

## FACULTY OF CLASSICS

### STUDENT-STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE

**There was a meeting of the Committee at 1.10 p.m. on Monday  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in Room 1.04 of the Faculty of Classics.**

Present: Dr Naoise MacSweeney (Chair), Mr James Addison, Dr Rebecca Flemming, Ms Jenny Hipkiss, Mr Stephen Howe, Ms Roisin Hunter, Mr Steve Kimberley, Ms Maeve O'Dwyer, Mr Nick Soderberg, Dr Nigel Spivey, Mrs Carolyn Bartley (Secretary)

Apologies: Dr Holly Kinnear

Dr MacSweeney began by welcoming Dr Spivey, Ms Hipkiss and Ms Hunter to their first meeting of the SSJC.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 2 November 2009 were **approved** taking into consideration a correction to item 2. (iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph - tours were arranged by the library staff for 108 undergraduates, and Dr Flemming asked that she be correctly recorded as in attendance.

2. Matters arising

(i) Library scanner

The Computer Officer **reported** that the cost of an A4 flatbed scanner would be around £100 and that it would be quick to purchase and simple to set up.

(ii) Printing from the internet

The Computer Officer **reported** that the University Computing Service is in the process of installing Eduroam which should become an active service later this year. [Eduroam is essentially an international Lapwing]. This will allow those registered with Eduroam to print from the internet from anywhere in the UK, Europe, and worldwide (less so in the US).

3. Undergraduate Matters

(i) Complaints received about the smell from the men's toilets.

(ii) Lack of Ovid on 1<sup>st</sup> Year syllabus – the undergraduate representative confirmed that he had assured the student that there is more Ovid on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year syllabus.

4. Graduate Matters

(i) Coat hooks in the library

The Secretary, on advice from the Administrative Officer, **confirmed** that there will be coat hooks in the library when the new extension opens.

5. Extension Project

The Assistant Librarian **reported** that Library Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February is discussing the proposal to shut the Library for the period 15-19 March. This is to enable the partition wall to be dismantled, the installation of the rolling stack and computing facilities and the re-stacking of books removed during the building works.

The undergraduate representatives **requested** that this closure be put back to the week 22 – 26 March as residency ends on 19<sup>th</sup> March and many students use the week after the end of term as a time for catch up.

The Academic Secretary for Graduate Affairs **confirmed** that either period does not affect graduates in terms of MPhil essay submission and external PhD registration.

6. Any Other Business

(i) Co-optation of College Representatives.

No election was required as only two undergraduates put themselves forward: Julie Hipkiss (Fitzwilliam) and Roisin Hunter (Girton).

(ii) Energy Savings Scheme

The Assistant Librarian (and Faculty Energy Champion) summed up the University's Energy Saving Scheme whereby the University had given the Faculty a target of 2006 energy consumption plus 3% for 2009. If the Faculty exceeds the target, the Faculty will have to pay the difference. There is a target to hit each year.

The Assistant Librarian **reported** that due to energy savings made the Faculty is due a £1000 rebate, which has yet to be earmarked, and **thanked** everyone for their help in contributing to the lowering of the Faculty's energy consumption.

The Assistant Librarian **reported** that motion sensor lights will be fitted in areas of low use and that the University will pay for their purchase and installation.

(iii) Student Forum

The undergraduate representatives **outlined** the Forum initiative that has been set up by the Herodoteans in response to the open question 'What is wrong with Classics?'. The inaugural Forum is being held on 10<sup>th</sup> February and Mr Addison agreed to write a report for the SSJC.

7. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010, 1.10pm.

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