

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

ACADEMIC BOARD

**STUDENT COMMITTEE
15 May 2007**

Present: Philip Broadhead, (Chair) Alison Ahern (Secretary) Mary Bright, Hannah Bullivant, (Yetty Efunnuga note taker), Linda France, Bob Westaway, James Hutchinson.

In Attendance: Andrew Brett

OPEN BUSINESS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: E RANDELL, Liz Thussui (Head of LTQ), Jennifer Huseman

2 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

To consider any requests from members that items identified for Formal Decision or Report should be the subject of substantive 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 meeting held on 6th February 2007 were approved.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

6 Review of Medical Services

The committee were invited to note the oral report from the Pro Warden (Students and Learning Development) including development from previous presentation of this item in February

Noted: Full report of the review has now been brought forward for formal discussion.

Recommendation:

The committee suggests a talk with SMT about possible location for the medical centre as the building where the medical was situated was unsuitable.

Noted:

Fitness to teach – suggestion to undertake a survey of the range of things we engage our students in and how this could be done. There will need to be a clear guideline on each issue from the offset, Andrew to be included in possible teaching.

Occupation Health – the environment will need to be taken into account.

7 THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE STRATEGY VERSION .5

Committee members were invited to discuss the new draft of the Student Experience Strategy (07.190)

Noted:

P.B: Appreciations to Lucy Smith (Bursary and Scholarship Officer) for putting together the Student Experience Strategy.

Issues of interest;

- Overseas Students
- Web page – Information on Services needs to be the primary focus on access

Addressing Equality and Diversity Strategy, reference to needs, to be careful not to exclude some groups i.e. International students, students with children, mature students etc.

Committee members to send their comments to Alison before the end of term

Recommendations:

To change Disability to Equality and Diversity

8 GENDER EQUALITY

Committee member were invited to note the attached Gender Scheme (07.166) and the attached interim report on the Gender Scheme (07.166)

Recommendations:

To focus on documents Gender Equality Scheme and Action Plan

Noted:

The College needs to assure itself there are no issues with gender

Resolved:

Committee decides to do survey again due to the lack of responses

9 INDUCTION AND ENROLMENT – STUDENT SURVEY

Committee members were invited to discuss the attached paper (0.192) detailing the student survey 2006.

Noted:

The induction and Enrolment survey was concluded at the beginning of the academic year, unfortunately the rating was very low. Next year there will have to be a better incentive for improvement.

The outreach was useful, more detail analysis on aim higher and understanding what makes students.

Enrolment has gone down well, people seems to be happy with the process. Pre-preparation of student card will put pressure off enrolment day.

Committee express concerns with inductions as large proportion of students did not attend – this maybe due to the lack of information/ communication of when and where.

10 STUDENT UNION GOVERNANCE

Committee members were invited to discuss the situation regarding Student Union Governance paper (07.191).

11 NEXT MEETING

TO NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 30TH OCTOBER 2007