

Minutes of the Joint Consultative Committee

1.30pm, Tuesday 13th January 2009, Room 408, Edinburgh Building.

Present

Management

Shirley Atkinson	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Resources) (Chair)
David Fleming	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)
John Pacey	University Secretary
Gary Holmes	Dean of the Faculty of Education and Society
Andrea Walters	Acting Director of HR
Iain Clark	Head of Employee Relations
Vikki Hewison	HR Assistant
Ian Gray	Director of Facilities (Item 4)
Sue Brady	Assistant Director of Facilities (Item 4)

Staff Side

William Hunter	UCU
Jeff Fowler	UCU
Steve Storey	UCU
Stuart McRoy	UNISON

4. Facilities Review - Catering / Security (Ian Gray / Sue Brady in attendance)

4.1 Catering

A paper had been circulated regarding the catering tendering process and the Director of Facilities explained that, although improvements had been made, catering facilities, such as those provided at the Prospects Building, required investment. Facilities were currently examining all available options including possible outsourcing. It was clarified that there were no expectations regarding the outcome and that the decision would depend on a range of considerations.

It was confirmed that consultation had been undertaken with staff and that the Russell Partnership had spoken directly to customers as part of their study. The results indicated that a social learning space would be welcomed at the Prospects Building and CitySpace which reflected current trends.

It was explained that the recent tendering exercise would enable the University to obtain full information on the options available and allow an informed decision to be made.