

**MOULTON COLLEGE FEC**

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting  
held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010**

**Part 1**

**Present:** Mr C Alderson-Smith (in the Chair), Mr C Barney, Mr J Gaggini,  
Mr P Heygate, Mr C Moody and Mr R Thompson

**In Attendance:** Mr G Davies. Mr J Mair, Mr M Wilkinson

**10/52 Apologies for absence (agenda item 1)**

Apologies were received from Mrs C Boardman.

**10/53 Declarations of interest (agenda item 2)**

Mr Heygate declared an interest as a supplier to the College.

**10/54 Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 (agenda item 3, paper A)**

The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

**10/55 Matters Arising (agenda item 4)**

There were no matters arising.

**10/56 New Developments – Progress Report (agenda item 5)**

**a) Enabling works (paper B)**

The financial report was discussed. Deejak Ltd had made up all the time on the houses which were due for completion on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*

**b) Student Social Centre (paper C)**

The financial report was discussed. The reserved matters application had been submitted and would be determined in May. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*

**c) Sports Therapy and Injury Rehabilitation Centre (paper D)**

The financial report was discussed. The balance of the NEL grant had been received. Full planning permission had been granted. The invitation to tender notice had been published in the European Journal. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*

**10/57 Property Strategy 2010-15 (agenda item 6, paper E)**

The final draft was discussed and changes made were outlined. The appendices were complete. A paragraph on mineral rights would be added. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*

Gerald Davies left the meeting.

- 10/58 Management Accounts for February 2010 (agenda item 7, paper F)**  
The accounts were discussed. The surplus to date was £45,115 over the budget. The College was in financial category B this month and rated Good under the Framework for Excellence. Margins being generated by the commercial enterprises were discussed. Following discussion, *the accounts were approved.*
- 10/59 ILR Update 2009-10 (agenda item 8, paper G)**  
The report was discussed. Cash and Standard Learner Number targets for 16-18 and Adult Learner Responsive students had been exceeded. The Additional Learning Support target had been exceeded but had not yet reached the level of funding already allocated for 2010-11. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*
- 10/60 Provisional Funding Allocation 2010-11 (agenda item 9, paper H)**  
The provisional allocation was outlined and discussed. Funding for FE learning would increase by about 4.8% overall next year. Additional Learning Support funding would rise significantly as there would be a new allocation for 19-24 year old SLDD students. The University would fund the same number of students but the cash total for this was still not known. A bid was being made to the University Modernisation Fund for an additional 100 HE places. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*
- 10/61 Recruitment 2010-11 (agenda item 10, paper I)**  
The rate at which applications were being received was still accelerating. Regular adjustments were being made to recruitment targets to ensure that demand could be accommodated and the overall student number target met. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*
- 10/62 Informing and Consulting with Employees Policy (agenda item 11, paper J)**  
Changes to the policy were discussed *and approved for recommendation to the Board.*
- 10/63 Staff Expenses Payments (agenda item 12, paper K)**  
Changes were discussed. There had been no alteration to the levels of payment which were in line with HMRC rates. Following discussion, *the changes were approved.*
- 10/64 Tuition Fees for part-time HE courses (agenda item 13, paper L)**  
Fees to be charged in 2010-11 would be in line with those set by the University. Following discussion, *the report was noted.*
- 10/65 Family Policies (agenda item 14)**
- a) Maternity Policy (paper M)**  
Changes to the policy were discussed *and approved for recommendation to the Board.*
  - b) Paternity/Partners Leave Policy (paper N)**  
Changes to the policy were discussed *and approved for recommendation to the Board.*
  - c) Adoptive Parents Leave Policy (paper O)**  
Changes to the policy were discussed *and approved for recommendation to the Board.*

- 10/66 Collaborative Centre for the Built Environment (agenda item 15, paper P)**  
The proposal was discussed. If successful, the concept could be extended to sport and interior design. There would be a Memorandum of Understanding rather than a formal legal structure. Following discussion, *the report was noted*.
- 10/67 University Technical College (agenda item 16, paper Q)**  
The expression of interest was discussed. If successful, the centre would be sponsored by NCC and the University but the curriculum would be delivered by the College. Following discussion, *the report was noted*.
- 10/68 Sports Academies (agenda item 17)**  
The Basketball Academy would have elite status from September 2010 and would therefore be able to recruit students onto the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE). The College was working with the English Cricket Board to try to get elite status for the Cricket Academy which would start in September. A womens' elite Rugby Academy was likely from September 2010. Approval had been gained to establish an elite Boxing Academy in September 2011. Work was also underway to try to establish a Trampolining Academy in 2011 and a Swimming Academy in 2012. Following discussion, *the report was noted*.
- 10/69 Local Government Pension Scheme (agenda item 18, paper R)**  
The County Council had offered a place for a governor on the Pensions Committee to represent the 3 colleges and the University. Following discussion, *it was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Chairman of Northampton College to discuss the matter*.
- 10/70 Change of meeting date (agenda item 19)**  
It would not be necessary to change the date of the June meeting.
- 10/71 Date of next meeting (agenda item 20)**  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 9.30am in the Principal's Office.
- 10/72 Any other business (agenda item 21)**
- a) **Archway Cottages**  
The College had been approached by the Borough Council about taking a lease on these cottages on the edge of Abington Park. If the College paid for their renovation they would be made available at a peppercorn rent. They could produce relatively low cost student accommodation for mature students in 8 flats. Off-road access would be required. Following discussion, *the report was noted and it was agreed to consider the matter further once more information had been obtained*.
- b) **Study Tour request**  
A request to change the location of a visit to a tree climbing event by Arboriculture students from Ireland to Staffordshire *was approved*.

Part 1 of the meeting concluded. Jamie Mair left the meeting.