

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Art Collection Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Art Collection Committee held on 28 October 2009

Present: Professor M Whitby (in the Chair), Ms A Beresford, Ms P Egan, Mr M Lloyd Smith.

In attendance: Ms F Emery, Ms S Shalgosky.

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

1/09-10 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 membership of the Art Collection Committee for 2009/10 was as follows:

Chair, a senior professor of the University	Professor M Whitby
A member of academic staff	Professor S Hand
A lay member of the University Council	Ms P Egan
A person external to the University with expertise in the area	Ms C Lewis (Curator of the Contemporary Art Society)
A representative of the Friends of the Mead Gallery	Mr M Lloyd Smith
A student representative	Ms A Beresford
Deputy Registrar	Mr K Sloan
The Curator (in attendance)	Ms S Shalgosky

2/09-10 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2009 be approved.

3/09-10 Matters Arising

(a) Crisis Plan (Art) (minute 6/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Curator has updated the Crisis Plan (Art) considered by the Committee at its meeting on 22 October 2008.

(b) University Plate (minute 10/08-09 refers)

REPORTED (by the Curator):

That no decision had been taken about the most appropriate location for a display of the University Plate.

(c) Copyright (minute 12/08-09 refers)

REPORTED:

That copyright had been renegotiated for a five year period for the majority of works in the Art Collection which would therefore continue to be made available on the website.

4/09-10 Accreditation of the Art Collection

REPORTED:

That all University museums in the West Midlands have been invited to apply for accreditation through the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council Accreditation Scheme, noting that the University of Warwick Art Collection achieved accreditation in April 2003.

CONSIDERED:

A note from the Curator on the requirements of the Accreditation Scheme (ACC1/09-10), together with the following documents:

Annual Report (ACC2/09-10)

Forward Plan (ACC3/09-10)

Policies (ACC4/09-10)

Acquisition and disposal policy (ACC5/09-10)

Committee Induction Procedures (ACC6/09-10)

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Committee had some concerns about the suggestion that had arisen through the accreditation process that the Art Collection should reduce its reliance on the website and focus on developing more printed literature, noting that the website was proving to be a successful and appropriate means of promoting the University's art collection.

(b) That the Annual Report 2008-09 be approved as set out in paper ACC 2/09-10, noting that this was an impressive account of progress but that the current level of activity might not be sustainable given staffing levels and the Curator would therefore be considering other means of achieving aims for the Art Collection.

- (c) That the Art Collection Forward Plan be approved as set out in paper ACC 3/09-10, noting that there would be further discussion outside the meeting about the scope to increase staffing levels within the current budget.
- (d) That the Policies for the management of the Art Collection and the Acquisition and Disposal Policy be approved as set out in papers ACC 4/09-10 and ACC 5/09-10 respectively.
- (e) That the proposals for an induction for members of the Art Collection Committee be approved as set out in paper ACC 6/09-10.

5/09-10 Display of works of art

CONSIDERED:

A report prepared by the Curator on the outcome of the annual survey of works of art and the development of displays (paper ACC7/09-10).

RESOLVED:

That the report on the annual survey be approved as set out in paper ACC 7/09-10, noting that discussions were ongoing about the display of works of art in the newly refurbished Humanities Building.

6/09-10 Update report

RECEIVED:

A report prepared by the Curator updating the Committee on items in the Collection and planned activities (paper ACC8/09-10), noting that there were some difficulties with the work planned for the Clinical Trials Unit.

7/09-10 Staffing

RECEIVED:

An update on staffing (paper ACC9/09-10).

8/09-10. Art Society

CONSIDERED:

An oral report from the Chair of the student Art Society on current activities and future plans, including workshops, involvement in One World Week and a planned exhibition.

9/09-10 Donation

REPORTED (by the Curator):

That the sculptor John Bridgeman had expressed an interest in donating a work to the Art Collection.