

**Governance Zone**  
Thursday, 16 March 2017, 4pm  
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Position	Name	02.02.17	16.02.17	01.03.17	16.03.17	30.03.17
Environment & Ethics Officer	Aona Stuart					
Campaigns & Democracy Officer	Edward Towers					
Chair Union Council				N/A	N/A	
Chair Education Zone		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Chair Welfare & Community Zone					N/A	
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**

Kim Houghton, Chair Sports Zone.

**2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

Approved as a correct record.

**3. Matters arising**

N/A

**4. Report by VP Scarborough**

- Visit to Leeds Students' Union with VPA, Chair RAG and DGC. Weren't convinced of the way the Forum was run.
- Chair Activities Zone suggested a visit to Northumbria SU.
- Visit to Manchester Met SU to discuss PTO training and transition arrangements.
- Trustee Board last week discussed HUU's strategy, KPIs and rebrand project. John Hemingway, Head of IT gave a presentation on the University's Digital Strategy.
- HUU AGM took place last week and lasted 10 minutes. Attendance was poor.
- Scarborough: More events planned for this semester.

## **5. Report by Campaigns & Democracy Officer**

- Commented on the lack of nominations for PTO positions in the current election and what the reasons for that could be: lack of visibility of PTO throughout the year and the lack of communication to students what PTO and the Union do for them.
- Chair Activities Zone commented that the morale of volunteers has dropped significantly this year, the drop-out rate has been significant. Students ran for PTO positions because they want to change the culture.
- VPS commented that he feels that the pride to be a PTO has been lost over the past year(s).
- OT noted that it's important to show to students that PTO can and have achieved change.

**Action:** DGC to look into impact reports for PTOs.

- EEO suggested that the campaigns fund should be publicised more widely to students to make them aware that they can make change without being elected.
- Chair Activities Zone suggested adding a mandatory lecture to the lecture schedule for WelcomeFest.

**Action:** DGC to look into this possibility.

## **6. Report by Environment & Ethics Officer**

Green Week will take place w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March. Considering giving out free plants and having a stall downstairs. Theme for World Earth Day is Education. Will design a flyer that is given out with free plants. Chair Activities Zone suggested to combine this with the plant sale that took place last year. Also planning to do work on the Salmon Grove pond for an afternoon.

## **7. Report by Councillors for Scrutiny**

OT noted the lack of presence of zone chairs from Education and Welfare & Community which is resulting in a lack of information and communication from these zones. OT asked for input for the next UC meeting. Everyone agreed that time-keeping was the most important aspect.

## **8. Report by Chair Union Council**

N/A

## **9. Report by Chair Welfare & Community Zone**

Chair Welfare & Community Zone has resigned.

## **10. Report by Chair Education Zone**

N/A

## **11. Report by Chair Sport Zone**

Not in attendance.

## **12. Report by Chair Activities Zone**

Joshua McMullan has resigned from Councillor of Scrutiny Activities zone.

The zone had some queries about the finances of the Societies Winter Ball. This is being looked into.

## **13. Motions**

None reported.

## **14. AOB**

VPSc introduced a discussion on the current structure and functioning of the Governance zone as it is currently only used as a reporting forum. OT suggested that it should be used to actually discuss the governance and the direction of the organisation. Chair Activities Zone agreed that meetings should have a specific outcome. VPSc commented that he felt that Governance zone should lead on engagement and discussing strategy. OT noted that Governance zone can also be used to further collaboration between zones. Chair Activities zone noted that there would have to be specific projects to make the collaboration beneficial. It was agreed that each zone should at least send one representative to Governance zone meetings. It was also highlighted that every PTO should take an active interest in HUU's governance and how it affects them. Chair Activities Zone suggested that the President should also take a more active role in encouraging collaboration across zones.

**Date of next meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> March, Time TBC**