

Minutes of a Meeting of the Property Committee
held at 4pm on 18 September 2013
in Room 1B27, Technopark, London Road, London SE1

Present

Ken Dytor	Chairman
Prof Martin Earwicker	Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive
Andrew Owen	
Prof Shushma Patel	

In attendance

Prof Phil Cardew	Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic)
Beverley Jullien	Pro Vice Chancellor (External)
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 Barbara Ahland, David Longbottom (Chairman of the Board), Sarah Mullally and Richard Flatman.
2. The committee welcomed Prof Shushma Patel to her first meeting of the committee.

Conflicts of Interest

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

Minutes of the meeting of 30 January 2013

4. The committee approved the minutes from the meeting held on 30 January 2013 (paper **PC.12(13)**) and the proposed redactions for publication.

Matters Arising

5. There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Update of Student Centre

6. The committee noted an update on the Student Centre project (paper **PC.13(13)**). It was reported that the University was working with Mansell to complete snagging

but that all major outstanding issues had been completed. It was reported that a post investment review against the original objectives would be undertaken one year and three years after completion of the works and reported to the Property Committee.

7. The committee welcomed the news that the Centre had won the Architects' Journal Retrofit Award for Higher Education.

Impact of Student Centre from the Student Perspective

8. The committee noted the report on the impact of the Student Centre from a student perspective (paper **PC.14(13)**). The committee noted that the general impact on students and staff appeared to be positive. Further objective data including number of students using the Centre was requested.

Update on Terraces Renovation

9. The committee noted an update on the terraces renovation project (paper **PC.15(13)**). The committee noted that the renovated buildings had been named the "Clarence Centre for Enterprise and Innovation". The Clarence Centre was now occupied by staff and would be open for external lettings in October 2013, including the retail units on London Road.
10. The committee requested a brief report on the key targets for occupancy and use of the building to be reported to the committee.
11. The committee noted that although it had been a complicated project, pleasingly it was on budget and the target date for occupancy had been achieved. The committee recommended inviting Southwark councillors to visit the Centre.
12. The committee noted that the Centre had been entered for a Civic Trust Award.

Update on Perry Library Project

13. The committee noted an update on the Perry Library entrance project (paper **PC.16(13)**). The new entrance was now open and was more prominent for students.

General Estates Matters

14. The committee noted an update on general estates matters (paper **PC.17(13)**). It was reported that the Peabody Trust were in consultation with the tenants of Hugh Astor Court about the University's proposed purchase of the building. It was

anticipated that it would take 18 months for the University to acquire the building and the freehold. An update would be provided for the next meeting.

15. In addition, the Estates team were engaged with the Elephant and Castle regeneration scheme consultation, which would impact the future estates strategy.
16. It was reported that an update on the estates strategy would be brought to the next committee meeting in early 2014.
17. It was reported that planning permission had been obtained for the new sports centre entrance on Thomas Doyle Street in the London Road building which would improve the prominence and access of sports provision.
18. The committee requested the Executive to report on sustainability (including K2 building KPIs) at its next meeting.

Committee terms of reference

19. The committee approved their terms of reference for the year 2013/14 (paper **PC.18(13)**). It was noted that there was a vacancy on the committee which would be considered.

Date of next meeting

20. The committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 29 January 2014.

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

Confirmed as a true record:

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Chairman