

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Campus Life Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 February 2005

PRESENT: Professor R Dyson (Chair), Rev M Bratton, Professor L Bridges, Dr P Byrd, Mr J Cunnington, Ms K Dodd, Mr T Monnington, Professor R Freedman

APOLOGIES: Professor S Rai, Ms S Lyle, Ms G Morris, Dr C Rodgers, Professor R Burns, Ms C Braddock

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms K Penner, Mr M Scott, Mr Simon Lucas, Ms Debbie Castle (for minute 15/04-05 only)

10/04-05 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 15 November 2004 be approved.

11/04-05 Matters Arising

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

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Director of Student and Ancillary Services on the Student Accommodation Strategy (paper CLC 7/04-05).

RESOLVED:

That Ancillary Services be asked to bring a paper on the feasibility of an internal transport system to the next meeting of the Committee.

RECOMMENDED (to the Senate):

That the paper Developing a Residential Accommodation Policy be approved as set out in paper CLC 7/04-05.

12/04-05 Progress of Committee Recommendations

(a) Constitution for Warwick Sport

REPORTED:

That at its meeting held on 1st December the Senate considered a report from the Director of Physical Education and Sport and the Sports Officer of the Students' Union on a Constitution for Warwick Sport (paper CLC 5/04-05) and resolved that the Constitution for Warwick Sport be approved as set out in paper CLC 5/04-05, subject to the following amendments:

- (i) The membership of the Users Subgroup being extended to include:
 - (A) One additional academic or academic-related member of staff;
 - (B) One additional clerical, manual or technical member of staff;
 - (C) The Chair of the Sports Federation Committee;
 - (D) Two student representatives from the Sports Federation Committee.
- (ii) The inclusion of the phrase 'as far as is practicable, membership will reflect the diversity of users'.
- (iii) The addition of a clause giving Warwick Sport the power to exempt any member from the membership fee.

(b) Facilities at Lakeside

REPORTED:

- (i) That at its meeting held on 1st December, the Senate considered a report from the Campus Life Committee on its consideration of a progress report from the Director of Student and Ancillary Services on the proposal to construct a building to house a social facility adjacent to Lakeside and recommended (to the Capital Appraisal Working Group) that the construction of additional social space at Lakeside be given high priority as it would significantly improve the campus life experience of students living in Lakeside and Heronbank and would constitute an essential aspect of the strategy to increase the recruitment of new postgraduate students to the University.
- (ii) That work had been carried out to identify the precise location of the proposed social building, taking into account the cost of servicing the building and ensuring maximum student usage, and that an outline plan would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

13/04-05

Residential Accommodation

RECEIVED:

- (a) An oral report from the Accommodation Manager on the allocation of accommodation for 2005-06.
- (b) An oral report from the Senior Warden on issues arising from the Wardens' Liaison Group.

REPORTED:

- (c) That information about University managed Off-campus accommodation and the process through which to secure suitable accommodation was available online at www.warwick.ac.uk/accommodation.
- (d) That the new process of allocation for off-campus accommodation had been introduced in November 2004, allowing students to create a group, reserve and accept off-campus accommodation for the 2005/06 academic year and provided a more flexible process than the 'Ballot System' used in previous years.
- (e) That at present, 1163 campus rooms had been offered to final year undergraduates for the 2005/06 academic year.
- (f) That the annual appointment of Residential staff continued to be a very competitive process and that the current establishment of staff was deemed

to be representative of the postgraduate student population in terms of gender and home/overseas balance.

- (g) That despite significant improvements to campus security, including additional CCTV, emergency lighting and a higher profile police presence, the ongoing over-consumption of alcohol and this has negatively impacted on both the individuals concerned and the wider community. .
- (h) That efforts were being made within the residences to encourage students to participate in events taking place in the local community, such as a Coventry ghost walk and Kenilworth castle Bon Fire night.
- (i) That student volunteers from the Chaplaincy were operating a programme to recover abandoned kitchen equipment from the residences at the end of the letting period, with the equipment being sold to students at the beginning of the new academic year and the income generated being donated to charity (£2,500 in 2004).

CONSIDERED:

A memo from Dr Chris Bilton to Professor Lee Bridges regarding postgraduate student accommodation for students on courses with placements (paper CLC 8/04-05).

RESOLVED:

That the Secretary conduct a survey of Departments to establish the number of students who may have legitimate reasons for study away from the University during the academic year.

14/04-05 Students' Union General Survey

CONSIDERED:

The Student Welfare section of the Students' Union General Survey report, paper CLC 9/04-05

RESOLVED :

That the Students' Union be encouraged to include questions about the number of hours of paid work per week undertaken by Warwick students in next year's survey.

15/04-05 Warwick Children's Services

CONSIDERED:

A discussion paper proposing an expanded range of offerings for childcare on-campus, paper CLC 10/04-05.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the paper setting out an expanded range of offerings for child care on campus be commended to the Senate as an ambitious and imaginative proposal with potential benefits to the University community.
- (b) That the Director of Student and Ancillary Services establish a Working Group to prepare a costed business plan setting out the case for expanding the range of services offered for child care on campus.

- (c) That the paper be referred to the Equal Opportunities Committee for consideration.

16/04-05

Annual Reports from Student Welfare and Support Services

RECEIVED:

Annual Reports from the following student welfare and support services:

- (a) Students' Union Advice and Welfare
(paper CLC 11/04-05)

REPORTED:

That as a result of concerns raised by students with disabilities about access to sporting facilities, a number of improvements had been made including additional ramps, adjustments to doors and the purchase of a hoist to provide access to the swimming pool.

- (b) Senior Tutor and Counselling Service
(paper CLC 12/04-05)

RESOLVED:

- (i) 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 the Senior Tutor be thanked for his report.

- (c) Chaplaincy
(paper CLC 13/04-05)

REPORTED:

That there was a perceived increase in the number of staff with stress-related problems seeking support from the Chaplaincy.

- (d) Warwick Volunteers
(paper CLC 14/04-05)

RESOLVED:

That the Project Manager for Warwick Volunteers be thanked for his report.

17/04-05

Review of University's Response to Use and Possession of Illegal Substances

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the University's Senior Tutor on a review of the University's Response to the use and possession of illegal substances in halls of residence.

REPORTED:

- (a) That a review group comprising the Senior Tutor (in the Chair), Senior Warden, Security Manager, Accommodation Manager, President of Students' Union,

Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officer, Manager of Advice and Welfare and a representative of the police had met twice to develop a proposal for managing disciplinary matters relating to the use and possession of illegal substances within campus accommodation.

- (b) That the recommendations of the review group would be presented to the Director of Student and Ancillary Services before the end of the Spring Term.

18/04-05 Report from the CELTE SSLC

REPORTED:

That the SSLC for courses in the Centre for English Language Teacher Education had raised the following issues for consideration by the Committee:

- (a) Enforcement of the 20 mile/hour speed limit on campus roads;
- (b) Establishment of a pedestrian crossing between Claycroft and Tesco;
- (c) Concerns about the maintenance of the path between Lakeside and Heronbank, which was reported to be frequently covered in puddles and very slippery in cold weather;
- (d) Provision of external lighting on campus, particularly in the area around Lakeside and Heronbank.

RESOLVED:

That the students' concerns be forwarded to the University Safety Officer.

19/04-05 Work Study Programme.

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Committee expressed concern that employment opportunities for overseas students would not be reduced as a result of the proposed Work Study Programme.

20/04-05 Date of the Next Meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Group would be held on Monday 7th June at 2.00pm in CMR 1.1, University House.