

## CANTERBURY COLLEGE

### Minutes of the CONSULTATION MEETING OF THE CORPORATION WITH THE STUDENTS' UNION WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 1PM IN J221

**MEMBERSHIP:** Corporation: **Colin Carmichael** (Chairman), **Stephen Gough**, **Penny Williams**, **Alison Clarke** (Principal), **Angela Tithecott**, **Julia Joslin**, **Vacancy**

Students' Union: **Hannah Park**, **Jordan Gosbee**

**In Attendance:** **Mark Hill** (Clerk to the Corporation)  
**Tony Payne** (Student Activities Co-ordinator)  
**Lut Stewart** (*Director of Student Support Services*)  
**Lucy Wyatt** (Students' Union)  
**Nathan Southern** (Students' Union)

*Italics denotes absence*

#### 450 APOLOGIES / INTRODUCTIONS NOTED

- i. Apologies were received from Penny Williams, Hannah Park and Lut Stewart.

#### 451 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 9 JUNE 2009. RESOLVED

- i. The Minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chair.

#### 452 MATTERS ARISING NOTED

- i. Cashpoint – Barclays updated – the Barclays cashpoint Heads of Terms are received and should be progressed for the New Year. Location of the machine is to be verified but will be free for withdrawals. An alternative company “Bank Machine” could lead to installation of a “free” point if Barclays does not transpire.
- ii. The Su Constitutional changes accepted by the Board and will be approved at the next Board meeting.
- iii. The grant was confirmed as 1.5% - £34,637.

#### RESOLVED

- i. The follow-up “free” cash point option with Bank Machine Ltd in January if discussions with Barclays do not progress.
- ii. The SU Constitutional changes were noted and recommended for approval.
- i. The SU grant increase was confirmed as 1.5% - £34,637.

#### 453 PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOTED

- i. The report was noted.
- ii. The Union has been voted 3<sup>rd</sup> Best SU in the UK at the NUS Awards.
- iii. Also, in July the SU attended LSIS Leading Learner voice awards where the SU were runners up in the Representative Organisation of the Year category.
- iv. The NUS Leadership Conference Festival was noted. Nathan Southern was elected as one of the 6 Students' Union representatives on the NUS FE Zone Committee.
- v. Since then Nathan has also been asked by NUS to sit on the National Learners Panel.
- vi. That anti University fee demonstrations are set to happen nationally. These are peaceful town take-over demonstrations in line with NUS.
- vii. Welcome week was successful and the SU used the week to highlight the full scope of the CCSU activities. 150 induction talks were given to classes across the College.
- viii. The new SU logo was noted.
- ix. SU participation in the Olympic Education logo design events with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Para-Olympic Games. The Olympic links are to be maximised going forward.
- x. Potential for SU and College to infill Olympic venues in 2012.
- xi. Elections were successful with over 500 by-election votes (most successful yet).
- xii. The Student Voice promotion is being advanced with regular weekly feedback meetings and Quality Director and Marketing Manager.

- xiii. Ideas now in place include the new Diary Room project.
- xiv. 350 Class Representatives have now signed up this year.
- xv. The SU is also working with the LRC Manager and IT Manager to find ways to increase the number of PCs available.
- xvi. Wireless systems are currently being assessed.
- xvii. University Fees: The SU is actively involved in related campaigns. The SU has also sought to host a BBC Question Time event and is now in the regional short-list.
- xviii. The range of Charity Events were noted. The Children in Need events raised over £1000 in November. Other campaigns included Jeans to Genes Day. This year SU is supporting the Help for Heroes campaign in the main street via Game Stations. The Union Parliament supported their choices based on a pack presentation. Others proposed for support included Porchlight and Kent Air Ambulance.
- xix. The proposals to create a unique SU website were noted.
- xx. The SU's work with the College on Environmental issues were noted including increase recycling initiatives and energy saving initiatives.
- xxi. The scope of trips at approx 75 per year was noted. Take up remains very high at +93%. Sheppey College participation was down in 2008/09 but this year is already improving through Hannah Park's work there. Sheppey raised £400 for Children in Need.
- xxii. The efforts to collect trip Equality & Diversity data were discussed and ways to more accurately collect ethnicity data in particular.
- xxiii. The challenges of data collection and the data publishing role.
- xxiv. The Equality & Diversity events were noted.

#### **454 TREASURER'S REPORT**

##### **NOTED**

- i. The report was noted.
- ii. The Students' Union year end position deficit of £3,137.
- iii. The current bank balance of £9,411 and reserves of £14,619.
- iv. NUS card sales have improved with 350 sold this year already which will enable the SU to gain £4 for each card.

##### **RESOLVED**

- i. The Block Grant position was confirmed at 1.5% increase for 2009/10.
- ii. The need for the SU to forward plan what they require for Phase 3 Block 16.
- iii. It was confirmed Phase 3 Block 16 is to proceed including the SU facilities.

#### **455 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

##### **NOTED**

- i. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 9 March 2010** at 1.00 pm in room J221.

#### **456 EVALUATION OF THE MEETING**

##### **NOTED**

- i. The evaluation of the last meeting.
- ii. Members of the Committee completed the evaluation of the meeting form.