

Governance Zone
Thursday, 2 February 2017, 1.30pm
MR 6

Position	Name	02.02.17	16.02.17			
Environment & Ethics Officer	Aona Stuart					
Campaigns & Democracy Officer	Edward Towers					
Chair Union Council	Joshua McMullan					
Chair Education Zone		N/A				
Chair Welfare & Community Zone	Rayne Goddard					
Chair Activities Zone	Chris Knott					
Chair Sport Zone	Kimberley Houghton					
Councillor for Scrutiny	Oliver Taylor					
Councillor for Scrutiny	Christian Calgie					
VP Scarborough	Si Hernandez					

Absent	
Apologies	
Present	

In attendance: Tania Struetzel, Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator (Minutes)

1. Apologies

None.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Approved as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

N/A

4. Report by VP Scarborough

- Nominations for Student Trustee positions are currently open, closing deadline is Friday, 10 February. More information is available online: <http://hullstudent.com/news/article/student-trustees-notice-2017>
- Election dates are as follows: Nominations 8-15 March, 20-24 March Voting
- Changes this year: Slates will be allowed. Question Time will be brought back.

The concept of slating was discussed and concerns were raised whether this would increase elections being a popularity contest. It was pointed out that slates are occurring anyway and this would make it easier. It was suggested to explain on a poster what slating means to students. It was also raised whether it would be possible to have slate manifestos on the website.

Action: DGC to follow up on these suggestions.

- Candidate info sessions will be held in weeks 3 and 5:

Tuesday, 14th February, 5pm, MR 3

Monday, 27th February, 5pm, MR 6

Manifesto packs will be provided to interested candidates (and students) on the website.

Any further queries should be directed to elections@hull.ac.uk

- Referendum update: In review of the first report and working with the external consultant, the referendum will be postponed and not held at the same time as elections. Consultation will take place over the next two weeks with zones and Union Council.

The Chair Activities Zone queried whether it was appropriate for outgoing Student Officers to lead this referendum, rather than the incoming Officer Team. The Chair of UC suggested that Union Council should vote on the proposals in parts and then decide what is going to referendum. It was generally commented that Union Council should have more input in deciding the timeframe and direction of the referendum.

Action: All zone members are to consider the current referendum proposal and what changes they would suggest.

- VPSc will be on the Hull Campus 1-2 days every week this semester and is happy to meet with zone members to discuss any issues.

5. Report by Campaigns & Democracy Officer

CDO has received a response from VPE regarding the mitigating circumstances policy. He is going to meet with VPE and the Reseach & Campaigns Co-ordinator to discuss next steps.

6. Report by Environment & Ethics Officer

Not in attendance.

7. Report by Councillors for Scrutiny

CC queried how VPSc would take on President's duties. VPSc replied that Officers would all take on different duties to spread the workload.

8. Report by Chair Union Council

JMcM encouraged everyone to use UC to scrutinise Officers.

9. Report by Chair Welfare & Community Zone

The next W&C Zone is taking place on Febr 14th. LGBT+ History Month is happening. Georgina Lord has resigned from her positions as Disabled Students Officer.

10. Report by Chair Education Zone

N/A

Nominations for Mature Students Officer are open until Febr 3rd, 5pm.

11. Report by Chair Sport Zone

There have been issues with the Sports Centre and the safety of facilities. Varsity is taking place on Febr 26th, if anyone wants to get involved, please contact Kim. AU Council and training for Presidents took place. Team photos and Trophy Pres are coming up.

12. Report by Chair Activities Zone

Societies Council took place yesterday. A motion about room bookings will be coming to the next UC. RAG is hosting Animal Sanctuary today. Societies Winterball is taking place on Febr 24th for which tickets can be purchased.

13. Motions

None reported.

14. AOB

None reported.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 16th February, Time TBC