

**UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2003

- Present: Mr. C. Foy (Chair), The Deputy Vice-Chancellor,  
Professor S. Bassnett, Mr. P. Dent, Professor J. Jones,  
Mr. A. Reiss, Professor M. Terry, Mr. T. H. Walker
- In Attendance: Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Estates Officer, Finance Officer,  
Development Plan Architect, Building Surveyor, Services  
Engineer, Maintenance Officer, Ms. K. Gray
- Apologies were received from: The Vice-Chancellor, Professor D. Anderson,  
Councillor S. Bains, Professor R. G. Dyson

19. Minutes of Meeting held on 21 November 2002

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2002 were approved and signed by the Chair.

20. Matters Arising on the Minutes

National Grid House (Minute 5-02/03 referred)

**REPORTED: (by the Chair)**

That following representations concerning defects identified in the building survey, National Grid had agreed to reduce the purchase price by £172k, and to include the furniture in the sale price.

21. SRIF Allocation

**REPORTED: (by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor)**

- (a) That HEFCE had confirmed an allocation of approximately £16m of SRIF funding to the University, in addition to which Warwick would be required to contribute a further 10% from internal funds.
- (b) That bids had been invited from departments for research infrastructure projects for submission to HEFCE by 31 May 2003.

22. Development Plan

**CONSIDERED:-**

The Development Plan Review (Paper JCSSC10-02/03) and a presentation from the Development Plan Architect.

**RECOMMENDED (to the Council):-**

- (a) That, bearing in mind its deep, open-plan design, the opportunity it affords for being a significant integrating feature for the future development of the campus linking Westwood to the main site and as a focus of new activity, National Grid House be designated to create an open access student learning and resource centre, to co-locate appropriate student service functions and to rehouse central administrative and related functions, including all those currently based in Senate House and the Estates Office (which is scheduled for demolition under a planning order).
- (b) That the precise schedule of those activities to be relocated to National Grid House and the space to be allocated to them be determined after further consultation with the relevant parties by the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar for agreement by the Accommodation Review Group.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the broad proposals set out in the Development Plan Review for providing a framework for the long term physical expansion and development of the University Estate be supported noting that further work and consultation would be undertaken within the University before preparation and submission of the final draft of the Development Plan to the Strategy Committee, Building Committee and Council for approval and in particular to take account of the following specific issues:-

- (a) The need to refocus and develop new centres of activity on campus, in addition to the current hubs in the Rootes/Senate House and Academic Square areas, and the use of potential sites for new building to integrate National Grid House into the University Estate.
- (b) The future long term use and development of the Westwood campus in the context of the acquisition of National Grid House and the opportunities this would provide for strengthening physical links with and integration of Westwood within the University Estate.
- (c) The need to address transport and traffic flow to the University, in consultation with the relevant planning authorities, and to consider the needs of all users of the campus in examining the most effective design and routing of footpaths, cycle ways and vehicular roads within the Estate.
- (d) The need to address strategic landscaping and building design for the Estate, particularly in order to reinforce the sense of arrival at the University from its main entrance.

23. Progress Reports from Capital Project Working Groups(a) Sports Facilities**RECEIVED:-**

A progress report on the New Sports Facilities. (Paper BC.13-02/03.)

**CONSIDERED:-**

Plan No. 135/152 showing the proposed alterations to the Sports Centre main entrance.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the proposed alterations be approved.

(b) Biotechnology Phase IV**RECEIVED:-**

A report on the progress of the Biotechnology Phase IV building project. (Paper BC.14-02/03.)

(c) Mathematics/Statistics Building**CONSIDERED:-**

A report on the progress of the Mathematics/Statistics Building. (Paper BC.15-02/03.)

**RESOLVED:-**

That the construction of the Academic Square proceed in line with the proposals approved at the meeting of the Committee held on 21 November 2002.

(d) New Student Residences and Staff Flats**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the meeting of the New Student Residences and Staff Flats Capital Project Working Group held on 14 February 2003.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the actions of the Working Group be endorsed.

24. Extension of Campus CHP Scheme**CONSIDERED:-**

A report on the extension of the Central Campus CHP scheme prepared by the Services Engineer. (Paper BC.17-02/03.)

**RESOLVED:-**

That a further financial analysis, together with a sensitivity analysis, be prepared for consideration by Finance and General Purposes Committee.

25. Clinical Sciences Building**CONSIDERED:-**

Proposed alterations to the research accommodation.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the item be deferred and referred to the Chair and Vice-Chancellor for Chair's action, subject to recommendations from the Accommodation Review Group regarding the most appropriate use of space.

26. Building Programme Steering Group**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the meeting of the Building Programme Steering Group held on 11 February 2003. (Paper BC.18-02/03.)

**RESOLVED:-**

That the roof to Students' Union North be recovered using zinc, or similar material, subject to:-

- (a) approval of the details by the Development Plan Architect.
- (b) the requisite funds being made available from the Major Maintenance budget.

27. Major Maintenance 2003/04**REPORTED (by the Estates Officer):-**

That unscheduled work had been carried out during 2003/04 to replace boiler plant in Jack Martin Halls 1 and 2 at a cost of approximately £40k.

**CONSIDERED:-**

The bids for Major Maintenance in 2003/04. (Paper BC.19-02/03.)

**RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendations be approved.

28. Report from Landscape Working Group**RECEIVED:-**

A report from the meeting of the Landscape Working Group held on 7 February 2003. (Paper BC.20-02/03.)

**RESOLVED:-**

That the proposals for the entrance to the Humanities Building be approved. (Plan No. 135/154.)

29. Accommodation Review Group – Report on Usage of Teaching Rooms**CONSIDERED:-**

A report from the Accommodation Review Group on the usage of teaching rooms. (Paper ARG.4-02/03.)

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Accommodation Review Group investigate the potential for using locally timetabled lecture theatres for the centrally timetabled activities with a view to alleviating pressures on the centrally timetabled rooms.

30. Report from Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee**CONSIDERED:-**

A report from the Joint Council and Senate Strategy Committee held on 21 November 2002 regarding Works of Art in new buildings. (Paper BC.21-02/03.)

**RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendation be approved.

31. Appointment of Designers and Contractors**RECEIVED:-**

Paper BC.22-02/03 detailing designers and contractors recently appointed to major projects.

32. Building Progress and Financial Report**RECEIVED:-**

The Building Progress and Financial Report up to 31 January 2003. (Paper BC.23-02/03.)