

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

ACADEMIC BOARD

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2010

Present: Professor Simon McVeigh (in the Chair), Ms Vicky Annand, Mr Geraint Fox, Dr Andrea Gilroy, Mr Gerald Lidstone, Professor Les Back, Ms Rachel Soper, Mr Matt Ward, Professor Mark d'Inverno, Ms Bindz Patel, Ms Francesca Bancarino

In attendance: Ms Melanie Rimmer (Secretary)

Apologies: Dr Lucia Boldrini, Mr Tony Dowmunt, Dr Catherine Alexander, Dr Dejan Djokic

OPEN BUSINESS

1 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Item 10 of the Agenda, Widening Participation Report Against Milestones, was starred for discussion.

2 MINUTES

Resolved:

that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2010 be approved.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

4 BROWNE REVIEW AND GOVERNMENT ANNOUCEMENT ON HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

Received:

extracts from the Browne Review, a recent Government statement, and a note on the implications for the College (10-486).

Noted:

full details of funding for this year will not be known until March, when HEFCE will contact individual HEIs.

the impact of the fee increase on the demand and market for HE is uncertain, but is likely to vary from Department to Department and possibly even programme to programme. Consideration will need to be taken of this in future planning.

the College should be ready to bid for any bursary funding which may be made available for institutions to pass on to students.

there will need to be a far greater emphasis on 'Customer Relations Management' and the student experience of the College through personal interactions with staff and processes, the physical environment, and the 'value added' experiences available.

it is unclear whether HEFCE will continue to place limits on student numbers; Browne suggested a market economy in HE might lead to a 10% expansion in some universities although some level of control over total numbers might be exercised through the funding of student loans.

the implications on the PG market are also unknown and will need to be assessed.

5 CURRENT ENROLMENT REPORT

Received:

a paper showing the most up-to-date enrolment figures (10-487).

6 POTENTIAL NEW ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

Received:

a paper summarising new initiatives (10-488).

Noted:

the original idea for a Creative Business School had expanded to a Management School which encompassed health and third sector training. There remained uncertainty about the feasibility and desire for an undergraduate programme.

the BA Liberal Arts proposal would require intellectual cohesion and the problems experienced in delivering joint degrees should be noted.

the proposal to re-structure and streamline the PG offer would depend on solutions being found to timetabling and financial issues.

this item may become a rolling item for the Committee, to keep all members up to date.

7 PART-TIME STUDY POTENTIAL

Received:

a paper highlighting the potential for an increase in part-time study (10-489)

Noted:

that the vast majority of current part-time study takes place in PACE, and that numbers in general have fallen in recent years.

that the College doesn't highlight opportunities for part-time study.

that an increase in part-time study would likely require a change to delivering courses at evenings and weekends.

that to switch to a significant amount of part-time provision would take the College into a well-established market and would require a distinct offer.

that delivery of part-time study would require different practices than at present in terms of communications with students, planning and timetabling.

8 SHORT COURSE FRAMEWORK

Received:

The Short Course Framework (10-490)

9 WIDENING PARTICIPATION REPORT AGAINST MILESTONES

Received:

the draft of the Report against strategic milestones for HEFCE (10-491)

Noted:

that the Report is due to be submitted to HEFCE by 14th January.

that the Report should perhaps include more information about outcomes of the activities it covers.

that the recommendations of the WP Agenda Review were being taken forward.

that the Government was considering WP funding being given to schools rather than universities in the future.

10 EMPLOYABILITY STRATEGY

Received:

the College's Employability Strategy (10-510)

11 NEW PROGRAMME PROPOSALS

Received:

the Committee's Annual Report to Council (10-528)

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Exemption under the FOI Act 2000 (Section 43: Commercial Interests)

12 LASALLE

Received:

a paper about a potential collaborative provision arrangement (10-511)

Noted:

that the first stage of collaborative provision assessment included consideration by this Committee.

that LASALLE was a reputable institution with a close disciplinary fit with Goldsmiths.

that the arrangement would represent a substantial income for Goldsmiths as well as a profile in Singapore and the region.

that it was unclear whether the risk assessment methodology was addressing the accreditation arrangement or the decision-making process.

that the Committee was uncertain about its role in the decision-making process.

that the full paperwork required for a decision had not been provided and would be circulated by email.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

17 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meetings would be held on the following dates:

9 February 2011 (2pm)

18 May 2011 (2pm)

Melanie Rimmer
Projects Officer
December 2010