

Suss-Ex Steering Group
Minutes of the 25th meeting
Friday 23rd November 2012
DARO Meeting Room, Bramber House

Bob Benewick (RJB), Sue Bullock (SDB), Gordon Conway (GRC) [Chairman], Jackie Fuller (JKF), Charles Goldie (CMG), Arnold Goldman (AMG), Adrian Peasgood (ANP), Jennifer Platt (JP), David Smith (JDS) and Ken Wheeler (KPW) were present.

(1) KPW agreed to take the **minutes**.

(2) **Apologies for absence** were received from *Steve Pavey (SPCP)*.

(3) **The minutes of the 24th meeting** (28th September 2012) were approved subject to a minor correction to the numbering of items.

(4) **Matters arising from item 5 of the minutes**

(a) *Emeritus status* CMG reported that “emeritus readerships” had been restored when senate recently passed the new regulations concerning emeritus status that he had drafted for Pro-VC Marlin. In addition, progression of professors and readers to emeritus status is no longer discretionary: it will follow automatically when heads of schools sign the relevant papers. The rest of the group congratulated CMG on this result and thanked him for his persistent nagging of those concerned.

(b) *Advertising Suss-Ex* CMG distributed copies of a draft flier about Suss-Ex to be given to staff leaving the University’s employ. He also reported that he had made a minor correction and modification to the Suss-Ex web page.

(5.) **Reports**

(a) *Recent events* JP said there had been a decent turn out of a dozen or so for ‘*The Judas Kiss*’ at the Theatre Royal on the 6th November. ANP, however, had experienced problems with the new computerised booking system at the New Venture theatre. By the time he had 12 interested people for the evening performance of ‘*The Price*’, all tickets had been sold! Eventually, ‘a handful’ of people attended the matinee performance on the 11th November.

(b) *Financial* Although there had been no financial transactions since the last meeting of the Group, JKF circulated a new version of the financial statement in which the final sum for expenditure had been corrected. She noted that she had yet to access the Group’s records since the University had moved to a new financial year with a new computer system,

(6) **Future programme**

(a) *Suss-Ex/USPAS Christmas Party* (12 noon on Tuesday 11th December 2012) SDB said that all was in hand, though she was still waiting for the relevant financial code from the University. It was suggested that members of the Steering Group wear identification badges

at the party and that one should give a brief welcome speech to everyone. CMG agreed to do this in GRC's absence.

(b) **Wine tasting** Several possibilities were discussed: 'Harveys' (KPW) or 'Symposium' (AMG) in Lewes, wine & cheese combined in Brighton (JP) and James Hirschfeld at the University (CMG). Since the latter option clearly would be the least expensive and most flexible, CMG was asked to see if James H could produce a plan for a tasting on campus in February 2013.

(c) **Theatre visit** JP would check the programme for possibilities starting in late February.

(d) **Other suggestions** It was agreed that the existing list of suggestions should be produced as a separate item that would be updated and amended as required, with events being organised when desirable and feasible, rather than regularly. Clarifications of a couple of existing suggestions were presented by CMG & JKF, and new suggestions proposed by JP, JKF & JDS. All would be added to the existing list, with JDS's suggestion of a visit to the County Croquet Club to be pursued as an event for next spring or summer.

(7) Interaction with University Administration

(a) **Emeritus status** Covered in item 4, above.

(b) **Suss-Ex membership list** CMG & SPCP continue to seek a meeting with the head of the alumni office to discuss Suss-Ex's taking over its membership list.

(c) **Notes of meeting with the Registrar (Feb.2012)** CMG & SPCP continue to seek action on the outcome of that meeting.

(d) **Article in HR magazine** CMG drew attention to this article that emphasised the benefits to universities of interactions with ex-members of staff, noting it might be useful in the Group's interactions with the University administration.

(8) **Newsletter** ANP volunteered to edit the next issue of the Suss-Ex Newsletter, to be circulated in mid January 2013.

(9) There was **no other business**.

(10) **The next meeting of the Group** will be at 5 p.m. on Friday 8th March

KPW, November 2012.

Recent minutes (& succeeding agendas)

November 2011	Arnold Goldman
January 2012	Adrian Peasgood
April 2012	
September 2012	Charles Goldie
November 2012	Ken Wheeler

Recent newsletter editors

November 2011	David Smith
February 2012	David Smith
May 2012	Jennifer Platt
October 2012	Adrian Peasgood
January 2013	Adrian Peasgood

SUSS-EX LIST OF SUGGESTED EVENTS

	Proposal	From	Notes
	<i>Theatre visits</i>	JP/ANP	Bi- or tri- annual events, often combined with a meal.
1	County Croquet Club	JDS	Receive instruction and play a game at the club in Southwick, for £10 pp. Proposed by Richard Jackson. Timing would be decided after April, when club schedule is available.
2	Amex Stadium	JKF	Tour of c. 90 min. Up to 50 in group. £4 pp. for pensioners. Lunch possible (£9.50 - £11.50). Booking 2 months in advance.
3	Attenborough Centre,	SPCP	Nothing definite proposed
4	Day out at Goodwood	(CMG)	Look at website to see possibilities.
5	Somerset House		
6	Boat trip from Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne		
7	Brighton Festival of Early Music	JP	October ?
8	Cheese tasting	JFK	
9	Wine tasting	CMG	James Hirschfeld to be asked to produce a plan for a tasting on campus in February 2013.