

**GOLDSMITHS  
University of London**

**ACADEMIC BOARD**

**STUDENT COMMITTEE  
6 February 2007**

**Present:** Philip Broadhead, (Chair) Lucy Smith (Acting Secretary) Mary Bright, Hannah Bullivant, (Yetty Efunuga note taker), Linda France, Bob Westaway, James Hutchinson,

**In Attendance:** Anne Francis, Andrew Brett, Liz Thussu (Head of LTQ)

**OPEN BUSINESS**

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: ED RANDELL**

**2 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**3 APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR FORMAL DECISION**

To confirm all formal decisions as proposed in the circulated papers

**4 MINUTES**

The minutes of the first meeting of Student Committee held on 31 October 2006 were approved.

**5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**MATTERS TO NOTE**

**6 ITERIM ARRANGEMENT OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Bursaries and Scholarships Officer is leading on the strategic, policy and project strands and the Academic Registrar is Acting Line Manager of the Heads of Section until the new Head of Student Support Services starts on March 19 2007.

**7 THE REVIEW OF STUDENTS' UNION VOLUNTEERING BUREAU**

Committee members are invited to note the attached paper (07.018)

**Noted:**

The review aims to develop a cohesive approach to student development central to SU volunteering agenda to ensure volunteering opportunities dovetail with Learning and Teaching, PDP, and academic departments

**8 REVIEW OF MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Noted:**

Full report of the review was not presented at SC as the draft papers are with the review panel for checking prior to distribution to committees.

**Resolved:**

To submit the report of the review to a subsequent meeting of Student Committee

**9 CHILDCARE REVIEW**

Committee members were invited to note an oral report from the Pro Warden (Students and Learning Development) on the outcomes of the review.

**Noted:**

Report endorsed by SC on 31/10/2006 and was approved by Council on 14/12/2006.

**Recommendation:**

The childcare fund needs to be ring-fenced and a mechanism for allocation of funds through the Student Funding and Information Office needs to be established. Preparation of information for staff and student parents required.

**10 DISABILITY EQUALITY DUTY**

Committee members were invited to note an oral report from the Pro Warden (Students and Learning Development) on the Disability Equality Duty Working Group.

**Noted:**

The recommended target of employing 10% staff with a disability is considered unachievable over 5 years. Council approved a target of 4%.

It was noted that the new computers purchased for the ATC were yet to be installed. The Director of IT Services in conjunction with the Disability Coordinator urgently need to examine means for taking this forward.

**Recommendation:**

The committee suggests the Equal Opportunities Advisor should make a digest of the responsibilities of each department to monitor the DED.

**11 ACCESS AGREEMENT**

Student Committee were invited to note the Access Agreement report (07.017) detailing the progress against the targets committed in the Access Agreement, and to receive a copy of the amended Access Agreement for the 07/08 academic year.

**Noted:**

Fees rise annually in line with inflation; the minimum mandatory Bursary amount rises in line with the fee increase. Fees for 07/08 are set at £3070 for undergraduate degree programmes for Home / EU students.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**12 STUDENT EXPERIENCE STRATEGY**

The Committee were invited to discuss the first draft version of Student Experience Strategy (07.021)

**Noted:**

The Student Experience Strategy will help to fulfil strategic aims.

The committee agreed that the SES will have to include a distinctive approach to student experiences. The strategy should also dovetail with relevant college strategies e.g. Learning, Teaching and Assessment strategy.

**Recommendation:**

Members of the Committee were requested to send suggested amendments to the secretary.

**13 DEVELOPING A STUDENT CHARTER**

Committee were invited to discuss paper number 07.020 as circulated.

**Recommendation:**

The Pro Warden (Students and Learning Development) should work on this and raise the issue with SMT colleagues.

**14 RETENTION AND PROGRESSION WORKING PARTY**

Committee members were invited to discuss paper 07.022 as tabled at the meeting.

**Noted:**

Investigate normative process for data analysis and further guidance to departments. This will place additional demands on staff and may require additional resource. Concerns were expressed regarding the numbers of ethnic minority groups making appeals in relation to examinations.

Student committee endorsed the report of the working party. Further comments should be sent to the Pro Warden (Students and Learning Development) and the secretary.

**MATTERS FOR FORMAL DISCUSSION AND FOR REPORT**

**15 SPORTS STRATEGY INTERIM REPORT**

The Committee were invited to receive the report on Sport and Recreation (07.023) and agree the recommendations.

**Noted:**

That resource for leisure activities was better than those for sport.

Point 1 was approved by Student Council *Committee*.

**16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  
None

**17 NEXT MEETING**

TO NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 15 MAY 2007

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February 2007

