

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Campus Life Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th June 2007

Present: Professor S Bassnett (Chair), Professor L Bridges, Professor R Burns, Professor G Jones, Mr T Monnington, Mr D Persaud, Dr C Rodgers, Mr K Sloan, Mr B Wilson, Revd Dr S Jennings, Ms A Darowska, Mr P Ptashko

Apologies: Ms K Chevis, Ms A Phizacklea, Mr A Rivett

In Attendance: Mrs S Crookes, Mr M Scott, Mr G Bennett

19/06-07 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campus Life Committee held on 13th November 2006 be approved.

20/06-07 Matters Arising

a) Social Facilities and Amenities - Lakeside and Heronbank (Minute 4/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

(by the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies and the Head of Residential Life)

- i. That the results of a survey of Lakeside and Heronbank residents regarding social facilities were now available (paper 12/06-07, copy attached).
- ii. That the survey clearly indicated the need for a facility at Lakeside and Heronbank, and that the responses predominantly favoured a shop, with an indication that a coffee shop or restaurant would also be favoured.
- iii. That any facility would need to enhance the overall sense of community in that area of the campus, reflecting the fact that the area has the highest concentration of students on campus over vacations
- iv. That the potential exists to re-combine the project with that of construction of the new Nursery.

RESOLVED:

That an ad hoc sub-group of the Campus Life Committee would be set up consisting of the Director of Estates, Head of Residential Life and the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies to progress the concept , incorporating input from the Retail Operations Director.

b) The Appointment of a Muslim Chaplain (Minute 5/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

(by the Director of Campus Affairs)

- i. That an advert had been placed for a Muslim Chaplain, and several enquiries had been received.
- ii. That the recruitment process would include informal meetings with staff and students, followed by a formal interview panel.

c) UK Schools Games (Minute 18/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

(by the Director of Sport and Physical Education)

That the arrangements for the UK Schools Games were progressing satisfactorily, and that the University would host the Athletics Event and the Sports Village.

21/06-07

Chair's Business

University Strategy:

REPORTED:

That community issues would be very prominent in the new University Strategy, noting that:

- a) The Committee would play a significant consulting role as the Strategy is implemented.
- b) The impact and attractiveness of the campus to the wider community would remain crucial.

22/06-07

Redevelopment of the Students' Union South Building

REPORTED:

- a) That the Finance and General Purposes Committee had considered a proposal for an £11 million refurbishment and redevelopment of Union South and resolved to send a positive recommendation to the University Council, for incorporation into the University's Five-year Plan.

- b) That enabling works would begin in summer 2007, with completion due in time for Autumn Term 2009.
- c) That the work would be phased to minimise disruption to services throughout the project.

23/06-07 Review of Student Support Services

REPORTED:

(by the Director of Campus Affairs)

- a) That the Review was ongoing with the self-review stage finishing shortly, and that the peer review stage would follow.
- b) That an aspiration of intent document outlining services and service enhancements would be produced in the summer.
- c) That it was anticipated that a difference would be noted in access to the provision of support and welfare services by the beginning of the next academic year.
- d) That the role of the Senior Tutor was being addressed by the Review and that, if necessary, consideration and recommendations relating to this issue would be fast-tracked to enable an appointment to be made before the start of the next academic year.

24/06-07 Report from the Sub-Faculty of Science

REPORTED:

That at its meeting held on 16th May, the Sub-Faculty of Science resolved:

- a) That the Sub-Faculty shared the concern expressed by the Department of Computer Science in point 6 of its memo (SFS.48/06-07) about the current waiting time for students to see a University Counsellor, noting that departments across the Faculty had experienced similar problems, with students in need of counselling finding it difficult or impossible to access the University Counselling Service within an appropriate or helpful timeframe; and
- b) That the Sub-Faculty should express its concern (to the Board of the Faculty of Science, the Board of Undergraduate Studies and the Campus Life Committee) at the waiting times universally experienced by students in accessing the Counselling Service, and its unanimous view that this was unsatisfactory and should be urgently addressed.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee recognised the concern regarding the volume of demand for counselling, and that it was anticipated that the Review of Student Support and Welfare Services would help alleviate the problem.

25/06-07 University Disciplinary Regulations

REPORTED:

(by the Director of Campus Affairs)

- a) That he would be reviewing University Disciplinary Regulations over the summer vacation, to further clarify their applicability in relation to both off-campus behaviour and online activities.
- b) That initial proposed changes would be circulated to the Committee over the Summer in order that they may be submitted to Senate for approval in September.
- c) That a more detailed review would be undertaken in the Autumn Term.

26/06-07

Chaplaincy

REPORTED:

(by the Free-Church Chaplain)

- a) That the profile and activities of the Chaplaincy had continued to increase in the previous months.
- b) That the Chaplaincy team welcomed and looked forward to the appointment of a Muslim Chaplain.
- c) That it should be noted that the University currently does not monitor student's religious needs, and that there were currently more Hindus in Higher Education in the United Kingdom than Muslims.
- d) That multi-faith links with local communities were growing, and that the Coventry multi-faith forum would be visiting in October
- e) That in 2006 twenty-seven international students had visited local homes for Christmas Day, and the aim would be to double that figure in 2007.
- f) That a memorial book for Patrice Merle was currently in the Chaplaincy and that a memorial service would follow.

27/06-07

Annual Report from the Counselling Service

CONSIDERED:

The Counselling Service Annual Report 2005/2006, paper CLC 13/06-07 (copy attached)

REPORTED:

- a) That the gender split of students seeking counselling was similar to other universities.
- b) That an under-representation of international students could reflect that they may choose to go to the Chaplaincy rather than the Counselling Service.

28/06-07

Student Death

REPORTED:

That the Committee recognised and commended the support given from all areas of the campus following the recent tragic death of Patrice Merle.

29/06-07 Date of the Next Meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 12th November 2007.