

SCA Student Consultative Group Meeting 23 SEPT Minutes

ATTENDEES: USyd: Margaret Harris (Acting Dean SCA), Stephen Garton (Provost), Admin: Phillipa Scott, Dominique.

Students: Safari Lee, Paul Cooper, Tamara Voniski, Stephen Burstow (minutes)

Margaret Harris reports on her first week:

- Impressed by the creative energy and enthusiasm of staff and students. Importance of maintaining the identity of the BVA.
- Focussed on location and fitout on Camperdown campus if this option proceeds. Addressing the stress on students.

Stephen Garton update:

- Has met with staff from four or five of the disciplines. Met with a group of technical staff – they invited Garton to Kirkbride to look at facilities. Garton has asked technical staff to think creatively about the use of future spaces.
- Three or four spaces at Camperdown are being considered. Evaluation of spaces is taking place by Campus Infrastructure Services. Some staff and alumni have looked at potential spaces. Committee to be established on the future space useage with staff involvement. Not appropriate to release details on potential spaces until further investigations are made. The preference is for all students – undergrads and postgrads – to be co-located.
- Collective SCA response to the Draft Change Proposal has been received. Two staff unions have lodged disputes with Fair Work Tribunal with regard to DCP.
- Revised Change Proposal will be delayed until there is 85% certainty about a future space.
- Re: Strong demand for glass, ceramics and jewellery. Staff have been asked: Are there less resource-intensive ways of creating offerings in those disciplines?
- Release of Final Implementation Plan not until 2017.

Paul: Access to the library during the transition.

Garton: Library will be kept open at Kirkbride for the two-year teach out.

Garton: There will be a transition implementation plan that will deal with transfer of facilities as part of the Final Implementation Plan.

Paul: SCA Café. What is the position next year?

Dominique: Options are being considered.

Safari: Student administration hours have been reduced re one admin person leaving.

Tamara: The sense of gloom on the campus. What steps are being taken to bring some joy back to this campus given the upheaval since June? How to raise the morale?

Garton: Reach out to staff and students with counselling services but this can only be a band-aid. Getting out the Revised Change Plan (RCP) is crucial so people can have a sense that there is a future that could be quite exciting. Garton has been heartened by the engagement of staff in canvassing options re the future of SCA.

Paul: Connect some USyd bridge-building to the third year and honours grad show?

Safari: Appreciated Margaret holding meetings with students.

Garton: After the release of the RCP it would be good to meet with a larger group of students re the RCP and similarly with the Final Change Plan.

Safari: It should be possible for Stephen Garton to come to Kirkbride without harassment in order to see facilities and meet with students and staff.

Stephen B: Future of student consultation?

Margaret: Meet with the current student rep. group on 6 or 7 Oct to work out future student consultation.