

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Minutes of the meeting of the Art Collection Committee held on Friday 17th January 2003

Present: Professor S Bassnett (in the Chair), Ms G Hedley, Dr J Nicholls, Mr M Lloyd Smith

Apologies: Ms V Nutt

In attendance: Ms S Shalgosky, Dr C Twine

1/02-03 Terms of Reference and Membership

REPORTED:

(a) That the Council, at its meeting on 6th July 2001, established a Committee for the Oversight of the University Works of Art Collection (later renamed Art Collection Committee), with terms of reference as follows:

- (i) To be responsible to the Council for the management of the University's Collection of Works of Art and its development.
- (ii) To approve a collection management plan and to receive reports and recommendations on its implementation and review.
- (iii) To approve, for submission to the Council, an annual report from the Curator on the collection.

(b) That the Council, at its meeting on 2nd October 2002 established the membership of the Art Collection Committee for 2002/03 as follows:

A Pro-Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)	Professor S Bassnett
A member of academic staff	Mr M Lloyd Smith
A lay member of the University Council	Mr P Varney
A person external to the University with expertise in the area	Ms G Hedley
A student representative	Ms V Nutt
Registrar (or his nominee)	Dr J Nicholls
The Curator (in attendance)	Ms S Shalgosky

RESOLVED:

That the Committee would report, when necessary, to the Campus Life Committee.

2/02-03

Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2002 be approved.

3/02-03

Matters Arising

(a) Mini alarms (Minute 10/01-02 (c) refers)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting the Committee resolved:

- (i) That two alarms be purchased (one white model, one black model) for attachment to the artworks by Ono and Warhol.
- (ii) That the Committee review the effectiveness of the alarms and other security issues at their next meeting.

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Curator on security for the Collection.

RESOLVED:

That the Curator would keep the Committee informed of developments in suitable alarm technology.

(b) Planning for Works of Art in new buildings (Minute 12/01-02 refers)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting on 21st November 2002 the Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee recommended:

- (i) That, as part of the planning for new University buildings, consideration be given to the question of whether and how much funding might be dedicated to the purchase of works of art, such discussions to include the Curator of the Mead Gallery with recommendations being forwarded in the normal way as part of the overall budget to be approved for the project.
- (ii) That, where practicable, arrangements be made for the Estates Officer to consult the Curator of the Mead Gallery on

appropriate colour schemes for new buildings where works of were to be installed.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the need to consider how best to use the space in the National Grid building for the display of works of art.

(c) Library Exhibition Room (Minute 13/01-02 refers)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting the Committee resolved:

- (i) That the Secretary of the Accommodation Committee be asked to provide precise information about the alternative uses of the room.
- (ii) That the Art Collection Committee investigate possible alternative exhibition spaces in the University at its next meeting.

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Administrative Officer (Personnel).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the future use of the Library Exhibition Room would be dependent in part upon the views of the new Librarian with regard to her strategy for space in the Library.
- (ii) That the Committee seek further information from the Accommodation Review Group about the continuing availability of the Library Exhibition Room for the Spring and Summer Terms in 2003/04, pending a longer term view informed by the analysis of the new Librarian.

(d) Artwork for University entrance (Minute 15/01-02 refers)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting the Committee resolved that the Curator investigate possible works of art to purchase by gift or loan, and make recommendations to the Landscape Working Group.

RECEIVED:

An oral report on progress from the Curator, noting that plans were on hold pending the conclusion of discussions regarding a new development plan for the University.

CONSIDERED:

The Annual Report on the University Works of Art Collection (Paper ACC 1/02-03).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Chair would write to the Chair of the Friends of the Mead Gallery to record the Committee's thanks for their continued and generous support for new acquisitions for the Collection.
- (b) That the Curator would examine, with the Purchasing Office, the insurance valuation requirements of the Collection and review the existing arrangement with Sotheby's.
- (c) That the Committee noted the progress of the Collection's return to full registered status.
- (d) That the Curator be thanked for the Annual Report and that it be recommended to the Council.

5/02-03

De-accession from Collection

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Curator regarding the de-accession of certain items from the Collection (Paper ACC 2/02-03)

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the de-accession be approved.
- (b) That the de-accession be reported to the RSC Working Group as a outright gift from the Collection.

6/02-03

Proposed acquisitions

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Curator on proposed acquisitions.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the University would accept the generous donation from Professor Anthea Callen of a work by Norman Gibson for display in the Institute of Education.
- (b) That the Committee noted the unspent budget of £76,000 from the Contemporary Art Society to spend on artworks for the Collection in 2003, with the following acquisitions to be made:

- (i) Work by George Shaw (approximately £15,000)
- (ii) Text work by Nicky Hirst (approximately £2,000)
- (iii) Michael Craig-Martin be approached, after consultation with the Dean and Vice-Dean, for an artwork for the new Medical School building.

7/02-03 Forward Plan

RECEIVED:

The Forward Plan for the University Collection for 2002-03.

8/02-03 Walsgrave Hospital redevelopment

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Registrar on a committee constituted by University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust to examine the installation of art in the new hospital at the Walsgrave site.

RESOLVED:

That the Curator be appointed as the Committee representative on the Trust committee.

9/02-03 Date of Next Meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Art Collection Committee would be in June 2003, at a date and time to be confirmed.