

Wednesday 26th February 2009
Student Parliament

Attendance

Rebecca Beadman	Angela Aldridge-Tucker
Natalie	Maria Cleary
Daria Taylor	Rachel Kitchin
Jamie Robinson	Steven Lowther
Joanne Lees	Eileen Ashmore
Suzie Jollens	Donna Robinson
James Ellis	Angela Kokes
Alex Buckingham	Nigel Fox
Chris Lambert	Emma Davies (Note-taker)
Dave McCreery	
Zack Smithey	
Callum Precious	
Gareth Darley	
Lela Alizadeh	

Apologies

Rowland Foote
Diane Bailey
Emma Davies

Issues Raised	Suggested actions planned/ SMART TARGET	By whom	Target Date	Achieved Progress
<i>Minutes from previous meeting:</i>				
The toilets in Construction are leaking and have been for some time now.	Repair toilets in East block.	Director of Estates	Immediate effect	<i>These have now been fixed.</i>
On the 5 th floor in the East Block there are no where for the IB students to sit and eat.	Review accommodation for IB student.	Academy Director	26 th February 2009	<i>Reviewing accommodation of all rooms for next academic year as Rezoning.</i>
The library is not open long enough for students when their classes run late.	Extend opening times to 8:30pm.	Acting Head of Learning Resources	26 th February 2009	<i>Current usage does warrant additional opening hours. There are many staff issues which has delayed this. The Rezoning of accommodation for September 2009 will look at possibilities of smaller libraries in academies at the HUB.</i>
Students are being abused from the balconies (e.g. spitting on them/ Throwing sweets)	Install CCTV cameras Introduce a Cross-College security team	Director of Estates	January 2008	<i>Cost for additional CCTV put forward in bid for 09/10. Awaiting approval.</i>
There are no blinds on the North side of the	Review the provision of blinds in the North	Director of Estates	26 th February 2009	<i>All requests for blinds will be in the new budgets for the</i>

College overlooking the canal. On the 5 th Floor on the East Block there are no blinds in the windows.	side of the College. Review provision of blinds in East Block.	Director of Estates	April 2009	<i>next Academic year 09/10, Awaiting approval.</i>
The Library at High Melton fills up too quickly as it is not big enough. The computer rooms are too small and fill up quickly.	Extend the rooms to allow more space for students.	Estates	September 2009	<i>The Rezoning of accommodation for September 2009 will look at possibilities of smaller libraries in academies at the HUB.</i>
Refectory is not available long enough and doesn't promote 'Healthy Eating'.	Extend opening times to work to an evening.	Principal	September 2009	<i>The extension of the opening times has been tried in previous years and has found to be unsuccessful and have lost money.</i>
Extra cigarette bins/sand bins needed on the Waterfront for cigarette ends	To place bins around the areas outside the HUB for students	Director of Estates	January 2009	<i>These are now in place for students outside at all main entrances and exits for students to dispose of their cigarettes. Students have said 'thank you' for these bins.</i>
<i>IT issues:</i>				
In the LRC the computers are corrupting memory	To create Network Space for the Students on log ins.	CITS		<i>Students must back up all data and save documents into the correct format.</i>

sticks.				<i>Students will also receive extra storage space on computers.</i>
There are not enough printers available for students as they are quickly breaking.		CITS/ Angela Kokes	Ongoing/September 2009	<i>Printers are being overused. Introduced Safecom, which gives students a £25 limit of printing costs per Academic year. Also there will be no printing in LRC as students will now have to go through Reprographics. Signs regarding pricing need to be placed around printers</i>
There are no printers on the 5 th Floor in the 6 th Form Centre.	Angela Kokes to discuss with CITS	CITS/Angela Kokes	May 2009	
As staff are limited to the amount that they print, they are asking students to print documents for them.	Angela Kokes to discuss with CITS as soon as possible	CITS/Angela Kokes	May 2009	
<i>Catering Issues:</i>				
The prices in the refectory are too high for the food, especially for the students that do not receive EMA.	To be referred to the Catering Manager. Offer free meals for students when they enrol.	N Fox	Ongoing	<i>The prices are set to achieve the gross profit required by the College to provide a cost free catering service. If the College are willing to give food away and accept</i>

				<i>the loss in revenue I will comply.</i>
There is not enough choice on the menu.	Questionnaire to be sent out to collect data of what kind of food students want. Introduce meal deals for students to design	N Fox	September 2009	<i>With a customer base ranging from 14 to 60 it is difficult to make everybody happy but with 18 choices we try. I am happy to get suggestions and feedback. A new cycle will be produced for the new academic year if I am still in the post.</i>
Information is needed on food for students/staff with allergies or are vegetarians.	Labels need on all food with information on what the food contains.	N Fox	May 2009	<i>At the moment I do not have the equipment to produce detailed labels and information.</i>
The food hall is always left in a mess and Nigel has to go around collecting all the rubbish and students can be quite rude to staff.	Students to use the bins more. Introduce litter patrols that are run by the students.	Students/N Fox	Ongoing	<i>Students to use all the bins more and clean up after themselves. Students need to show the respect for the staff.</i>
Students are not clearing their tables after they have finished using them.	To put signs either on walls or tables to remind students to do this.	N Fox	September 2009	
Possibility of a Snack bar installed in the Atrium at the Hub,	Place in the Atrium.	Principal	September 2009	

similar to the bar at High Melton				
Feedback from Representatives:				
There is not enough seating in rooms E.4.146 and E.2.104	To install new seating.	Estates	September 2009	<i>This will be covered under the new budgets for 2009/10.</i>
The radiators on the 3 rd and 5 th floors are very noisy.	To repair.	Estates	September 2009	<i>To be checked and repaired as soon as possible.</i>
The screen Art classes are combining classes.	This should not be until summer 2009.	Maureen Sydney/ Estates	Summer 2009	<i>No response</i>
Possibility of a radio station to be set up by a student. He would like ½ hour slots.	This is currently being looked into as Angela Kokes has spoken to the student.	Angela Kokes	Summer 2009	
The supplies that the Media students need for their courses are costing too much.	To reimburse students with the money for the supplies.	Maureen Sydney	Summer 2009	<i>No response</i>
In the Common Room some of the stronger characters seem to be taking over the pool table which is unfair to other students, particularly Foundation Studies students.	To monitor the use of which students are on the tables and the length of the time they are on for.	Diane Bailey	May 2009	<i>Completed. Requested action to be taken by Youth Engagement Workers to ensure equality.</i>
The sports hall is still	To look into the	Debby Adams	May 2009	<i>No response</i>

not open for long enough. Students would like this to be open at dinner so they can play football or basketball.	opening times and events.			
CCTV was promised for the area in East Block which looks onto the balcony. Students are still getting abused and having things thrown on them.	To look into the instalments of CCTV around College.	Estates	September 2009	<i>To be considered into next years budget.</i>
When the College is closed the College has to inform the students so they don't come in.	To consider the way the College informs students when circumstances such as severe weather conditions and the College have to shut.	Principal	September 2009	<i>Ongoing</i>
Students whose first language is not English are struggling to communicate with other staff and struggle to find their way around the College.	To look at facilities available for students i.e. prospectuses are clearer and easier to read. The staff at front of house to have extra training. To involve students to translate. To produce a hard copy of a map of College to help	Marketing/Learner Services	September 2009	<i>As the AIMS project ceases, the staff within the Directorate of Customer Services will serve, promote and facilitate the transition of overseas students into Doncaster College. The course Information and advice service along with relevant referral access to student support services such as</i>

	access.			<i>welfare, financial support, pastoral and/or external specialist agencies as required will provide the necessary support to help students into learning opportunities at the college and identify and work to reduce student obstacles and barriers such as language. The course information and advice service will be delivering a high quality service.</i>
<i>Disability Access to the lifts:</i>				
As all students now have access to the lifts, the students that need access to lifts who are in wheelchairs are struggling to get into them due to overcrowding, which are making them late to lessons. Other students can be quite abusive to students in wheelchairs.	One lift to be dedicated to wheelchair users or access for all students to the lifts is stopped.	Angela Kokes/Estates	Easter 2009	<i>Due to the lifts being overused, the access is now only for students with disabilities, students with large equipment for courses and staff.</i>

Events:				
What	Where	When	Price	Outcome
Red Nose Day Doncaster College's got Talent. Competition including karaoke and raffles.	The Hub and High Melton	13 th March 2009 6-9pm	£1.50 for students £2 for guests	<i>All proceeds to go to Comic Relief. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to lack of turn out from students.</i>
International Women's Day	Common Room, The Hub	9 th March 2009	Free	<i>Many agencies with help regarding women's issues were available to offer advice.</i>
Forum Meeting	Common Room, The Hub	2 nd April 2009	Free	<i>This was held in between Student Parliament meetings to reduce the amount of actions at Student Parliament.</i>