a BBQ and fire works display, would be held outside the Zeeman Building on the evening of 23 June 2005.
- (b) That the Alumni Office offered advice and assistance to any department who may wish to host a staff/student reunion.

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