

CANTERBURY COLLEGE

Minutes of the CONSULTATION MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
WITH THE STUDENTS' UNION

TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2008

AT 1.00 PM IN J221

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

Students' Union: **Gareth Webber** (**President**), **Maddie Britcher** (**Publicity Officer**), **David Ballard** (**Sports 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

421 APOLOGIES / INTRODUCTIONS
NOTED

- i. Apologies were received from Colin Carmichael and David Ballard. Julia Joslin requested to leave the meeting early. Ann Parkin Chaired the meeting.

422 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 5 FEBRUARY 2008.
RESOLVED

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

423 MATTERS ARISING
NOTED

- i. Progress on links with Odyssey – abseil to be taken forward with Odyssey in September.
- ii. A brief update on Grand Opening plans.
- iii. The SU will commence work on environmental campaign issues in the next year.

424 PRESIDENT'S REPORT
NOTED

- i. The recent election results were noted including the election of Callum Greenwood as President for 2008/09.
- ii. The numbers of voters have increased substantially on the previous years.
- iii. The elections were heavily publicised.
- iv. The new building has benefited the elections due to its communal areas and the ability for the SU to promote elections in the main Street.
- v. The co-terminus Equality & Diversity fayre increased voting traffic.
- vi. Curriculum areas also supported promotion of elections by bringing tutorial groups to vote.
- vii. The issues raised by the last Student Parliament session were noted.
- viii. The Principal confirmed that blinds have been ordered for various parts of the new buildings.
- ix. It was note that the previous pay phone was removed by BT due to low use. BT will not put phones in when below income thresholds. The College previously considered that the increased use of mobile phones reduced viability of pay phones.
- x. The College will allow use of phones in emergencies for legitimate cases.
- xi. A number of students ask to use the SU phone during the week when their mobiles have run out of credit.
- xii. Cash Machine options were discussed: The cash machine requirement of Barclays is 10,000 monthly transactions. The Principal has discussed this with Barclays and they are expected to respond. Other providers will require a £1 charge for withdrawals. The normal level is £1.50.
- xiii. The possible use of chip and pin systems will be investigated by the College as this may provide a cash back option. The Clerk noted that there are quite heavy criteria.
- xiv. New lockers have been purchased for use in Café Roma as a £1 lock/return pilot. These are due in mid June.
- xv. Smoking remains an issue. It was noted that the UCCA area causes confusion. The Corporation will not reverse its policy and that the health dynamic is a major factor. The UCCA is likely to return to a full ban in 08/09.
- xvi. Issues remain in Edward Road and the College may consider full closure of the side entrance gate. Anti climb paint will be applied to the gate and walls shortly.
- xvii. The issue of visitors coming through students smoking was noted as a problem.
- xviii. The SU anti smoking health advice session only had 3 visitors but the no smoking campaign had over 100 sign up.

- xix. There is a long term indication of a reduction in smokers. Previous smoking areas have failed to ensure limitation.
- xx. The national conference was attended by 4 executive members in April in Blackpool. The main motions were not executed due to procedural problems.
- xxi. Nonetheless, the conference was a good experience with many ideas brought back to the College.
- xxii. The SU is investigating the use of the OneWater Company and will keep the Committee apprised of progress.
- xxiii. The Rutland House officer encouraged voting there. The Centre Officer managed to increase HE votes.
- xxiv. HE is to move into the main campus in 08/09.
- xxv. It was noted that HE students want more information about main site issues.
- xxvi. The NUS Awards – The SU has applied for the FE SU of the year awards. Nomination has been submitted (circulated). The awards are on 9 June in Birmingham with the shortlist being announced at the end of May. (update – the College's SU was second overall behind Derby College – a great achievement).
- xxvii. Benefits of marketing the SU. The new SU logo has been successful and visible.
- xxviii. Sport team successes have been numerous with the Men's football team winning the Championships and going up a division.
- xxix. Cross College sport uptake is rising including the Rugby team.
- xxx. A cricket team is proposed for 08/09.
- xxxi. SU activities were noted with more promotion at Sheppey to take place.
- xxxii. The College website is now fully updated with SU info.
- xxxiii. Access and logistics does seem a problem at Sheppey. It was fed back by SU that students at Sheppey felt the College activities were good but still many there did not take them up. Getting home late in Sheppey and elsewhere is an issue.
- xxxiv. The Taming of the Shrew was commended.
- xxxv. The Committee thanked the President and current Executive who will not return next year for their contribution to student life in the last year.

RESOLVED

- i. The report was noted.

425 TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET REPORT

NOTED

- i. The Treasurer's apologies were noted. He is returning in 08/09.
- ii. Spending is in line with budget.
- iii. The 'dot mobile' company has gone into administration. There are no outstanding bills and service has been transferred to Vodaphone. Alternative commercial relationships to be explored in 08/09.
- iv. The account balance is £1,309 and the reserve account is at £8,106.
- v. NUS extra card is a discount card purchased for £10 and the SU gets £4.50.
- vi. This reduces SU affiliation fees and raised SU revenue.
- vii. The free card has less to offer.
- viii. The SU runs both to give a choice. The extra benefits need to be promoted as value for money.
- ix. It also serves as an International Student ID normally £9.50.
- x. PC World and Amazon also use it, as does Ticket Master.
- xi. Income and Expenditure at Appendix One was noted.
- xii. The SU is expected to break even in 07/08 or show a very small surplus.
- xiii. The Prom is not expected to go ahead in 07/08.

RESOLVED

- i. The proposed budget for 2008/09 showing a 2% increase on 07/08 at Appendix Two was noted. The SU budget increase will be considered by the Corporation.
- ii. The report was noted.

426 MYSKIP.COM

NOTED

- i. The Myskip initiative was noted.
- ii. Details are to follow and a pack for the trial.
- iii. Callum Greenwood confirmed that the Student Members' feedback on meetings is provided to the SU and Student Parliament.
- iv. The Corporation work was noted as interesting and helped the Executive members define limits and boundaries and how they can work with the Corporation and College.

427 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED

- i. The next meeting will be on 11 November 2008 at 1.00 pm in room J221.

428 EVALUATION OF THE MEETING

NOTED

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