

CENTRAL SUSSEX COLLEGE

Meeting of 19th May 2008

Report of the Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath LCB Meeting – 15th May 2008

Risk Management

- The Board noted the Health & Safety Report.

Staff matters

- The issue of the College's carbon footprint was raised particularly in terms of the mileage undertaken between campuses for meetings. The use of a pooled low carbon emission car was suggested by the staff; along with the possible use of video conferencing.
- Green issues related to the new building were also raised and the Principal agreed to give a presentation on this to the next staff meeting at the Haywards Heath campus.

Student Matters

- The Board noted that the elections for the Student Executive were due to take place the following day.

Curriculum Quality & Standards

- The Board had an in depth discussion on the Link Member Scheme. Members reflected on their experiences from their recent visits, highlighting those areas they considered had gone well and those areas where improvements could be made.
- Whilst members had received differing experience from their visits, there was a general consensus that the visits had proved beneficial and in most cases had helped to achieve an understanding of Teaching and Learning in a modern learning environment.
- The importance of the "interface" with the curriculum area was emphasised rather than just the content of the discussions. Meeting with the students to try and get a balanced view of the student experience was also highlighted along with the need for the Link Scheme to add value to the staff, the Curriculum, Quality & Standards Committee and the Corporation.
- The Board considered that the visits had been a useful learning exercise and important lessons had been learned from this round of visits. It was concluded that a revised Protocol would be prepared that would provide guidance to the LCB Members on their role in the link Visit Scheme, but refrained from being too regimental.
- Members were requested to consider the purpose and terms of reference for the LCB before the next meeting, particularly in view of the changes to the 14-19 agenda.
- The review of the Merger Report was outlined to the Board focussing on a number of key issues including student participation, success rates and quality.

The Board was pleased to note that the new College had come a long way and was moving in the right direction but that there was still further work to be done.

- A further year on year improvement in the application figures was welcomed by the Board.

Community

- The Board was reminded of the recent changes to 14-19 agenda, in terms of both planning and funding and the curriculum changes including the introduction of the Vocational Diplomas.
- The strategic role of the Area Partnership Board in planning the curriculum for their area was highlighted.
- An update on the partnership with Oakmeeds Community College was provided, along with the proposals for a University campus at Crawley.

Strategy

- An update on all Phases of the building project was noted.
- The Board received an update on issues recently considered by the Corporation