COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning Committee
The meeting was held on 13 March.
Planning Process 1973-74
The Vice-Chancellor introduced a paper on the Planning Process 1973- 74 and Planning for 1974-75. He reminded the Committee that the University had decided that planning should be primarily related to student demand for accommodation, the supply of student residential accommodation, and the levels of recurrent and capital grants, and that all these four factors were now being considered. The Committee noted the UGC's recent letters which announced that the University would require no supplement to its inflation for its 1974-75 recurrent grant, that the supplementation to offset the effects of VAT would be paid on recurrent and and some capital grants. Integrated furniture, combined furniture and equipment grant for 1974-75 had been reduced by 45%, to £258,000, that it would not be likely before the autumn that the UGC would publish its figures of student numbers and grants for 1974-75 and 1974-77, that the revised 1974-75 building programme was unlikely to be a fraction of the cancelled 1973- 74 and 1974-75 programmes, and that the UGC intended to introduce entirely new procedures for controlling the planning of the various University building projects. The Committee
(i) agreed that the allocation of the VAT and combined grants for 1974-75 and 1974-75 should be
(ii) agreed that the allocation of the combined grant for 1974-75 as between furniture and equipment, and that the UGC intended to be considered at the next meeting.
(iii) noted that the nature and timing of the University's operational review would be very largely

Site Development 1981-82
The Committee approved an outline plan from The Site Development Project Team for the development of the University after 1981-82 up to its estimated capacity.

The team supported a pattern of land use for development beyond 1980 students, only if considerable expansion of student numbers was anticipated, could expand the University in a continuous sequence of

Car parking: The report said that development of car parking for the University after 1981-82 was unclear. Provision may be needed for some 5000-5000 private cars on the site, with a notional student population of about 10,000. The existing car-park was already too small and additional land had to be made to cater for the increase in student numbers. The land use for this purpose could be achieved by conversion of some of the existing areas to amenity spaces elsewhere.

Road patterns: The team strongly favoured the development of the ring road concept to open up areas of the site for development. By 1982 the completion of the A30 palmier interchange and the consequent new entry to the University will bring traffic into the University at this point and the finds section of the road ring will have descended into the North Field and perhaps end in the West Slope to loop around to the north of the Arts area. As residential development spreads across the North Field a new ring of road should be made to form a perimeter and the earlier section across the valley should become a service road. At the southern boundary of the site the

The report recommended that the option to develop part of the southern end of the East Field for academic building should be kept open. This would provide a range of land for both Science and Arts sites after 1982 in case of unforeseen developments.

Academic services: Academic service

Residential and social facilities: The team recognised the necessity to allocate land for a major increase in residential accommodation on the campus, to provide for an estimated population of 5000-5000 students, and perhaps staff, living on the University estate and that additional planning pressures forced the assumption that these buildings must be contained within existing site boundaries.

Careful planning would be needed to accommodate such numbers in socially and aesthetically acceptable conditions. The buildings and amenity spaces would take most of the University land to the north of the Refectory including the West Field, the East Field, the West Field and the North Field. The option to develop the East Field would be kept open in case of unforeseen developments of social and residential facilities had been estimated by the Community Services Area

Mr. A.D. Chalmers
Mr. A.D. Chalmers succeeds Prof. D.N. Winnich as Dean of the School of Social Sciences on 1 April. He came to the University in 1960 as lecturer in Social Psychology, and became Reader in 1969.

He previously held appointments at Birmingham and Glasgow universities. Mr. Chalmers has served as Chairman of the Social Psychology and Social Bacteriology Groups. One of his interests is in the application of computing techniques, numerical and non- numerical, to psychology and the social sciences.

Mr. Chalmers was born and educated in Glasgow. He married with two sons and two daughters and lives at

University duty and a large garden left him little time for hobbies, but he plays the trombone.

Mr. Chalmers, who has never attended an official dinner or a formal party before, said that he had found the University's hospitality "almost overwhelming".

The President of the Union said that Mr. Chalmers would be regarded as a basic, supportive, faculty which allowed students to live as much as possible as students with students who had need of it.

In the ensuing discussion, the following were among the points raised:

(1) no further British universities could not be made if it was possible to acquire the land on the eastern boundary of the site which is presently a house and garden tenancy. The team noted that Brighton College was renowned for the way in which it managed its land to provide for the present playing area and that it was land required for further development. The possible need for future sports facilities.

In conclusion, the team said their guidelines attempted to provide a framework for future expansion. The proposals made within the framework would need to be carefully and continuously monitored. Revisions and amendments would need to be made to the pattern of development in the light of future developments.

TheCRECHE
The Committee received a report from the Site Development Project Team on the development of a crèche for 26 children which was introduced by Dr. B. Smith, Chairman of Community Services.

He said in the 19 months since the crèche had been used during term time by some 56 children, the waiting list comprised 25 names and there would be no doubt if there were no charges, and the voluntary help scheme would continue to be successful.

The crèche should be free for the children of students parents.

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Dr. J. A. Bridges

Disability Affairs Unit

The Chairman, the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor that the title of Professorial Fellow would be changed to Dr. J. A. Bridges, Director of the MRC Cell Motor Neurone Disease Unit and the Unit was associated with the University.

Disabled Students Unit

The meeting was held on 20 February.

Overseas Students

The Circular discussed reports by Dr. J. W. M. Chapman, ex-student of the School of African and Asian Studies, Dr. K. Stimpson, Assistant Appointments Officer and Mr. D. B. Jacobson, postgraduate student at the University, on the general issues of finance, accommodation, social and educational adjustment problems that affect overseas students.

The main recommendations of the report were:

1. Basic diagnostic tests should be administered to overseas students whose first language was not English to provide an early identification of possible difficulties of communication and adaptation.

2. Communication should be improved between the Counselling Services Area and overseas students.

3. Counselling Services Area should gather relevant data on overseas students about problems and maintain links with outside organisations concerned with overseas students.

4. Individuals within the Counselling Services Area should be encouraged to specialise in particular problems affecting overseas students, and these together with representatives of academic faculty and the Administration should form an Advisory Panel to assist the Chairman of Counselling Services on overseas student affairs.

The following were among the points discussed:

5. The inability of an overseas student to communicate satisfactorily in English was a matter which should be investigated by the appropriate Area Office. It was not generally considered possible for the University to provide English language teaching for overseas students in addition to facilities already available in the language laboratory. It was difficult to refer overseas students to special centres prior to their arrival, many had already undertaken such courses or obtained certificates of proficiency in English neither of which had helped their problem.

6. A member suggested that, whereas many overseas students suffered from the same range of problems as home students, the services for solving these problems had to be considerably increased.

After discussion it was agreed that the recommendations should be referred to the Chairman of Counselling Services who would make formal proposals at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee was established by the Chairman of Counselling Services, Dr. M. M. Black, introduced discussion of a report from the Disabled Students Unit. He had discovered discrepancies in the reasons for the delay in completion of the Unit and the Committee concluded that the provision of special accommodation for severely physically disabled people was in the very costly and time-consuming process. Everyone involved in working hard to ensure that the Unit was completed as soon as possible. There had been no undue delay in planning and building, but many of the specialised items had very long delivery times which, together with the general shortage of materials, had caused further delays.

As soon as the Unit was completed it would be administered by the Counselling Services Area as a Unit within the Area.

The Chairman then proposed and it was agreed that the Disabled Students Unit be named the DISABLED STUDENT HOUSING in honour of the main benefactor.

Residential Advisors Scheme

It was reported that students living in Park Village had established a residential advisors scheme for students in need of assistance.

The Residential Services Officer, Mr. G. Chalvery, reported that the scheme had been elected by members of faculty and by students to the scheme, but rather ignored by those for whom it was intended. Since 1 January 1974 it had been minimal. A member suggested that this might be due to the lack of support from the scheme, and the Residential Services Officer agreed that this might be a factor and indicated that it was intended to undertake the training programme for 1974-75 during the Summer Terms 1974.

Student Problems

Dr. M. M. Black reported that he had appointed Mrs. Prentice to Mainwaring to the post of Temporary Junior Research Fellow in the office of Counselling Services and that he had made proposals that overseas students should pay fees not at a fixed rate as £1200-1500. This might reduce the number of overseas students.

Safeguards reports

The Committee was unanimous in its support that some courses could not be disposed of by means of a disposal of goods, the work of disposal of such goods should be handled in such a manner as possible, the acute problem encountered in the Biology building, a building which has been adapted to introduce a prototype fax machine in 1973, it was noted that the use of the fax machine would mean just one member of the workshop division was in charge.

Safeguards reports

Biological response to a point raised, it was noted that Security Patrols would be increased during all light burning after dark.

It was noted that parking on the university was a hazard to pedestrians. It was suggested that consideration be made to be taken a list against the Major Alterations and Minor Works Committee.

Phytoanatics was noted that the School was about to publish a 40 page book on the subject.

Library: It was noted that there was concern at the general level of lighting, particularly, the unsatisfactory lighting of the Library entrance staircase and the steps in the Paults Court. There was
that the honorary title of Lecturer in Politics should be conferred on the University Chancellor, the Rev. D.B. Forrester, in recognition of his long services in the Arts Area.

Prof. D.N. Winch

The Committee recorded its thanks and good wishes to Prof. D.N. Winch for all his work as Dean of the School of Social Sciences.

Science Committee

The meeting was held on 6 March.

Financial Allowance

The Committee agreed that the proposals from the Science Deans' Committee that non-Professorial Subject Chairs should receive a financial allowance during their period of office should be forwarded to Planning Committee for discussion.

Portico

The Committee considered a paper from the Science Committee which recommended on safety grounds that the portering establishment for the Science Area be increased from 17 to 20, and that consideration should be given to the provision of night security patrols in the Science buildings. The Committee endorsed the Science Committee's paper and it was agreed that the Planning Committee should be asked to review the basis on which security patrols are allocated to the Area in view of the fact that the present allocation does not meet the safety requirement as set out in the Safety Committee's paper.

Professor B. Rivett

The Committee approved the appointment of Professor Rivett as Subject Chairman in Clinical Psychology Research for a further term of 3 years to 31 March 1977.

Dr. M. Black

The Committee endorsed the appointment, by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science), of Dr. M. Black as Chair of the Graduate Division of Biomedical Engineering for three years from 1 March 1974.

Arts/Science Science

The Committee approved the terms of reference and membership of an Arts/Science Science Sub-Committee of the Committee of Science. Details would be brought forward with other Organisation of the University items to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

B.Sc. Syllabus Changes

The Committee approved a number of minor changes in the B.Sc. Syllabus for 1974-75. (Details of these changes may be obtained from the Secretary of Science).

Community Services Committee

The meeting was held on 6 March.

The Creche

The Committee discussed the need for Creche expansion following recommendations from the Creche Parents Group. The Committee recommended:

a) The Creche should expand to at least 20 places by October 1974.

b) The Creche should be free for the children of student parents.

2) The voluntary help scheme should be continued.

3) The recommendations will require a further £3075 for recurrent costs.

In the present state of Community Services financing, the Committee is not hopeful of being able to find this from within the Area's budget. An increased allocation from the University is therefore requested to implement the proposals for 1974/75.

Site Development

Mr. H. Docker reported that the Site Development Group within Community Services had obtained professional assistance from Associated Planning Consultants led by Mr. Leslie Ginsberg. The Committee discussed the range of problems the development of community needs.

Accommodation

The Committee approved the recommendations of the Accommodation Advisory Group to convert the single flats in the Park Village to central heating. The work would be financed from a loan from the Accommodation Account.

Gardner Centre

The Committee noted the proposal of the Gardner Committee to form a resident theatre company for September-December 1974. They also noted with pleasure that the Arts Council grant to the Gardner Centre had been increased from £12,000 for 1973/74 to £12,000 for 1974/75.

Sport

The Committee noted the concern of the Sport and Physical Education Advisory Group at the loss of the recreation area around Russell's Chump if a ring road were built there.

York House Bar

The Committee noted a proposal had been made to convert part of the York House Common Room to provide bar facilities. They agreed that representatives from UERA, Community Services and the Union should consider the matter.

Price Increase

The Committee noted it would be necessary to increase prices in the waiting service dining rooms by 10% from the end of the present term to meet increased costs.

Counselling Services Teaching and Learning Discussion Group.

The following topic will be discussed by the Teaching and Learning Discussion Group in 19 March 1974 - 'The Role of Tutor as Educational Counsellor'.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. P. L. Unsworth (09-168) or Dr. R. E. Tutt (09-589).

Institute of Manpower Studies Monthly Seminar.

Thursday 29 March 1974, at 2.30 p.m. in Room 2A3 Mantell Building.

Professor Richard Jolly, Director, Institute of Development Studies

"Manpower Planning in Africa: An Evaluation"

To what extent have manpower plans affected policy, and have the effects been positive or negative? In relation to what would have happened if there had been no plans? How do the results of the planning compare with the resources used in undertaking the planning work? Has the work on manpower planning diverted attention from more serious aspects of the problem of human resources development - for example, the need for the short-run, from the qualitative weaknesses of education, from the deficiencies of training, from the costs of education, and from the affects of education on the distribution of incomes and in creating inequality in general? In general, what are the results of manpower planning in Africa? Professor Jolly will consider these essential questions.

Bunyace University Flying Group.

Gilding Session

A meeting will be held in Room 201 Bunyace House at 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday 10 March to allocate places in the Southdown Gilding Club.

The Group has 10 places for which an entrance fee normally £10 each has to be paid by individuals. The Group will be making a once and for all payment of £100 to cover entrance losses. The annual subscription, including Gilding, will be £50. We are seeking Sports Federation assistance on this.

The meeting will decide how the places are to be distributed among those who have applied. If you cannot attend but wish to apply for a place please communicate with the Hon. Sec., Group Secretary, in 201 Bunyace House, Ext. Phone (05-115). We are allowed to have 12 members on the committee and cover drog-outs. These will be allocated at the meeting.

Please make every effort to attend. This is the first chance we have had for many years of local gliding. There is competition for places.

Care of Campus Gardens

Members of the university are asked to look after the campus garden areas at this time of the year. At the moment, well worn tracks are developing which will not heal until the drier seasons this year.

The grass is for the pleasure of sitting on in the summer, for study and recreational pursuits. Please help to keep the footpaths

Please keep to the footpaths
DIARY

MARCH

Monday 18

Nuclear & Elementary Particle Physics Seminar: Dr. J.S. Squires (CERN): "Spontaneously Broken Gauge Symmetries without Higgs bosons" 2.15 pm Physics Building.

Tuesday 19

Consultancy Services Teaching & Learning Discussion Group: "The Role of Tutors in Educational Consultancy". The meeting is informal and open to all members of academic faculty 12.30pm Refectory Orange Room South. A summary sheet may be looked at in advance. Further information from Dr. J.P. Unsworth (01494 or Dr. D.E. Titt (04-668).

Materials Science Colloquium: E.R. Freeman (Research Student University of Sussex) "Effect of Organic Liquids on Microscopic Fragmentation Processes in Glass, Slica and Quartz" 4.15 pm Lecture Theatre A25.

Mathematics Division: Seminar cancelled.

Biology School Colloquium: Dr. J. Herbert (Dept. of Anatomy, University of Cambridge) "The pineal gland and monkey behaviour" 5.15 pm Biology Lecture Theatre.

Wednesday 20

Science, Human Values and Religion Society: Dr. M. Black (Reader in Mechanical Engineering and Chairman of Consulting Services, Sussex) "Development in Medical Technology Social and Ethical Implications" 5.00 pm Ground Floor, The Meeting House. To be followed by a Members' Meeting over Supper. Members and guests: 25p per person Wine extra.

Friday 22

Organ Recital: John Birch, 1.15pm Meeting House.


Astronomy Centre & B.O.G. Joint Seminar: D.C. O. Wyn Williams (MMAO, Cambridge) "Infrared emission from the H II regions" 4.00pm The Chapel, B.O.G. Tea will be available in the B.O.G. canteen between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. The coach will depart at 4.15pm sharp from near the zebra crossing outside Falmer House. The return coach will leave at 6.00pm for the university.

Sunday 24

Mass, 10.30am: Meeting House Chapel

Mooting Service 11.30am Preacher Rev. Geoff Whitfield Meeting House Chapel.

Thursday 28

Institute of Managing Studies Seminar: Professor Richard Jolli (Director, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University) "Managing Planning in Agricultural Evaluation" 2.30pm Room 23A Marriott Building.

MEDICAL GRANTS

The Medical Council says in a statement that it has reviewed the application on the 1973/74 Grant-in-Aid and hopes to avoid any reduction in the level of its support for research by project grants; the level of training awards will be the same as in 1973/74.

"There is no indication that the transfer of funds from the Council to the Health Department for commissioned research will affect the Council's ability to maintain its support of research in universities through project grants," the statement says.

"The Council's part in the dual support system for research in universities is to give selective support, and it can do this effectively only if there is a satisfactory range of applications from which to select the most promising proposals to support. It is implicit in this system that a proportion of applications will always be declined even when funds are not restricted."

"Applicants who are not successful should not conclude, there fore, that this is due to a reduction in the Council's financial support for grants and the Council would like them to know that it is glad to have had the opportunity of considering these proposals even though they are not selected for support."

"The Council is well aware of the financial difficulties being experienced in universities but it is hoped that this will not lead to a reduction in volume of applications for project grants, which remain the Council's normal method of supporting research in universities and hospitals. On the other hand, the Council will welcome applications designed primarily to make good a shortfall in departmental research funds arising from the present financial difficulties."

"Unless there is a dramatic increase in the number if application for grants and training awards, the prospects of success are less than in 1973/74 and the Council expects to receive proposals at an unlimited level, whereas a rush of applications at the end of the current academic year, applicants are advised to send in their proposals promptly."

ACCOMMODATION

Allocation policy of Campus and University-occupied accommodation on Campus, determined by the Accommodation Advisory Group is as follows:

Single students - Allocation of places between different years

1st year - (a) priority for medical or welfare reasons
(b) Overseas students

Otherwise random selection.

2nd year - (a) priority to those who have not been selected in their first year, with the exception of 50 places which should be kept available for students who have been on campus before and wish to maintain continuity.
(b) medical, welfare or academic reasons

Finalists - (a) priority to those who have never lived on campus.
(b) only one year on campus.
(c) medical, welfare or academic reasons.

Graduates - (ii) Overseas students who are new to the University.
(b) medical, welfare or academic reasons.

Some graduate rooms are held back for those students who cannot apply until later in the summer.

Married flats

No change were suggested regarding the recommendations in the allocation of married flats. This therefore remains as follows:

Priority to couples with children who have never lived on campus.
Only couples with children to be allowed to renew tenancies.
Couples without children who have never lived on campus to take priority over those who have.
Priority to couples who are both students.

East Sussex Residence

The Murray/Maguire Students Housing Concept was evolved by students from preferences for accommodation as expressed through a survey carried out by USTA and Murray/Maguire in 1972.
In brief, the concept was that the accommodation should be similar to that of sharing a flat in Brighton: that groups of 6, 7 or 8 people would get together and take a half of one of the bungalows.
In addition, more double rooms were asked for and there have been incorporated in the Development. In total there are 156 single rooms, 17 'post-graduate' rooms and 58 double rooms ranging in size from 166 sq. ft. to 256 sq. ft.

Early in January, Murray & Maguire, the architectural practice responsible for the student accommodation block, submitted their drawings for planning permission. 128 questionnaires were completed. The breakdown of the answers were as follows:

Bed: 62 people preferred the bed and a small 'upstairs' and 57 said no to the 'upstairs'. 22 said they had no preference.

124 people did not want the desk received and only 12 said they would prefer a smaller desk. 3 had no preference.

106 people said they did not want a smaller wardrobe as against 21 who said they would. 7 had no preference.

125 people confirmed they preferred the shelves fitted to the window-sill and answers were 69 against 50 for the alternative storage/sitting boxes. 2 or 3 will be provided in each study bedroom.

As far colour is concerned 79 people preferred that the wood be natural and 27 preferred a colour stain. 27 people expressed no preference.

Additional comments centred mainly on the requirement for extra shelves, drawers in the desk, and improved access to wardrobe shelves. These requests will be fulfilled. About a quarter of the people commented that extra storage space in general would be required and this is also being looked into.

The pieces of furniture shown were intended to be just mock-ups with no indication of the finish or quality of wood to be used and although the study bedroom was semi-furnished it was only done to give some effect to the room and not as an indication of final furnishing. There will be well to well carpeting and some element of colour on the walls. A plan showing eight possible layouts of the furniture in the room was shown. Some people seemed that the actual layout was fitted when, in fact, all eight options are open to future inhabitants.

Overall comments were in favour of the room size, shape, and general furniture design.

Murray/Maguire have arranged for revised models of the mock-up furniture, shown in the one study bedroom recently, to be displayed in York House to Wednesday March 29.