

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

**Minutes of the meeting of the Art Collection Committee
held on Monday 23rd June 2003**

Present: Professor S Bassnett (in the Chair), Dr J Nicholls, Mr M Lloyd Smith, Mr P Varney

Apologies: Ms V Nutt, Ms G Hedley

In attendance: Ms S Shalgosky, Dr C Twine

10/02-03 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2003 be approved.

11/02-03 Matters Arising

(a) Library Exhibition Room (Minute 3/02-03 (c) referred)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting the Committee resolved 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.

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Administrative Officer (Personnel).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note that the Accommodation Review Group resolved that the Library Exhibition Room continue to be allocated for its current use in the Spring and Summer Terms 2003/04, noting that its longer term future would be the subject of review informed by discussions with the new Librarian.

(b) Annual Report (Minute 4/02-03 (b) referred)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting the Committee resolved that the Curator would examine, with the Purchasing Office, the insurance valuation requirements of the Collection and review the existing arrangement with Sotheby's.

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Curator.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note that the Purchasing Office has approved the ongoing review of insurance arrangements.

(c) Proposed acquisitions (Minute 6/02-03 (b) referred)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting the Committee resolved to note 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.

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Curator.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note:

- (i) The Curator would meet with Gill Hedley on 24th June 2003 to discuss proposed acquisitions, including items for display in the new Warwick Medical School building.
- (ii) That the Curator and Curatorial Associate had identified a work by George Shaw for possible acquisition.

12/02-03 Forward Plan for 2003-04

CONSIDERED:

The Forward Plan for the University Collection for 2003-04 (Paper ACC 3/02-03).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee note the plans outlined in the Forward Plan for the display of ceramics in the Collection.
- (b) That an analysis of the opportunities presented for display of the Collection by the purchase of the National Grid Building be included in the Forward Plan.
- (c) That the second sentence of the third paragraph (on religious works) be deleted, and the Committee note that the Campus Life Committee had discussed the growing demand for expressions of religious diversity.
- (d) That the Committee welcomes the development of the Virtual Gallery.

13/02-03

New acquisitions

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Curator on new acquisitions for the Collection.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the following recent acquisitions:

- (a) The gift of a drawing from Mary Fedden.
- (b) Works by Michael Rothenstein and Sidney Nolan for the foyer of Senate House.

14/02-03

Results of Annual Survey

RECEIVED:

A paper on the results of the annual survey on the Collection (Paper ACC 4/02-03).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note:

- (a) That the Collection is in an overall good condition and suitably displayed.
- (b) That the sculpture by Francis Morland remained in a fragile condition.
- (c) That the Curator would consult with experts about how to reduce the build-up of algae in the Moon Pool sculpture.

15/02-03 New Curatorial Assistant

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Curator on the appointment of a new Curatorial Assistant for the Mead Gallery.

16/02-03 Date of Next Meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Art Collection Committee would be held at a time and date to be confirmed during the Autumn Term 2003/04.

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