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For Lisa Biddell, NUS

6 November 2013

Dear Lisa Biddell and Jim Dickinson

In July and August 2012 you made two identical requests for information to the College. It appears the second was made because the original request delivery failed.

As the "What do you know" website records that the original request is still awaiting response, I attach here the response made on 14 September 2012, which was within the 20 day period in the context of the second request.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Reavley  
Clerk to the Corporation Governors

14 September 2012

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your email, which was forwarded to me from our administration department.

I have the following responses to your two enquiries:

#### SFA Funding Rules

1. We have not calculated the cost of implementing these requirements as they are likely to be minimal.
2. There are no papers pertaining to the implementation of these requirements.
3. We have not extended these standards to EFA provision and there are currently no plans to do so.

#### Student Governors

1. Our last student governor graduated in July, so there is currently no-one in position.
2. Details of the methodology for appointment, selection and election are available on the website at [www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk](http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk)
3. There are no plans to change the number of student governors, or the methodology for their appointment, selection and election.

Regards,

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# SFA Funding



Jim Dickinson made this Freedom of Information request to Abingdon and Witney College

The request was **successful**.

**From: Jim Dickinson**

**24 July 2012**

Dear Abingdon and Witney College,

You will be aware that paragraph 12 of the SFA Funding Rules 2012/13 is newly revised and states that "Where the Agency has made a full contribution to the costs of a Learner's programme, Providers must not make compulsory charges to employers or Learners for any delivery of the learning activity funded by the Agency. This includes: administration, registration, assessment, materials or examination costs whether incurred directly by the Provider or charged by other organisations such as awarding organisations. This includes charges for identification passes, uniforms, tools and material where without them, a learner cannot complete and achieve their learning aim."

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1. The estimated cost to the college of implementing these requirements in the year ahead
2. Copies of any papers, including at Corporation level, pertaining to the implementation of these requirements
3. Can you make clear whether you are intending to apply these standards to other provision in the college, and specifically whether you intend to implement for EFA funded provision

You will also be aware of changes to the required Instrument & Articles for the college that give it freedom to adopt new structures and practices.

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1. The number of student members of the corporation at present
2. The existing methodology in use for their appointment/selection/election
3. If there are any plans to change the number, or methodology for their appointment/selection/election

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Beddall

National Union of Students