

Minutes of a Meeting of the Property Committee  
held at 4pm on 7 May 2014  
in Room 1B27, Technopark, London Road, London SE1

**Present**

Ken Dytor	Chairman
David Longbottom	Chairman of the Board
Prof David Phoenix	Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive
Louisa Nyandey	
Andrew Owen	
Prof Shushma Patel	

**In attendance**

Prof Phil Cardew	Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic)
Ian Mehrtens	Executive Director of Corporate Services
James Stevenson	University Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Governors
Michael Broadway	Governance Officer

**Welcome and Apologies**

1. Apologies had been received from Sarah Mullally, Richard Flatman and Carol Rose.
2. Louisa Nyandey was welcomed to her first meeting of the committee as a student governor.

**Conflicts of Interest**

3. No interests were declared on any items on the agenda.

**Minutes of the meeting of 29 January 2014**

4. The committee approved the minutes from the meeting held on 29 January 2014 (paper **PC.07(14)**) and the proposed redactions for publication.

**Matters arising**

5. The committee noted that the report on the performance of K2 would be considered by the Executive at their next meeting. The report would be considered by the Property Committee at their meeting of 17 September 2014.

6. There were no further matters arising which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
7. The Chairman reported that the committee had just had a useful visit to the remodelled Sports Centre. The committee welcomed the change and noted that it should improve the student experience. The committee requested increased promotion of the Sports Centre externally and a review of local competition.

#### **Student Centre post occupancy review**

8. The committee discussed the student centre post occupancy review (paper **PC.08(14)**). The post occupancy review had been completed after a year of occupation with a further review due after three years of occupation. It was noted that the review followed a standard model which would allow comparisons across the sector.
9. It was noted that the Student Centre had transformed that section of the campus and had been generally well received by students. However, the design and build model used for the Centre was problematic and would not be the preferred option in the future. It was noted that there was a lack of flexibility of use of the building. Lessons learnt from the project would be incorporated into future major building projects.

#### **Update on Estates Strategy**

10. The committee noted an update on the estates strategy (paper **PC.09(14)**). Consultation on the strategy would take place with staff.
11. The committee noted an update on Hugh Astor Court. It was reported that the Peabody board had agreed to sell Hugh Astor Court to the University subject to a price being agreed. Both the University and Peabody were getting individual valuations. The University was also liaising with Bridge House Estates over purchasing the freehold of the site.

#### **General estates matters**

12. The committee noted an update on general estates matters (paper **PC.10(14)**). It was reported that plans for redeveloping Keyworth Street were progressing.

**Any other business**

13. In response to a query from the committee, the executive agreed to review childcare arrangements for students.

**Date of next meeting**

14. The committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 4pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Confirmed as a true record:

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Chairman