Sussex consults on proposals for change

Consultation has begun on proposals to achieve the goals for financial and academic sustainability set by Council (the University's governing body) in the summer.

All universities have already seen cuts in public finances and reductions of 10–15% or more are forecast in the next three years. In response to a £3m and growing deficit, the University is investing in growth and making targeted savings in areas of most significant deficit.

The consultation began last week with meetings with campus trades unions and staff who are directly affected by the proposals. Meetings have also taken place with students in a number of schools.

Part one of the proposal document, which is available online, provides a comprehensive overview of the academically led plans and was discussed at an additional Senate meeting on Thursday 3 December.

The specific details in the particular areas for change that are set out in part two of the proposal are necessarily remaining confidential to those involved to protect individual members of staff during consultation.

Part three (available online with part one) sets out the HR process and timeline.

By implementing this overall package of measures, the University is aiming to achieve academic and financial sustainability and to save £5 million in 2010-11 on an annual turnover of £160 million. Out of 2,300 staff there would be an overall reduction of up to 100 posts (4%) - with 115 posts proposed for redundancy and more than 20 new posts created.

Overall, the University will be growing its student numbers, with no plans to reduce total student numbers across the schools. In academic schools where there has been recent growth and good prospects for the future, the University is pressing ahead with plans for development and growth.

The University will continue to develop as a broad and balanced research-intensive institution across the arts and humanities, science and social sciences.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, said: "While we believe these are the right plans for Sussex, we very much regret the need to lose posts. We fully understand that this has a real impact on the lives of individual staff.

"Consultation will be on ways and means of avoiding the proposed redundancies, reducing their number or mitigating their impact."

No decisions will be made until the consultation is completed in March 2010 and no posts would end before July 2010.

For more detail, see www.sussex.ac.uk/proposal

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New Student Life Centre proposed

As part of the plans announced last week, the University is proposing to develop a new centrally located Student Life Centre, to provide high-quality information advice and guidance to students.

The Centre will be staffed by a Student Life team covering general advice, health and well-being, specialist money advice, and international student support.

The team will have detailed information about and be able to refer students to appropriate specialist services on campus and within the city. Sussex will continue to provide separate dedicated specialist disability services, and psychological and counselling services, all of which give support to the student community.

This integrated approach will be based on best practice at other successful universities that have high ratings for student experience and student support. The size and scale of the team proposed also matches best practice adopted in these other universities.

Academic Registrar Owen Richards says that the creation of a single place where students can get a range of information, rather than going to different places across campus, will provide benefit to more students: "This approach will make services more accessible to all groups of students - for example through extended opening hours and improved online services.

"It will enable us to provide faster referral of students direct to specialist services, where appropriate.

"This will be a more coordinated and integrated service, which can do more active outreach work to raise student awareness of relevant issues."

By integrating the current provision into one Student Life team, there will be about 12 FTE (full-time equivalent) posts within the new Student Life Centre, compared to 17.5 FTE spread across different locations within the current student adviser and funding teams.

The Student Life Centre will also be the core for an extended 'one-stop shop' for other services - e.g. registration and examinations queries.

Stressing that these proposals concern non-academic advising, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), Professor Joanne Wright, said: "We will continue to support and encourage strong and effective academic advising by academic staff within our schools, which is the form of support that students consistently tell us that they want most of all."
Sussex scientists celebrate ‘first collisions’ of Big Bang machine

Breakthrough: ATLAS recorded its first ‘candidate collision’ event on Monday 23 November. By studying the debris produced in the collisions, Sussex physicists hope to shed new light on fundamental questions.

Sussex physicists are celebrating after proton beams were smashed together for the very first time in one of the biggest experiments ever constructed to re-enact the birth of the Universe.

The CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC), a circular, accelerator ring located underground near Geneva, Switzerland, was back up and running last week after 14 months of repairs to damage caused by an electrical fault.

Two beams of protons were smashed together on 23 November, only three days after single beams were successfully circulated around the machine’s 27km-long perimeter for the first time in 2009.

Dr Antonella De Santo is leading a group from the Physics and Astronomy department at Sussex who are working on ATLAS, one of two particle physics experiments at the LHC. She said that the news of the first collisions, and the successful restart of the machine, is being celebrated “all over the world”.

She said: “I cannot even begin to describe how excited I felt when I saw our first ATLAS collision event. After a frustrating long year waiting for the accelerator to be fixed, this is so rewarding.

“There is a lot of work to do before our physics programme can start in full swing, but we couldn’t have had a better start.”

Dr Tina Potter, a post-doctoral researcher working in the ATLAS team at Sussex, added: “I’m so excited! I have been working on ATLAS since I was a PhD student and I can’t wait to get my hands on the first collision data.

“I feel very privileged to be a young particle physicist working on ATLAS at such a momentous time for our field. I hope the LHC will inspire many more young people to study physics in future.”

By studying the debris produced in the collisions, the ATLAS experiment will take Sussex physicists into unknown territory, which could shed new light on fundamental questions such as the origin of mass and the nature of Dark Matter in our Universe. It could even allow them to explore the existence of yet undiscovered additional dimensions of space.

LTN research fellows make progress

Professor Bob Allison, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), has been appointed to the steering group of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), a group that was launched in 2008 by the European Commission to give businesses hands-on support and information on funding, expansion into Europe and development of technology partnerships.

Sussex is associated with the EEN through the London Technology Network (LTN), which aims to help facilitate the exchange of knowledge between universities and the commercial sector.

That work is facilitated by LTN Business Fellows, members of staff from leading research departments across London, the east and south-east regions who have been selected by competitive interview to be trained by LTN in key business-engagement skills.

Sussex currently has seven LTN Fellows: Professor John Carroll (Informatics), Dr Winfried Hensinger (Physics) (pictured right), Dr Mark Macconochie (Neuroscience), Dr Helen Prance (Engineering), Dr Darren Thompson (Biochemistry), Dr Harry Witchel (BSMS) and Dr John Zhou (Environmental Science).

Primarily, an LTN Business Fellow helps to identify and promote business opportunities in their department and support industrial interactions.

Consequently the work with LTN has a two-fold impact on Sussex’s strategic plan:

• firstly on Strategy One, which outlines plans to provide solutions through research along six research themes
• and secondly on Strategy Four, which announced an enterprise development fund to support new academic commercial activity.

LTN Fellow Dr Winfried Hensinger explains: “I have always been interested in developing closer relationships with industry. I believe this is of fundamental importance, especially now where government looks to commercial applications of research in order to drive economic recovery via research-related innovation.

“Being an LTN Fellow has given me training and many opportunities to strengthen links with industry and I believe I have made already made significant progress in the short time I have been a Business Fellow.

“For instance, I’ve been successful in making the first steps to commercialise a specialised laser and one of my patents has been licensed by one of the external companies I now have a relationship with.

“Most recently I’ve established a partnership between the Physics department and a local company specialising in the development of renewable energies.

“Because of the support from LTN I have been able generally to increase the visibility of the department among outside companies, laying the foundation of long-term sustainable relationships between Sussex physics and industry.”

To find out more about the scheme, talk to one of the LTN fellows.

For more information on the London Technology Network, see www.ltnetwork.org.
External provider sought for Crèche and Nursery

As part of proposals to address its financial position, the University is reviewing the service provided to 80 staff and 20 students by the campus Crèche and Nursery.

The aim is to identify an acceptable external provider for childcare facilities by March 2010.

Charles Dudley, Director of Residential, Sport and Trading Services, explained in an email to parents last week: "We very much hope we will be successful in identifying a third-party provider and any transfer of staff will be handled sensitively in accordance with legislation."

University-operated childcare facilities receive a direct financial subsidy of around £150,000 a year and, in addition, do not pay their full costs, resulting in a total subsidy of at least £350,000 a year.

Council (the University's governing body) has decided that such activities, which benefit staff directly, must pay their real economic costs.

In recent months managers, working together with childcare staff and users, have explored a range of plans to reduce the subsidy and provide service improvements. Unfortunately an acceptable outcome has not been reached as the service still required significant subsidy.

The University is also consulting with parents of children in the Crèche and Nursery on an alternative option to identifying an external provider: further price rises and other changes to cover the full economic cost.

Mr Dudley emphasised to parents: "None of this is a reflection on the quality of the service provided by the Nursery and Crèche."

No change in the provision of services is expected to take place in this academic year.

The right plans for Sussex

I wrote to all staff and all students last week to set out our plans for the development of the University.

I made clear that those plans are aimed at continuing to deliver the growth agenda set out in our strategic plan. I think that is important, as we need to know the common approach within which we are working.

I also set out the context for those changes - both the financial challenges faced by all universities and the positive improvements that we have seen at Sussex in recent years.

I think it is worth celebrating our achievements, such as the growth we have already seen in international student numbers. And I make no apology for being positive about Sussex's future.

We are a successful research-led university. At a time of change, it is even more important to remind ourselves why we are engaged in teaching and research.

However, the deficit we face is a real and a serious one. We spend £3m more than we earn each year. And, as public funding for universities continues to reduce, unless we take action that deficit will worsen.

Some critics have said this is just looking at the costs of activity, without considering their value. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Our proposals follow directly from the agenda set by Council and approved by Senate - to tackle problems where they exist and make the University better able to develop and grow.

In our schools, those are academically led plans, with vision from our heads of school of how we can develop successful and thriving academic research and teaching activity.

In our professional services, we are proposing improvements in the way in which services are delivered. Changes in working practices are both the right way to deliver and extend services and to avoid job reductions.

It is only through this combination of growth and targeted reduction that we can maintain the overall shape of the University across the arts and humanities, sciences, medicine, and social sciences. That is an important goal for Sussex.

I welcome the serious discussion and debate that has followed the publication of our proposal for the development of the University. All staff and students can offer comments at www.sussex.ac.uk/proposal

I believe these plans are the right ones for Sussex. If there are ways in which those plans can be improved, I would want to hear them. But there can be no easy pick-and-mix approach.

If people want to suggest removing one element of the plan, they must propose something of equal value in return. Adding costs back in simply shifts the costs on to someone else.

I must also caution that the proposal takes us back into break-even — if it is delivered successfully. To go further into the surplus that allows future development of Sussex, we must continue to improve performance in research and to increase student numbers.

Finally, I want to repeat that we are not lightly embarking on a process that will result in posts being lost. I fully understand that this has a real impact on the lives of individual staff.

The consultation with trade unions and with affected staff is precisely aimed at finding ways to reduce the impact on staff. Where possible we will try to avoid compulsory redundancies, and staff affected by the changes will receive our support and help.
URF shines at national radio awards

Sussex isn't the first university to announce major savings plans this year, and it certainly won't be the last.

The national media have been running several stories about university cut-backs and redundancies. The Guardian (17 November) ran a piece that claimed "80 universities, nearly half the sector, have announced job losses".

Bristol, Reading, Leeds, Cardiff, Salford and London Met have been cited among those universities making job cuts, while Sussex's 115 posts at risk was mentioned in a Daily Telegraph story (29 November) that concentrated on Oxford University's financial difficulties.

Times Higher Education (the THE) focused on Sussex itself in a piece on 27 November. With many more UK universities expected to make savings announcements, the picture is changing almost day by day.

While the national focus is on jobs and how universities compete in an international market (as highlighted by the Guardian, 20 November), local media in Sussex have been looking at how the details of our proposal affect the community.

Last week the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, spoke to Splash FM (25 November), giving background to our announcement. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paul Layzell, subsequently answered questions from BBC Sussex, BBC TV South (26 November) and the Argus (27 and 30 November), based on students' and staff reactions to the news. The Argus (27 November) also mentioned the University in a business article about recent job losses in the region.

While it's understandable that the proposal receives attention in the media, it doesn't mean that all other press activity has stopped at Sussex.

For example, the inspiring work of our Product Design students was showcased on 'Tonight with Trevor McDonald' (27 November), when they revamped a family's home using recycled pieces of furniture and discarded materials. The course, in the School of Engineering and Design, is run by tutors Diane Simpson-Little, Mark Jenkins and Cathy Grundy.

University Radio Falmer (URF) has taken a top prize at the National Student Radio Awards.

The station took the award for Best Technical Achievement at London's IndigO2 arena on 24 November.

'Project Sunshine', the station's revolutionary way of displaying its website data to the world, pipped innovations by Swansea's Xtreme Radio and Southampton's Surge Radio to the prize.

Station manager Daniel Cooper and Kris Lipscombe, the project's technical director, explained that it had evolved to make URF's website easier to use.

Daniel, a third-year Computer Science student, said that together they built the new site "in a couple of weekends".

Not intending to rest on their laurels, Kris and Daniel are considering adding more features.

"We're also discussing a sister project called Project Air, which might make its way to platforms like the iPhone," says Kris, a recent Sussex graduate.

Hosted by BBC Radio 1's Scott Mills, Fearne Cotton and Greg James, the occasion sought to reflect student radio's rising stars.

The ceremony was attended by senior movers and shakers of national radio, including Andy Parfitt - Controller of Radio 1, Ashley Tabor - head of Global Radio - and representatives of Galaxy and XFM.

Kris and Daniel made the most of the post-award party, mixing with top DJs and industry execs.

"We honestly weren't expecting to win the award and we were up against some tough competition, so it was actually slightly surreal going up to the stage to accept the award," Kris explained.

"URF will be flying high for a while now," he said.

The awards, now in their 14th year, were supported by BBC Radio 1, music licensing authority PPL and the Student Radio Association.
Design students ‘upcycle’ family home for TV show

The results of their efforts – and the reactions of the family to their home makeover – were revealed on ITV1’s ‘Tonight With Trevor McDonald’ on 27 November.

The house was completely redecorated, with old furnishings and throwaway items given a new lease of life, or “upcycled”.

The team of 13 mainly second-year students used old scaffolding boards to create chic wood panelling, upholstered old furniture, added curtains and cushion covers in funky fabrics and even made an artistic feature of a chimney breast using wood off-cuts and remnants.

The students come from the School of Engineering and Design’s Product Design course, run by tutors Diane Simpson-Little, Mark Jenkins and Cathy Grundy. It took just over a week to help complete the project.

The team were inspired by celebrity interior designer Oliver Heath, who also popped in to join design sessions at the University.

The challenge was part of a series of reports for the programme on greener lifestyles and “living for free”.

Student Thomas Bacon says: “It was a worthwhile opportunity and a great way to learn DIY skills and get some experience handling colours, textures and patterns.

The aim was to see what materials we could use and how we could lengthen the lifespan of objects that might otherwise be thrown away. It meant being quite innovative.”

Another student, Rosemary Yuseli, says: “I did a bit of painting, made some light shades and upholstered some furniture, but the hardest thing was to ignore the cameras. It was quite daunting but I’m proud of our achievement.”

But what did the family make of their new-look home? Student Jamie Allen says: “I think the family were really happy with what we did. It was a lot brighter having been painted throughout.

“My favourite room makeover was the master bedroom, where we created shelves using old drawers mounted on the wall. We made a panelling wall using old scaffolding planks and created a ‘60s feel using retro-patterned fabrics.”

Tutor Mark Jenkins says: “Overall I’d say the experience was a positive one for our students and opened their eyes to the possibilities design can offer – not just to create new products, but to design with sustainability in mind.”

What did 2008 Sussex graduates do?

Survey results on the employment and further study of 2008 Sussex graduates identifies positive news, with Sussex jumping from 15th place to fourth in the 1994 Group of research-based universities.

Each year the Careers & Employability Centre collects information on the “destinations” of recent Sussex graduates.

The latest report, which covers students who completed courses between September 2007 and August 2008, shows:

- 86% of Sussex undergraduate leavers were working, studying or both six months after graduating,
- 72% of Sussex undergraduates achieved graduate-level jobs, an increase of 4% on 2007,
- 6% were unemployed – 1% lower than the national figure,
- 22% of graduates (compared to 19% in 2007) went on to further study.
- The average undergraduate salary was £19,300 and, for those working in Sussex post-codes, £18,500.

Linda Buckham, Director of the Careers and Employability Centre, comments: “While these results are good for Sussex, there is no room for complacency.

“The recession may have affected areas of the country in different ways and the full effects in the south-east will not become evident until next year’s report on 2009 leavers.

“We encourage all students to use the services we offer. We are particularly keen to see finalists now before they graduate – especially those who are unclear about their options.”

The full report and analyses of undergraduate and postgraduate destinations are available at www.sussex.ac.uk/careers/dhe

For further information, or if you have any comments about the report, contact Becky Pocock on ext 3320, E r.k.pocock@sussex.ac.uk
**Memorial service for Tom Whiston**

A service will be held this month to remember Professor Tom Whiston, who died on 11 April. All are welcome to attend the event, in the Meeting House, on Wednesday (9 December), from 11am.

**Downs Restaurant Christmas lunches**

The Downs Restaurant on level one of Bramber House will be serving Christmas lunches on Tuesday 8, Thursday 10 and Thursday 17 December. To book, E.Turnbull@sussex.ac.uk or call ext 8221: it’s £6.50 for two courses or £7.50 for three.

**Café refurbishments**

Doctor’s Orders in the Medical School will close on Tuesday (9 December) for a make-over and will re-open for the start of term Monday 11 January 2010. The new Chichester 1 Café will open on the same day, after works to be carried out during the Christmas vacation; its last day of operation will be Thursday (10 December).

**Gartner Research Reports**

IT Services has subscribed to the Gartner Campus Agreement, so staff and students can search Gartner’s web site for their research and reports on information technology. David Green, a Tutorial Fellow in the School of Business, Management and Economics, says: “Knowing Gartner as the pre-eminent source of ‘knowledge leadership’ from my consultancy days, I was delighted to discover that ITS not only have a subscription for their own business-intelligence purposes but have made full access to research papers available to students and staff.” To use the Sussex subscription to access the Gartner reports, go to www.sussex.ac.uk/its/gartner and click on the link and enter your normal ITS username and password.

**Rep team to share success tips**

The student rep support team have been invited to speak at the National Union of Students (NUS) Course Reps Conference on Wednesday (9 December) to share good practice in running a joint University and Students’ Union scheme, and using online elections.

**A Vertical Slice of the action**

True-Play, a revolutionary new analysis system from University of Sussex spin-out company Vertical Slice (www.verticalslice.co.uk), is allowing video games manufacturers such as Sega, Relentless and Disney to understand how players think and feel during game play.

By using research from academic disciplines such as Human-Computer Interaction and Psychology, and techniques such as biometric testing, they focus solely on improving the quality of video games from the player’s viewpoint.

Director of Vertical Slice and Senior Lecturer in Informatics, Dr Graham McAllister explains: “We were one of the first ‘ideas’ to get funding from the University’s Enterprise Fund. That was crucial as it meant that I could buy out my teaching time and concentrate on starting the company.

“We began trading in June and have just completed two sizeable projects: the first is with Relentless in Brighton on their new murder mystery game, ‘Blue Toad Murder Files’. It’s a particularly notable game as it’s pioneering a new business model for purchasing games called ‘episodic’.

“The second game we worked on was ‘Alien vs Predator’ for Sega. Sega is a world-leading games manufacturer and we worked with them to help improve the game from the player’s point of view.”

The company comprises three staff – Gareth White, Pejman Mirza-Babaei and Graham – but also allows students on the MSc in Human-Centred Computing Systems to assist in the user research, thereby gaining valuable direct interaction with leading games companies.

“Incorporating the students has brought many fringe benefits that we never expected,” says Graham.

“Some of the students actually chose the course because of the opportunity to work at Vertical Slice.

“Going through the official University-supported route with the Sussex Innovation Centre meant that not only did we get capital funding but also that my teaching facilities are close by, there is onsite marketing, business and financial support at our disposal and continual mentoring and help from staff.

“We have several bids we’re waiting to hear about and 2010 is shaping up to be a great year for us.”

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The Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum in London has acquired 14 prints from artist Paul Brown, an associate Professor in Informatics at Sussex. This brings the total number of his works in the V&A collection to 23; and his work will feature prominently in an exhibition at the Museum that opens this month. Paul said: “I’m very pleased, on behalf of all artists working in the digital domain, that our work is being taken more seriously by the arts mainstream at last.”

A paper co-authored by Dr Ismael Rafols, Research Fellow in SPRU – Science and Technology Policy Research, has been confirmed as one of the most highly-cited papers in its field published during the past two years. A Global Map of Science Based on the ISI Subject has been named by Thomson Reuters’ Essential Science Indicators as its Fast Breaking Paper in the field of Social Sciences. An interview with Ismael about the paper can be read at http://sciencewatch.com/dr/fbp/2009/09d/echfp/LeydE7/

Professor Nick von Tunzelmann, of SPRU – Science and Technology Policy Research, received an honorary degree from the University of Tartu, Estonia, at a graduation ceremony on 1 December. Nick was commended for his “major contribution to the moulding of a new generation of economists”, acknowledging his commitment to supervising graduate students from Estonia in SPRU. His critiques of recent policy trends in Estonia, arguing that policy-makers should focus less on advanced technologies and more on the absorption of high-tech into lower-tech use, were also recognised in the award. Nick said: “The research of my Estonian students and others shows that there is as much for you to learn from what Finland has done in say its pulp and paper industries as from Nokia.”
Sussex launches new creativity network

Lectures aren't usually as fast as the rapid-fire presentations delivered by Sussex academics and other staff at the launch of the University's Creative Network this week (Wednesday 25 November).

The eight speakers had just six minutes and 40 seconds each to 'pitch' their roles or research to an audience of arts organisations, practitioners, funding bodies and businesses from around the South East.

The format, called Pecha Kucha (Japanese for chit-chat), allows like-minded people to share ideas and to network. Held in the hi-tech InQbate Creativity Zone, it was the launch event of the Creative Network, which aims to match up University expertise with arts organisations and practitioners around the region. It is hoped that such events will lead to collaborations and joint research projects.

Rob Phillips, Associate Tutor in Engineering and Design, who spoke about design's potential for impact beyond the aesthetic, said: "I'm really pleased to have been involved in the event. It's paid back instantly in the form of lots of potential contacts as the fast pace and composition of the audience led quickly to really open conversation."

"I think it should be rolled out beyond the 'creatives' right across campus!"

Rapid-fire: Sharon Phillips, Regional Development Manager, presents at the Sussex Creative Network launch event.

The event was held in association with Pecha Kucha Night Brighton and Brighton and Hove City Council's 'Creative Brighton' group.

Pecha Kucha is a highly successful global 'movement' that has spread to over 236 cities across the world. Participants present their work in 20 slides lasting 20 seconds each (totaling six minutes and 40 seconds).

Find out more at www.pecha-kucha.org

Lights on for World AIDS Day

About 150 students and members of staff gathered in Library Square on 1 December to mark World AIDS Day and turn on the Christmas-tree lights.

The crowd was greeted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, and the chair of Council, Simon Fanshawe, who spoke briefly about HIV/AIDS.

They also heard from Dr Neil McCulloch, a Fellow in the Institute of Development Studies (IDS); Professor Richard Black, Head of the School of Global Studies; and Nadia Weigh, an undergraduate studying Economics and Development Studies.

Meanwhile the University Chamber Choir, led by James Lloyd-Thomas, sang carols and Mr Fanshawe switched on the lights on the Christmas tree, which is donated each year by the University's grounds maintenance contractor, Wyevale.

Staff and students were invited to light one of many candles arranged in glass jars to represent a giant red ribbon - the official symbol of AIDS worldwide.

Mulled wine and mince pies were served in the Meeting House following the event.

All are welcome at the carol service on Sunday (6 December), from 6-7.30pm in the Meeting House Chapel, where the choir, mulled wine and mince pies can once again be enjoyed.

Kids to learn fate of Christmas dinner

The Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) has invited children, parents and teachers onto campus to explore what happens in the body when we eat our Christmas dinner.

A lecture today (Friday 4 December) will take schoolchildren on an interactive tour of the human digestive system, taking a look at the impact of festive indulgence.

Mainly aimed at 11-13-year-olds, the lecture will be led by Professor Darrell Evans, Associate Dean of BSMS. He said: "We all enjoy the pleasures of Christmas food and the chance to eat some of our favourites - sometimes to a little excess."

"Sitting there afterwards, feeling a little bit stuffed, have you ever thought how your body is coping with all that food and drink and what is actually happening in our bodies? This is your chance to find out."

Digestion: Professor Darrell Evans will host a fun lecture showing children what happens in the body when we eat our festive feasts.

‘Down the Hatch! A Christmas Food Fest' starts at 6pm in the Chowne lecture theatre, BSMS.

The event is part of BSMS's commitment to community engagement, showing how medical matters can be presented in an exciting and accessible manner.

Parents and teachers can book by contacting Darren Beaney on 01273 877863 or at d.beaney@bsms.ac.uk
Academic events

TUE 8 DEC
4pm American Studies seminar: Jim Endersby (Sussex), The vagaries of a Referee. Arts A155.
4.15pm Anthropology seminar: Roberta Campos (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco), Charisma, embodiment and way of life among a community of penitents in northeast Brazil. Arts C233.
6.30pm Professorial lecture: Christian Wiese (Sussex), No love for the Jewish people? Hannah Arendt’s ‘Eichmann in Jerusalem’ revisited. BSMS lecture theatre. RSVP essential to events@sussex.ac.uk

7pm Physics lecture: David Newbold (Bristol), Particle physics and the LHC. Pevensey 1A7.
8pm Café Scientifique: Rob Ifteli (Sussex), Freelaw, self-motion and the divine cosmos in the thought of Isaac Newton. Branch Tavern, London Road, Brighton.

WED 9 DEC
4pm Art History seminar: Jane Eade (Sussex), Reflections on a peripatetic Magdalen. Silverstone 317.
5pm Migration seminar: Matthew Godwin (Manchester), BNP voters and members in 21st-century Britain. Arts C233.
6pm Security seminar: Benjamin Ward (Human Rights Watch), Balancing human rights with national security. Arts C133.

THU 10 DEC
4pm Psychology lecture: Serena Lecoe (Pavia, Italy), Children’s knowledge about the mind. Pevensey 1B3.
6.30pm Medical lecture: Sam Everington, Taking an innovative and holistic approach to healthcare. BSMS lecture theatre.

Get involved with Healthy Campus Week

Fresh ideas are being sought to make next year’s Healthy Campus Week the best yet, as the Sussexsport initiative celebrates its 10th year.

First taking place in 2001, the week-long programme of events aims to promote positive health and wellbeing around campus.

Mainly free, events and services already planned for the 2010 programme include online presentations on health issues, Nordic walking, mini health checks, and healthy snacks and recipe tips.

More than 15 different areas of the University are involved in delivering the Healthy Campus Week programme, which judges claimed was a significant factor in naming the University the ‘healthiest workplace’ at the Brighton and Hove Business Awards in 2008.

Terry Cooper, Health and Fitness Development Officer – organiser of Healthy Campus Week – is now looking for staff and students to get involved in the planning, and to give ideas for how the programme could be improved further for 2010. Anyone interested in organising an event, or who has a good idea, should contact Terry on ext. 8345 or E t.cooper@sussex.ac.uk

The 10th annual Healthy Campus Week takes place from 1–7 March 2010 (Week 8 of the spring term). For more information, go to www.healthycampus.com

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