Birmingham Professional Forum
29 February 2012
Lee Sanders, Registrar and Secretary
Today’s agenda

Launch of the Birmingham Foundation Academy

Update on estates development plans

Update from the Security team

Questions
Birmingham Foundation Academy
Dr Steve Minchin and Brendan Casey
The BFA model

Four year option

- Bachelor’s Degree with Integrated Foundation Year

One year option

- Birmingham Foundation Academy Programme
Target intake

High quality students equivalent in ability to Home AAB students

- From 12-year education systems
  - “International” and “EU”
- With 13-year education with good grades but ‘wrong’ subjects

Not for students with a 13-year education qualification but low grades
BFA package

All-inclusive package for £20,300

- Tuition fees - £12,500
- Fully catered en-suite accommodation - £7,000
  - In a contiguous block in Mason Hall with a Residents’ Life Co-ordinator
- Books and all classroom equipment - £800
The BFA hub

Prioryfield

- Student study/social space
- Teaching rooms
- BFA staff
  - Academic Director
  - Head of Operations
  - BFA Tutor
  - English language staff
  - Administrative support
Curriculum, teaching and student experience

English and generic academic skills (40 credits)
Disciplinary specific preparation (80 credits)
Taught by Birmingham academics on campus
Full campus experience
  - Guild
  - Sport
  - Library
  - Music
But ... many students will be under 18
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Progression requirements are programme specific

- Typically year average of 60%
  - Many programmes will have a requirements for specific modules
Projected student numbers

Recruitment of 125 in 2012 rising to 350 in 2015
  - 80% retention, followed by 80% articulation
To provide 80 UG students in 2013 rising to 224 in 2016
The BFA needs you...

Colleges/Schools will provide subject specific modules
- HE Level 0 teaching and assessment
- Novel and engaging teaching
- Personal tutors
- Module level administrative support

BFA hub will provide
- Programme level organisation
- Programme level administrative support
- Pastoral/Welfare support
BIRMINGHAM FOUNDATION ACADEMY

Launched – 15 February
Campus Development
Ian Barker
Estate Development Framework

Proposals & rationale

Consultation & feedback

Changes & actions

Next steps
Main Projects

New Sports Centre
New multi-storey car park
New Library
New Green Square
Student Hub
-Aston Webb C Block

Supporting Schemes
- Running track
- Pavilion & residences
- Traffic calming
- Pedestrian routes
University Strategic Framework:

Research Power
Student Experience
Engagement
Destination of Choice
Financial Strength
Consultation: key themes

Overall Support - particularly for the vision

Parking & traffic

The effects of a large student population

Concern about the old Library

Concern about the running track
Gisbert Kapp Car Park
Grange Rd Pavilion & Residences
Library & Green Heart
Library & information services are crucial

Building issues:
- Flexibility
- Condition
- Quality of Environment
- Sustainability
Relocation of the running track
Sports Centre: [West] Entrance Elevation
Supporting Studies and Documentation

Air quality survey
Archaeology report
Architectural heritage assessment: Edgbaston Campus
Architectural heritage assessment: Library
Architectural heritage assessment: Sports Centre
Estate Development Framework (Edgbaston Campus)
Design & Access Statement: for the planning application & for each project
Ecology report & rare species survey
Environmental Impact Assessment: screening case
Flood risk assessments
Full Design Proposals: Sports Centre
Ground conditions report
Outline Design Proposals: Grange Road residences/pavilion; Library; Green Heart; Pritchatts Rd; car parks; Pedestrian routes to Vale/sports centre; C Block;
Planning Statement
Statement of Community Engagement
Tree survey: Campus (11,000 trees)
Update from the Security Team
Chris Hoad
The Changing Face of Security Work

• Our organisation faces a diversity of threats
• Security work is now a lot more than being the ‘Night Watchman’
• Security staff intervene in a wide range of situations which require a wide range of skills
• The role is as much community policing as it is securing the estate
• My staff look after a community of over 35,000 people
A Heavy Responsibility

• Out of hours they are the custodians of £1.4bn worth of capital asset
• There are also the ‘invisibles’ to be protected such as our reputation
• Over the last year security staff have been faced with some very challenging situations
• They face these challenges without the powers, training or resources of the police
Who Are The Team?

• 5 Teams of 12 people working 24/7 + 3 Traffic Control Officers
• 10% are female
• An eclectic mix of backgrounds
• Average age = 48
• Average length of service = 8.5 years (longest, 27)
• We are fully committed to a programme of continuous improvement
Finally

• You know Security are doing a great job when nothing happens.
• If it does; 0121 414 3000/4444

Chris Hoad
Head of Security & Emergency Planning
Questions?

Feedback, questions and future topic requests can be sent to:
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