

BOSTON COLLEGE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2006

1. **PRESENT**

Mrs P Smith (Chair), Mr C Bradford, Ms S Daley, Mr M Gallagher,
Mrs L Ladds and Mrs H Wright.

Also in attendance Mrs J Hemmant (Clerk to the Corporation) and Mr J Rees
(Director of Performance and Standards).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R Ward.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Having been duly nominated and seconded Mrs P Smith was appointed as
Chairman of the committee for 2006-07.

Mrs Smith in the Chair.

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2006**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2006 were reviewed and
approved.

Members of the committee asked for clarification of the committee
membership which is 2 staff governors, the Principal, 2 other governors and
the Deputy Principal.

The Principal provided an update on the progress of the Beacon Award
application and advised that the decision would be announced on Thursday at
the AoC Conference.

4. **2006 OFSTED ANNUAL ASSESSMENT VISIT**

Members received a report from the Director of Performance and Standards
giving a summary of the verbal feedback that was received from the
inspectors. It was reported that the College had accurately identified the
themes to be followed up at the assessment visit in advance of the visit. The
committee noted that the outcomes were very positive and were advised that
feedback suggested that the College was performing well for a Category 3
College whilst the data suggested that it should probably be Category 2.
Members of the committee agreed to congratulate staff of the College on this
achievement.

5. **EMSKILLS QUALITY MARK FOR EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT**

Members received a report from the Director of Performance and Standards
on the work which had been undertaken to support the College's application
to be awarded EMskills recognition. Members were advised that the EV was

recommending that the College should be awarded the quality mark and that this was to be a pre-cursor for a national standard for Employer Engagement.

6. 2005-06 SUCCESS RATES

Members received a report from the Director of Performance and Standards giving details of provisional success rates for 2005-06. A key feature was that success rates generally were improving and that the College had good performance overall. Some areas for improvement were noted in particular the very short courses for 16-18 year olds and short qualifications for adults. It was noted that Key Skills results were now excellent and that this was a particular strength of the College.

7. 2005-06 SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT

Members received a report from the Director of Performance and Standards on the validation process for the 2005-06 Self Assessment Report. The committee was advised that there were no Grade 4's in the College's profile which was much stronger and now favoured a classification as good for overall effectiveness. Guidance and support for students was noted to be particularly strong as was the breadth and relevance of the curriculum offer.

8. CURRICULUM REVIEW OF ART AND DESIGN

Members received a report from the Deputy Principal on the steps which had been taken and were proposed to improve the performance of the Art & Design curriculum area. These steps were aimed to improve the relevance of the curriculum offer and performance outcomes. Members were advised that work was being carried out with staff to ensure that curriculum changes were delivered effectively and that it was important that these measures led to further improvements over a short time scale.

9. PERFORMANCE MONITORING SUMMARY REPORT

Members received a report from the Deputy Principal outlining proposals for a modification to the Performance Monitoring Summary presented to the committee. It was agreed that the data categories identified within this report should be the subject of the revised report model.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the committee would take place on Wednesday 31 January 2007 and it was requested that further meetings should be rescheduled to Wednesdays.