
Meeting notes

Meeting Higher Education Design Quality Forum
Date February 28 2005
Venue University of Portsmouth

Present Mel Barlex (MBx) University of Westminster
Ian Caldwell(IC) Kings College
Rupert Cook – (RC) Architecture plb
Fiona Duggan (FD) DEG W
Joanna Eley (JE) Alexi Mermot Architects
Patrick Finch (PF) University of Bath
Roger Hawkins (RH) Hawkins Brown Architects
Chris Higgins (CH) Leicester University
Nick Howkins(NH) Northcroft Construction
Sian Kilner (SK) Kilner Planning
Eleanor Magennis(EM)University of Strathclyde
Ian Mehrtens (IM) Anglia Polytechnic University
Angela Nash (AN) University of Wolverhampton
Prof Roy Newton - Chair (RN) University of Wolverhampton
David Pearce (DP) University of Wales College Newport
Liz Pride (LP) McCormac Jamieson Pritchard
Jacqueline Squires (JS) HEFCE
Len Wilson (LW) University of Sheffield

In attendance

Dr Mike Bateman, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Portsmouth
Mr Andrew Cardy, Director of Estates, University of Portsmouth
Fides Matzdorf, Sheffield Hallam University

Apologies

Michael Benias (MBs) University of Cambridge
Richard Furter(RF) University College London
George Henderson (GH) University of De Montfort
Sir Kenneth Calman(KC) University of Durham
Colin Moses (CM) RMJM
Alice Mitchell(AM) Ultralab
David Emmanuel Noel (DEN) RIBA
Graham Roddick (GR) University of Strathclyde
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5.0 **Post Occupancy Evaluation**

MBx provided an update on the joint research project between AUDE/HEDQF/HEFCE. Research has commenced and funding received. Two researchers were appointed before Christmas 2004 based on the term of reference circulated. The HEDQF Steering Group will hold their first meeting on 23rd February.

A report on research into the use of POE by David Corless was presented to the group. RN agreed to obtain David Corless' permission to circulate findings and to send DEN a copy for circulation. RN
DEN

The desired outcome is a simple guide, a toolkit for the use of POE. MBx to report on progress so far at next AUDE conference. MBx

IC requested that evaluation of PFI/PPP projects, 5 years on, be considered in order to advise on areas of investment.

6.0 **HEDQF 2004 November Conference**

The event was held at Universities UK, Woburn House, London. Approximately 100 attendees were split evenly between architects and HEIs. The conference focus was on Future Learning Spaces.

All those who attended agreed that the Conference was well received and the presentations were informative and entertaining.

7.0 **HEDQF Future Projects: Impact of Quality Learning Spaces**

RN circulated a paper regarding a potential bid to HEFCE's Leadership, Governance and Management Fund. (attached).

RN required detail to be added to the proposal. It was also believed that CISCO Systems would be prepared to offer sponsorship.

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International research was suggested, possibly supported by EU Asia Link Programme bid.

The project would require specification, the appointment of researchers, a programme and a steering group (through HEDQF).

The bid would require a future space focus and encompass flexibility and the impact of blended learning spaces together with the balance of investment between IT and physical buildings. It was also suggested that it should look at the impact upon staff, their expectations and concerns and the necessity of CPD.

Other areas for future projects were suggested:

- Understanding and quantifying flexibility
- Ranges of different building types, clustering and structural appreciation.
- Services distribution
- 10 year POE

JE and FD agreed to write a brief for extended POE and staff space for HE, including shared offices, alternatives for meeting and social spaces as used in the commercial sector.

JE/F
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EmcG to share information about a pilot study on office accommodation at Strathclyde.

EmcG

8.0

HEQDF 2005 Competition and Exhibition

£2 – 4,000 sponsorship would be required and the RIBA awards route was preferred. RH to speak to DEN.

RH

It was proposed that an exhibition be mounted featuring the buildings selected by the competition. It was further proposed that the AUDE website send out the call for proposals. It is estimated that the exhibition will feature 35 buildings selected via predetermined criteria such as 1 nomination per institution and 2 per practice and the building has undergone Post Occupancy Evaluation. A judging

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panel will be selected to consider items such as sustainability, promotion of quality buildings and value for money buildings, etc.

RN/RH to contact JS regarding support from HEFCE citing sustainability and POE.

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RN/RH to report back at next meeting.

RN/R
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Future Meetings

The next scheduled meeting will be at Warwick University on April 26th 2005.

Following meeting scheduled for Jun 28th 2005 will be held at 'The Box' LSE.