

CANTERBURY COLLEGE

**Minutes of the CONSULTATION MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
WITH THE STUDENTS' UNION
WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2009
AT 12 NOON IN J221**

MEMBERSHIP: Corporation: **Colin Carmichael** (Chairman), **Stephen Gough**, **Penny Williams**,
Alison Clarke (Principal), **Gary Fuller**, **Julia Joslin**, **Ann Parkin**,

Students' Union: **Callum Greenwood**, **Madison Britcher**, **Tom Smith** (Finance
Officer), **Crystal Sevier** (HE Officer)

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

Italics denotes absence

**436 APOLOGIES / INTRODUCTIONS
NOTED**

- i. Apologies were received from Gary Fuller and Penny Williams.

**437 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 11 NOVEMBER 2008.
RESOLVED**

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

**438 MATTERS ARISING
NOTED**

- i. Update on cash back via stationery shop – sales were noted as too small for cash back. The Principal has met with Barclays to get a cash point installed. The use of cash back via the Grab & Go/refectory is to be looked at subject to charging.
- ii. Update on Freecycle and In-Kind Direct – The SU is still promoting these including through their website.
- iii. NUS Awards application is being finalised.

RESOLVED

- i. The Director of Finance and Funding is to investigate the potential for cash back in the Grab and Go / Refectory.

**439 PRESIDENT'S REPORT
NOTED**

- i. Children in Need was noted as a success with £984 raised.
- ii. World Aids Day collected £171.74 again significantly increased on 2007.
- iii. The Kent Air Ambulance has been chosen as the SU charity.
- iv. The SU Executive is now well staffed with most officers in place.
- v. The issues with South Eastern Trains were noted and campaign work being undertaken to highlight complaints to Passenger Focus including use of Face-book. Issues include service and price and overcrowding.
- vi. The SU has previously campaigned by approaching SET as an environmental option.
- vii. Julian Brazier MP (Shadow Transport Minister) is to meet the SU to discuss issues in the near future.
- viii. HE students have been consulted via student representatives group. There are concerns being raised over the move from Rutland House to the main site.
- ix. NUS card sales at 177 vs 42 in 2007/08 has meant a good level of new income.
- x. Clubs are evolving including Karate and Dance.
- xi. The work experience project with the Faculty of Life & Work has proven successful.
- xii. Comic Relief ran over a week. In 2007 £467 was raised and this year £1348. Support was very much up on the previous years. The success has been through effective communication. It was noted that the new "Street" was very beneficial.
- xiii. The issues concerning the College's Catering services were discussed. Linda Fosbrook confirmed:-
 - There are new extended opening hours for all facilities.
 - Dietary requirement foods are to be stocked and flagged up.
 - A weekly menu is to be on the web.
 - New and more meals suitable for food sensitive and vegan people.
 - Breakfast cereal options are being introduced.

- More fresh fruit variety and fresh fruit salads.
 - Baguette fillings to be changed weekly with lower pricing.
 - Yoghurt choices to improve.
 - More range on paninis.
 - A water tasting day (vitamin/flavoured).
 - A survey is planned for refectory and non refectory users.
- xiv. The opening hours on Fridays will be reviewed for the 2009/10 year as new build rooming will be maximised.
- xv. The student activities analysis was noted as continuing to be successful. Sheppey take up was noted as lower than wished. Overall participation data matched expectations. For 2009/10 a Sheppey College Officer is hoped to improve SU profile.

RESOLVED

- i. The report was noted.

440 TREASURER'S REPORT

NOTED

- i. The Finance Treasurer Officer provided an overview of the report.
- ii. The SU has spent £12,410 (56%) of its annual budget.
- iii. The sales of NUS Extra Cards were noted as slow to translate back to the budget income due to NUS BACs efficiency.
- iv. The reserve account is also healthy at £15,314.
- v. The bank balance is £7,736.

RESOLVED

- i. The report was noted and approved.

441 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED

- i. The next meeting will be on 9 June 2009 at 1.00 pm in room J221.

442 EVALUATION OF THE MEETING

NOTED

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