

UNION COUNCIL – Monday, 14 November 2016 – Hull Campus, 6:30pm, Meeting Room 1

MINUTES

Attendance

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance		
			17 th Oct	14 th Nov	5 th Dec
Student Officers					
Matthew	Evans	President			
Matthew	Thorneycroft	VP Education			
George	Bainbridge	VP Welfare & Community			
Amy	Jackson	VP Activities			
Matthew	Bramall	VP Sport	Apols		
Simon	Hernandez	VP Scarborough			
Governance Zone					
Edward	Towers	Campaigns and Democracy Officer			
Aona	Stuart	Environment and Ethics Officer			
Welfare & Community Zone					
Oliver	Woodroffe	LINKS Officer	Apols		
Connor	Massey	LGBT+ Officer (Role share)			
Rayne	Goddard				
Claire	Govera	Black Asian Minority and Ethnic (BAME) Officer			
Kym	Cardona	Women's Officer	Apols		
Georgina	Lord	Disabled Students			

		Officer			
Education Zone					
Michael	Fox	Mature Students Officer			
VACANT		Part-time Students Officer	N/A	N/A	
Dean	Adamson	Postgraduate Taught Officer	Apols		
Rebecca	Devine	Postgraduate Research Officer			
Qiwen	Wu	International Students Officer			
VACANT		Faculty Rep Hull York Medical School	N/A	N/A	
Steven	Storey	Faculty Rep Faculty of Science and Engineering			
Emma	Heseltine	Faculty Rep FACE	No apols		
Victoria	Welborn	Faculty Rep Faculty of Health and Social Care			
Charlie	Banks	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	N/A		
Theodoros	Stylianou	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	N/A		
Lisa	George	Course Rep Forum Rep	N/A		
Carla	Busuttil	Course Rep Forum Rep	N/A		
Activities Zone					
Christopher	Knott	Chair SEC			
Ben	Gartside	Chair Media			
Danielle	Griffin	Chair RAG			

Max	Cummins	Societies Council Rep			
Scarborough					
Bernhard	Budin	Campaigns Officer			
Josiah	Barker	Community Officer			
James	Lamb	Sports Officer			
Lana	Goldthorpe	Welfare Officer			
Rebecca	Potter	Education Officer			
Samuel	Hoyle	Equality and Diversity Officer	Apols	N/A	
Sports Zone					
Evie	Edmed	AU Tour Officer	Apols		
Declan	Whiting	AU Kit & Equipment Officer			
Jags	Sanghera	AU BUCS Officer	Apols		
Millie	Rowbotham	AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer			
Laura	Webb	AU Secretary & Communications Officer			
Kimberley	Houghton	AU Varsity & Events Officer			
Councillors for Scrutiny					
Ben	Howard	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education			
Oliver Edward	Taylor	Councillor for Scrutiny - Governance			
Christian	Calgie	Councillor for Scrutiny - Governance			
Jack	Price	Councillor for Scrutiny - Welfare & Community			
Joshua	McMullan	Councillor for Scrutiny			

		- Activities			
Salman	Anwar	Councillor for Scrutiny - Activities			

In attendance:

Liz Pearce, Membership Services Director (MSD)

Tania Struetzel, Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator (DGC)

Rebekah Greaves, Student Trustee

Rosalyn Davey

1. Adoption of the agenda
It was proposed to move New General Business to point 7 on the agenda as some members had to leave early. The agenda was adopted as amended.
2. Co-option of Deputy Chair
Oliver Taylor put himself forward for Deputy Chair of Union Council. There were no other candidates. Oliver Taylor was unanimously co-opted as Deputy Chair.
3. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)
Apologies for absence as noted above were received.
4. Resignation (to note)
The resignation of the Scarborough Equality & Diversity Officer was noted. Arrangements for a by-election were in progress.
5. Minutes from previous meeting (for approval) (Paper A)
The minutes from the previous meeting were received and approved.
6. Trustee Board minutes (to note) (Paper B)
The minutes of the Board of Trustees were received and noted.
7. New General Business

7.1 M.1617-6 Motion to make the SEC Secretary and Welfare Officer full members of Union Council (Paper F)

Chair SEC introduced the motion highlighting current SEC representation on Union Council. He noted that the SEC Secretary is the Deputy Chair of the SEC and that the changes would improve representation and ensure that if the Chair stepped down a replacement would be well informed and capable of taking over.

AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer asked for clarification of the proposal regarding the role of the Secretary. This was provided.

VP Education asked why additional representation in this area was needed. Chair SEC outlined that there are currently only two representatives for Societies on Union Council, i.e. the Chair SEC and the Societies Council representative whereas the AU Executive has all six members on Union Council with voting rights.

VPE asked how the role holders felt about the proposal. The current SEC Secretary outlined that they were already a member of Union Council but would take this role as opposed to their current role as Co-Chair LGBT+.

VPE asked how the role of the SEC Secretary was a representative role. Chair SEC explained that the Secretary was key to the administration of the SEC. The role would provide representation and support society executives.

Mature Students Officer asked to clarify which members would be uniquely represented by the Secretary and questioned why the voting role was needed. The current SEC Secretary and Chair SEC noted that the role would provide representation for Executive members.

Scarborough Campaigns Officer noted that it seemed that the SEC Welfare Officer would be a useful addition to Union Council but questioned why the SEC Secretary was proposed to be added as well.

VPE noted that many roles were valuable but did not need to be in a representative role.

The motion was voted on in parts.

With 11 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative and 9 abstentions the motion to make the SEC Welfare Officer a member of Union Council failed.

With 6 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative and 9 abstentions the motion to make the SEC Secretary a member of Union Council failed.

7.2 M.1617-7 Motion to change the committee positions of the Disabled Students Committee (Paper G)

The motion was presented by the Disabled Students Officer who outlined the introduction of a Sports Representative, Education Representative and the merging of the Mental Health and Welfare role. It was highlighted that the changes would improve impact by supporting members more fully and exploring the issues they were interested in.

No questions were received.

The Chair of Union Council called for a vote on the motion.

With 24 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion passed.

7.3 M.1617-8 Motion to change the role of BAME representative to Equality and Diversity representative on the LGBT+ committee (Paper H)

The LGBT+ Co-Officers outlined the changes and noted that the BAME Representative role had been vacant for a period of time but that a number of issues around race, class, disability and faith had been raised and that the Equality and Diversity Representative would include all of these elements.

VPE asked whether Equality and Diversity would be a subset of LGBT+. The Co-Officers outlined the way that different experiences shaped the experience of LGBT+ and that the role of this position would be to ensure that all LGBT+ events are accessible and that members receive adequate support. The Co-Officers further noted that the LGBT+ members had been consulted on this and voted in favour of the proposal.

The Co-Officers proposed an amendment to their own motion to rename the role from 'representative' to 'officer' as the role would not be representative.

With 22 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 2 abstentions the amendment passed.

There was no further discussion and the motion was moved to a vote.

With 23 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion as amended passed.

8. Student Officer Reports (Paper C)

a. President

The report was taken as read and no questions were received. The President provided an update on the Governance Review and noted that the consultation period had engaged students from across faculties. An information sharing activity, sharing information from the original research and the recent consultation, was scheduled for the current week.

b. VP Scarborough

The VP Scarborough delivered his report in the now customary interactive way. It was also noted that Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education had confirmed that they would be purchasing the Scarborough Campus from the University of Hull.

c. VP Education (no written report submitted)

A verbal report was received and highlighted that representatives had been delivering results for students at all levels. A postgraduate research forum would be established to ensure that the views of the PGR community were captured. In addition, the VPE would be hosting the first online course representative forum to support students who could not attend sessions on campus or during the day. The VPE also outlined the introduction of online training modules.

The Scarborough Education Officer asked if there would be an opportunity for Education representatives to meet and VPE confirmed that they would be explored this week.

d. VP Welfare & Community

The report was taken as read. No questions were received.

e. VP Sport

The report was taken as read. No questions were received.

f. VP Activities

The report was taken as read. No questions were received.

9. Zone Reports (Paper D)

g. Scarborough Executive Committee

The report was taken as read. No questions were received.

h. Governance Zone

The report was taken as read. No questions were received.

i. Activities Zone (no written report submitted)

Chair of Activities Zone gave a verbal update on the zone activities.

It was noted that Hull RAG currently has the most sign-ups in the UK for climbing Kilimanjaro. RAG also concluded a very successful RAG week. Union Council recorded their thanks to Chair RAG and all RAG volunteers for their hard work and commitment.

There had been miscommunication within the SEC regarding the process of approving new societies which is why society constitutions would be brought to the next meeting of Union Council instead.

Chair Media would be meeting with the media Execs to discuss projects for the year.

j. Sport Zone (no written report submitted)

It was reported that the zone was now complete with the election of the Events and Varsity Officer. The new Officer has been working to deliver the AU Ball and would be scheduling and developing Varsity.

The Inclusivity and Participation Officer has been working with the Disabled Students' Officer and LGBT+ on various projects and has also organized welfare training for all Sports Clubs Execs.

A sports digital newsletter for Club Presidents is now in progress.

k. Welfare & Community Zone (no written report submitted)

The Chair of the zone gave a verbal update on the zone activities.

LGBT+ would be holding a vigil for Trans day of remembrance on Sunday, 20 November.

BAME ran several successful events for Black History Month.

The Disabled Students Officer will be holding an EGM to fill vacant committee positions following the approval of the motion at this meeting.

The last zone meeting focused on discussing the Governance Review and the impact it may have on the zone.

l. Education Zone (no written report submitted)

The Chair of the Zone presented the report and highlighted that discussions had occurred regarding communication with students including the use of digital screens across campus. The use of Canvas in the University was raised as well.

10. Update on interim arrangements for the position of President (Paper E)

The President outlined the interim arrangements in light of his resignation. It was noted that the Officer Team and the HUU Appointment and Governance Development Committee had reviewed and endorsed the plan.

AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer asked how students had been informed. President confirmed that social media and email had been used to communicate this to students.

11. AOB

None reported.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 5 December, 6.30pm, Meeting Room 1.