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Meeting Higher Education Design Quality Forum

Date June 28th 2005

Venue London School of Economics

Present Ian Caldwell(IC) Kings College
Fiona Duggan (FD) DEGW
Richard Furter(RF) University College London
Eleanor Magennis(EM)University of Strathclyde
Rod McAllister (RM) Sheppard Robson
Angela Nash (AN) University of Wolverhampton
Prof Roy Newton-Chair (RN) University of Wolverhampton
David Emmanuel Noel (DEN) RIBA
Liz Pride (LP) McCormac Jamieson Pritchard
Joseph Saunders (JS) University Of East Anglia
Len Wilson (TS) University of Sheffield

In attendance

Andrew Harrison (AH) DEGW

Richard Taylerson (RT) LSE

Peter James (PJ) HEEPI

Albert Taylor (AT) Adams Kara Taylor

Apologies

Bill Ainsworth (BA) Ainsworth Sparks Architects

Mel Barlex (MBx) University of Westminster

Michael Benias (MBs) University of Cambridge

Rupert Cook – (RC) Architecture plb

Joanna Eley (JE) Alexi Mermot Architects

Patrick Finch (PF) University of Bath

Roger Hawkins (RH) Hawkins Brown Architects

George Henderson (GH) University of De Montfort

Nick Howkins(NH) Northcroft Construction

Sir Kenneth Calman(KC) University of Durham

Sian Kilner (SK) Kilner Planning

Colin Moses (CM) RMJM

Ian Mehrtens (IM) Anglia Polytechnic University

Alice Mitchell(AM) Ultralab

David Pearce (DP) University of Wales College Newport

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- 1.0 **Minutes from the Last Meeting**
Minutes of the last meeting were agreed
- 2.0 **Matters Arising**
- 2.1 **HEDQF Exhibition**
RH sent his apologies. Members of the working group were indentified at the last meeting. However it appears the group has not formally convened. PJ volunteered to join the working group suggesting that the Green Gown Awards award could be developed in collaboration with the HEDQF. This will be now be an agenda item for the next meeting. RH/
PJ
- 2.2. **POE update**
MB and JE sent their apologies for the meeting. POE updates will be part of the next meeting's agenda. MB/
JE
- 2.3 **RIBA Education Conference and proposed UIA Conference**

RN and AN represented the HEDQF at the recent RIBA Schools Design Quality Forum event entitled Space to Learn. Using case studies and live links to the British Council's Office in Romania, the event explored how e-learning, one touch and video conferencing will impact on the future design of education buildings. Chaired by Valerie Bragg, Chief Executive of the 3Es Enterprises, invited speakers included Mukund Patel President of SCALA and William Jefferies, a partner at Square & Partners Architects. RN will again promote the HEDQF at Cisco sponsored event on Intelligent Learning. It is hoped Cisco will sponsor the next HEDQF event. RN
- BA sent his apologies. An international conference will take place in Feb 2006. The venue might be Mexico or India. BA has briefed colleagues at the UIA regarding HEDQF interests in sharing a flatpform and will update the group further at the next meeting. BA

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4.0 HEDQF Annual Conference Proposals

November 21 at Universities UK is provisionally booked. However, RN, AN and DEN proposed staging the next HEDQF Conference at the University of Wolverhampton. This option is dependent on the availability of the university's main theatres during the semester. In contrast to recent HEDQF conferences in London, the programme will include a tour of several new buildings, making it a worthwhile alternative to Universities UK. Integrated learning was proposed as the theme.

HEEPI is planning a number of events in the Autumn exploring sustainable design or 'high performance buildings.' Proposed dates include November 28th.

Working in partnership with the HEDQF, JS suggested marketing both events as a collaborative venture. HEEPI plans to stage an event on sustainability, highlighting research on carbon minimisation. Funded by HEFCE, HEEPI has been given the role of addressing sustainable design issues with HE estate departments

JS suggested the HEDQF event should concentrate on other themes such as quality design and functionality. Members endorsed the idea of having high performance buildings continue as a theme for a summer conference at the University of East Anglia. The university has a number of building projects underway. JS will provide the group with possible dates.

JS

The terms 'intelligent buildings' and 'high performance' were scrutinised by members. What do they mean? How do we design intelligent high performance buildings and should they explore the following areas:

- The tendering process and procurement agreements
- Evidence based design – How does it improve the performance and success of buildings, Extended MIV calculation
- The next generation -does it identify the needs of

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tomorrows customers?

- E- learning spaces
- The Relationship of between building design and function of the building
- Interior design- designing from the inside out
- flexibility in buildings is an issue- Should we avoid making them too specific although well designed

The event might be sponsored by Cisco. RN will confirm this. Members suggested that space-changing standards for funding should be included in the programme.

RN

The definition of high performance buildings should include the interaction and occupation of the building. Moreover, the use of technology and environmental sustainability is not just about the building but the larger environment. Estate departments need to redefine what sustainability is.

RM & FD agreed to devise a conference programme around the theme of intelligent procurement, RF agreed to contact and forward possible speakers from Wilmot Dixon. Bob White of MACE was Recommended.

RM/
FD

Speakers will include a client, architect, contractor and someone from a commercial or funding background. It is hoped the keynote speaker will be a Vice Chancellor. Areas covered in the programme will include the tendering process, employing a design team, contracts and procurement methods.

5.0

Brief for POE Staff & Social Space

Directors of SFCHE may support the Glasgow bid. The proposal needs to be drafted further. EM is developing a project with the Law department on best practice. Further information will be provided at the next meeting.

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- 6.0 **Leadership and Governance bid**
Stage One of The University of Wolverhampton Panel bid has been accepted. Although £70,000 was applied for HEFCE has said it may be insufficient. RN and AN are meeting HEFCE representatives this week. They will provide an update at the next meeting. RN/
AN
- 7.0 **Any Other Business:**
Campus and Historic buildings,

English Heritage launched an enquiry into ways universities manage their estates. The Heritage Protection Partnerships agreement is based on an Australian model. English Heritage is working closely with the Government, local authorities and others, including UEA, to the test recommendations made in the decision report. The results of which will feed into a white paper to be published in 2006.
- 8.0 **Date of the next meeting**
October 6th UEA is a possible venue. This will to be confirmed shortly