



Students' Association ***New Building Update***

As you're all no doubt aware, over the past few months there has been increasing discussion about the university's plan for campus, and more importantly how the Union fits into this. For those of you who don't know, the new Students' Association Executive have just taken up office, and we're committed to ensuring that your views are represented and that you're kept fully informed of the entire process, outcomes, and potential. As such we've uploaded the minutes from the last meeting with the University's Estates Management people, which focused on The Union and its future. Hopefully these will explain where we're at and where we're going, and give you the ability to make an informed opinion on the process and have your say.

On a more general note, I'd just like to say that overall we are happy with the ways in which we are being involved in the process, and feel that we are being listened to and considered. However, we still have concerns about the lack of speed in the process and the constant need for open and clear communication in the entire process.

We will continue to fight for your Union building, and as such welcome any comments and/or suggestions on the future of the Union, and what it should look like; feel free to get in touch via president@theunion.strath.ac.uk and check out our Facebook group by searching for "Strathclyde Students Association Executive".

In the meantime, enjoy your summer, and we'll see you at Freshers' Week!

The Executive Team 09/10

NOTES OF ESTATES MEETING
1pm Monday 15 June 2009
VERTIGO, Level 8

1. ATTENDANCE

Present:

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| Neil Campbell | President |
| Philip Whyte | President-elect |
| Nicole McCaffery | Deputy President |
| Amy Davies | Deputy President-elect |
| Benedict Docherty | Vice President Student Development |
| Gill Currah | Vice President Student Development-elect |
| Martin Law | Vice President Support & Campaigns |
| Kelley Temple | Vice President Support & Campaigns-elect |
| Phil Wilson | Vice President Operational & Commercial Services |
| Iain Pullar | Vice President Operational & Commercial Services-elect |
| Campbell Steel | Sports President |
| Rob Harris | Student Media & Marketing Officer-elect |
| John McCusker | General Manager |
| Tony Polden | Commercial Services Manager |
| Ian McCartney | Membership Services Manager |
| Audrey Murray | Minute Taker |

In Attendance

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| Graham Roddick | Estates Management Director |
| Eleanor Magennis | Estates Management Assistant Director |

Graham Roddick took the chair of this important meeting and assured everyone that it would be the first of many over the next few months. Mr Roddick started by outlining EDF 2, (Estates Development Framework) which was a proposed 10 year flexible plan to 2020. Mr Roddick explained that this plan included new Students Union facilities. The previous EDF 2004-2014 had not included new facilities. These had been added to the Strategic Plan in 2007.

EDF2 assumed a status quo of student numbers, but the make up and demographic of students have been considered and flexibility was vital, taking into account that staff and students may potentially work off campus.

STUDENTS' UNION LOCATION OPTIONS

Five options had been considered by the PSMG Working Group in 2007/8; Lord Todd, Colville, Curran, Henry Dyer and University Centre.

- Lord Todd had been ruled out early on due to proximity to residence
- Colville building had been rejected early on due to lack of space
- The University Centre was earmarked for other use and had been rejected
- Henry Dyer site re-development would be costly, but still potentially an option

- The building favoured, at this stage by the University, is the Curran Building for possible entry in 2014. Substantial space within the building offering (2,000 m² approximately) could be made available through rationalisation of the Library, including the stock transferred from Jordanhill, with some books possibly being kept off-site, moving the existing Academic Departments out and housing the LASS Faculty. The area would also offer a one-stop shop including a student support centre, with space available for both Commercial and Membership purposes. Using Level 6 or lower level of the building would allow the Student Union to have its own entrance.
- Another proposal would be for a new Union built in Rottenrow Gardens, incorporating teaching and learning facilities. This would not be completed until 2017.

MANAGEMENT/SHARING

Possible shared accommodation, including catering could be considered. This raised questions about who manages it, be it University or Union. Graham informed the meeting that any proposals would require a Business Case. Concern was raised that shared resources have not worked elsewhere, with recent evidence of two Student Union closures. It was felt this needed to be explored in more detail by gathering further examples of Student Unions and other appropriate building types like museums and theatres.

TIMELINE

A draft of EDF2 will be presented to Court for approval later this year. Graham will report progress directly to the University Executive Team.

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| 2008/9 | Asset Management Plan reviewed buildings and agreed to utilise the best buildings, mainly space to the north of the Campus. To offer a sustainable campus a reduction of 40% of the space was necessary. The buildings to the south would either be sold, demolished, or developed for Knowledge Exchange or Commercialisation. |
| 17 September 2008 | PSMG Working Group on Student Union stood down |
| March/April 2009 | Estates considered several scenarios and the Curran building appeared to be the most suitable. The other models considered are available to view by contacting Graham Roddick. |
| 23 June 2009 | Library Committee meeting to discuss proposed changes |
| 7 August 2009 | 1 st Workshop, 0930-1230, + programme of EDF timescale to be agreed and Business Case to be discussed |
| 25 August 2009 | 2 nd Workshop, 1400-1700 |
| End August 2009 | Publicise Student awareness of proposals, including reference to Estates website and highlighting open meeting in October through Freshers' mailing |
| 17 September 2009 | 3 rd Workshop, 0930-1230 |
| End Sept 2009 | Conclusion of Business Case and proposed location(s) |

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| October 2009 | Open meeting for updating Students and Staff |
| By end of 2009 | Court decision needed regarding Sports Centre if to be delivered by 2012 |
| 2010-2017 | 7 year phase plan of Curran, if approved in EDF2 |
| 2012 | Single campus envisaged |
| 2014 | If Curran chosen, Student Union complete along with Student support services centre |
| 2017 | If new Union building chosen, start work in Rottenrow Gardens |
| Campus Vision 2020 | This allows for further expansion at the centre of the Campus |

PRESENTATION SLIDES

Estates Management will forward all slides discussed. By the end of the month, information will be issued on the University Website as and when available

FINANCE

Money will be borrowed to finance new buildings and leasing of some EDF2 projects will be considered.

Concern was raised that several Business Cases and proposals have been given to the University in the past, with insufficient feedback as to the rejected areas. Graham assured the meeting that the University Finance department would help with this Business Case submission and also review the Page & Park document.

PROPERTY

Although several buildings may be vacated, not all buildings are owned by the University, for instance the McCance building is owned by Glasgow City Council. For the properties which can be sold, a modest sale price is anticipated. These include the Royal College and Students' Union. Other buildings such as Graham Hills and Colville would require a huge investment to maintain.

The Ramshorn Theatre is of cultural importance to Glasgow, but with regard to the University's long term plans its retention is being reviewed at present.

ACTION POINTS

- i. Estates to supply Executive and SMT with presentation slides
- ii. Estates to provide Business Case template
- iii. Ian McCartney to contact Page & Park to ask for advice about other non-Union venues with similar needs
- iv. Executive to use contacts through NUS Survey and Officer mailing lists to gather information about nationwide Student Unions which have experienced similar proposed changes to meet the needs of future students

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 7th August, 0930-1230, in Vertigo, Level 8 of Union building