

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Art Collection Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Art Collection Committee
held on 5 March 2009

Present: Professor S Bassnett (in the Chair), Mr M Lloyd Smith, Ms S Matich.

In attendance: Ms A Beresford, Ms F Emery, Ms S Shalgosky.

Apologies: Ms P Egan, Professor S Hand, Ms C Lewis, Mr K Sloan.

9/08-09 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2008 be approved.

10/08-09 Matters Arising

(a) University Plate (minute 3 (b)/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

That discussions were ongoing about the possible display of the University Plate in University House, as part of a wider display about the history of the University.

(b) Security (minute 3(b)/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

- (i) That the Curator and the new Head of Security Services had agreed to meet on a regular basis to discuss security issues.
- (ii) That the Curator was to write to Heads of Department reminding them of their responsibility for works of art from the collection on display in departments and the need to take particular care if any building work was planned.
- (iii) That discussions with the Estates Office about arrangements to protect works of art during building work were ongoing.

(c) Artists' Talks/Ideas Café (minute 3(d)/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

That it may be possible to host Artists' Talks in the new Arts Centre space and promote these and other related events through the Arts Centre diary.

(d) Emergency and Crisis Response Plan (minute 6/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Curator had passed a copy of the Emergency Plan for the Mead Gallery and buildings that contain works of art to staff in the Deputy Registrar's Office who were reviewing the University's Emergency Plan.

11/08-09 Proposed acquisitions

CONSIDERED:

A report prepared by the Curator on proposed acquisitions (paper ACC 4/08-09).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the donation of a preliminary drawing for *Let's Not Be Stupid* be accepted, noting that it was proposed to display this in the Arts Centre and use it as part of Sculpture Trails.
- (b) That the donation of the print *Kent State*, currently on loan to the University, be accepted.

12/08-09 Update report

CONSIDERED:

A report prepared by the Curator updating on the Committee on acquisitions and items in the Collection, copyright for the Art Collection website, contracts, the work of the Public Catalogue Foundation and education activities (paper ACC 5/08-09).

RESOLVED:

That the request from Willow Legge to make bronze casts of her sculpture in the Art Collection, *The Refugees*, be approved.

13/08-09 Staffing

RECEIVED:

A report from the Curator on the role of Curatorial Assistant (paper ACC 6/08-09), noting the increasing difficulty of sustaining the administration for the Art Collection through a part-time post as the profile and activity of the Art Collection develops.

14/08-09 Art Society

REPORTED:

That Ms A Beresford had been elected as the new President of the Art Society.

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair of the student Art Society on current activities and future plans, noting that the student art exhibition had unfortunately been cancelled as the level of interest had been insufficient.

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