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Meeting Higher Education Design Quality Forum

Date September 28 2004

Venue University of Strathclyde

Present Rupert Cook – New member (RC) Architecture plb
Fiona Duggan (FD) DEGW
Richard Furter(RF) University College London
Roger Hawkins (RH) Hawkins Brown Architects
Eleanor Magennis(EM)University of Strathclyde
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
Graham Roddick (GR) University of Strathclyde
Jacqueline Squires (JS) HEFCE

In attendance

Professor Andrew Hamnett,

Principal and Vice Chancellor at University of Strathclyde.

Apologies Mel Barlex (MBx) University of Westminster
Michael Benias (MBs) University of Cambridge
Ian Caldwell(IC) Kings College
Joanna Eley (JE) Alexi Mermot Architects
Patrick Finch (PF) University of Bath
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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Minutes of the last meeting were agreed

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2.0 **Matters Arising**

2.1 **POE**

MB has confirmed that AUDE and HEFCE will Fund further research on POE. The agreed sum of £5,000 per sponsor will pay for a researcher. At the last AUDE Executive Meeting the terms of reference were agreed.

The University of Wolverhampton has completed another DeMonfort POE. EM was the POE facilitator. The evaluation involved senior members of staff from the humanities and modern language faculties. Planning group meetings were well attended by the directors of finance, facilities and IT. Participating governors and university staff, including the estates team we pleased with the result.

Members advocated greater publicity for completed reports. In addition to having the full report posted online, members agreed that the university and trade press should be encouraged to publicise POE publications and case studies.

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

Roy Newton had a productive meeting with John Rushforth and Jacqueline Squires of HEFCE. They identified a number of topics and possible projects the HEDQF can lead on.

These include:

1. The impact of design on students choice and staff recruitment retention
2. The business case for good design
3. New materials, new methods, new designs in HE

JS encouraged the group to make a HEFCE bid for Leadership, Governance and Management funding. RN proposed that the University of Wolverhampton

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formally apply on behalf of the forum since funding will only be allocated to a recognised Higher Education Institute.

RH agreed that the forum needed to focus on a new topic but warned members that CABA were doing similar work in areas. He argued that the group's objectives needed to be structured. The following themes/topics were proposed;

- The relationship between student accommodation and behavioural characteristics
- New buildings and the impact of computer libraries in universities
- Wireless technology in Higher Education institutes and flexible use of buildings
- Environments that positively promote learning (with Exemplar Case Studies)
- Parameters of an E-Learning environment
- Is the CABA enabling programme needed in HE

RN encouraged members to email their ideas to DEN

4.0 **HEQDF 2004 November Conference**

The event will be stage at Universities UK Woburn House London.

RN proposed the attached programme on Campus development and learning spaces.

Registration

5.0 **HEQDF Objectives**

The group agreed that the original RIBA Client Forum Aims objectives were appropriate. Members argued that the forum should develop working groups and sub committees to explore areas such as student housing and the DDA. Guest speakers

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should be invited to provide presentations on new projects. Suggested guest speakers included representatives from Max Gross, UNITE and Faulkner Brown architects who are currently working with Sheffield University.

6.0 **HEDQF at Higher Education International Conference**

DEN has spoken to Bill Ainsworth of Ainsworth Spark Associates. Mr Ainsworth has invited the HEDQF to work with the Union International Architect Educational Buildings and Cultural Spaces working group. The working group meets almost every year at some venue around the world and the support is constant and of a very high quality. He has agreed to discuss the possibility of an international event at the working group's meeting in Eindhoven on October 8th 2004. DEN has invited him to the next HEDQF meeting.

7.0 **Any Other Business**

RN suggested the HEDQF organise a University Building Exhibition for 2005. A publication and online directory of projects built in the last 18 months should accompany the touring exhibition.

8.0 **Future Meetings**

The next scheduled meeting will be at Portsmouth University on January 26th 2005
Following meetings are scheduled for April 26th and Jun 28th 2005

DEN/ 16th Dec 2004