

CANTERBURY COLLEGE

Minutes of the CONSULTATION MEETING OF THE CORPORATION WITH THE STUDENTS' UNION FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2013 AT 1.00 PM IN J221

MEMBERSHIP: Corporation: **Colin Carmichael** (Chairman), **Grahame Ward**, **Penny Williams**, **Alison Clarke** (Principal), **Bob Jones**, **Angela Tithecott & Chris Harvey**

Students' Union: **Harry Fox**, **Josh Rowlands**

In Attendance: **Sharon Hollingsworth** (Clerk to the Corporation)
Tony Payne (Student Activities Co-ordinator)
Lut Stewart (Director of Student Support Services)

Student Union Representatives:-
Kurtis Cunningham
Jon Culter

Italics denotes absence

526 APOLOGIES NOTED

- i. Apologies were received from Grahame Ward, Chris Harvey, Harry Fox and Bob Jones

527 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- i. None declared.

528 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- i. The minutes of the meeting of 3 December 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

529 MATTERS ARISING

- i. All matters were taken into the Agenda.

530 PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOTED

Swale Campus

- i. Jon Culter the newly elected Students' Union (SU) Representative at Swale Campus was welcomed to the meeting.
- ii. Jon is the first rep at the Swale Campus and his role is being much appreciated at the campus.
- iii. Members noted that the recycling campaign is being mirrored at Swale Campus and is going well.
- iv. There are plans to build a new smoking area, the Brickwork and Woodwork areas of the College are involved in the design of the area and plans are being drafted in order to seek approval.
- v. Red Nose Day plans are well underway to raise money.
- vi. Jon is working with a team of students who are helping in his new role. Bill boards have been re-vamped to make effective use of the space to promote areas of the College.
- vii. Interview skills workshops have taken place at Swale and a mentoring training day has taken place recently.

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- viii. Members noted that the SU had secured funding from 'Sportive' an off-shoot of Sport England created to encourage more people to take part in sport activities. The funding provided two new table tennis tables and a selection of equipment. Around 100 students have taken advantage of having active lunch and break times.
- ix. SU members enjoyed the 'Be a Champion Awards Evening' where they were awarded with gold accreditation. The Canterbury College Students Union is the only FE College in the UK to be awarded this. Members congratulated the SU on their outstanding success.
- x. Members noted the SU Smoking Area Report at **Appendix One** of the report.
- xi. The current smoking area has been re-vamped with fencing to stop smokers sitting on the wall and is working well. A 'Stop Smoking' course is being planned for April in conjunction with the NHS.
- xii. 'Blue Monday' event on the 21st January 2013 was again very successful. Blue Monday is termed the most depressing day of the year and this worldwide campaign is led by the Students' Union. The aim of the SU was to brighten up the day for students. Members noted that Blue Monday was becoming the top trending topic on Twitter, with media requests coming from as far as Australia. The SU

- President also took part in a telephone interview with Radio Jersey. Members noted that providing free candy floss had been really effective on the day.
- xiii. The Student Union is continuing with its Student Union Led Awards due to the success last year. The awards event has been planned to take place at the end of the 'Meet the Managers' meeting on 9th May 2013. The event will be open to all staff and students to attend. Members noted the Students' Union would like to invite Committee members to the event taking place between 1 – 2pm. Members commented on the success of this great initiative and noted the date.
 - xiv. The Christmas shoe box appeal had been extremely successful with a total of 25 packages and other gifts being donated to the Riverside Children's Centre.
 - xv. SU are working with the Student Republic to create an end of year event for Canterbury College students. An over 18's event on the 5th July 2013 is being planned at the Picture House Canterbury, with ticket entry. The SU are not taking a fee for the first year and anticipate up to 200 tickets being issued for the event.
 - xvi. The SU continues its work in regard to the 'Green Impact' Awards scheme. The SU have completed the Green Impact Workbook that is required for Bronze accreditation. The SU hopes to be successful at being awarded bronze and will continue to work towards silver accreditation and sustain its work with the College with campaigns such as the Tap Water Challenge. Members noted that running campaigns is what the SU do best.
 - xvii. The Tap Water Challenge took place on 15th and 16th January 2013, over 60% of students were unable to tell the difference between bottled and tap water.
 - xviii. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Group continue to hold regular social meetings. 30 students are attending the meetings. Committee members noted the impressive take up of students. The group is currently working on a focus group to define what bullying is and have produced a document which can be given to new students to outline 'what is' and 'what isn't' bullying.
 - xix. SU are working with the College's Marketing team in regard to the Student News Magazine. Class Reps have been involved in the articles and information for the next issue.
 - xx. Committee members noted the SU Website Statistics in particular the Gangnam Style flash mob video attracting 217 views in one day. Website visitors have come from 68 different countries; top view being from the UK, Ireland and the United States.
 - xxi. The National Union of Students is in the process of developing a website system called 'NUS Digital' which the SU hope to move to early in the next academic year. The new website would provide the SU with greater flexibility and a better website fit for purpose for all that they do. Members raised concern over who would own the site? It is believed that it would be hosted by the College. The Student Union Manager confirmed that he would check.
 - xxii. 29 trips have been organised so far this year, this is up from 18 at the same point last year with a take up rate of 92%.
 - xxiii. Members noted the healthy balance of male to female take up in regard to trips.
 - xxiv. 21 trips are further planned for the rest of the year.

RESOLVED

- i. The report was noted.
- ii. Students' Union invited Committee members to Student Union Led Staff Awards Ceremony taking place on 9th May 2013 between 1 – 2pm.
- iii. Student Union Manager to check whether the proposed 'NUS Digital' website would be owned by the College.

531 TREASURER'S REPORT

NOTED

- i. SU thanked the Corporation for the block Grant at £37,317 for this current year.
- ii. The financial performance of the Students' Union was noted.
- iii. Current spend was noted as £25,767.68 which is 70% of the annual budget.
- iv. Members noted that much of the budget had been spent in Term One on; officer training, events, trips and the commission of a Students' Union Video.
- v. £5,979.91 from the reserves has been spent on additions to the new Common Room.
- vi. Members noted the detailed breakdown of expenditure at **Appendix One** of the report.
- vii. There has been a small amount of income from the sale of NUS cards.
- viii. SU current bank balance at the time of the report was £14,169.50 with £4.92 in the reserve account.

RESOLVED

- i. The report was noted and approved.

532 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- i. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 14 June 2013 at 1pm in room J221.

533 EVALUATION OF THE MEETING

NOTED

- i. Members noted the evaluation from the November meeting.
- ii. Members of the Committee completed the evaluation of the meeting form.