

UNION COUNCIL – Monday, 17 October 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		
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		
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			
		Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	N/A		
		Course Rep Forum Rep	N/A		
		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	Apols		

		Officer			
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)
Shannon Webb, Student Trustee
Charlie Banks, Candidate for Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics
James Fox, SEC Treasurer
Ben Grocock, Hullfire Radio
Henry Smith, Hullfire Radio
Tim Goodfellow, The Hullfire (Newspaper)
Jennie Watts, RAG Vice Chair
Shadi Badawood, HPSS
Connan Thompson

1. Co-option into vacant positions

Salman Anwar was unanimously co-opted into the position of Councillor for Scrutiny for the Activities Zone.

2. Election of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Union Council

Joshua McMullan was the only candidate to stand for Chair of Union Council. Joshua McMullan was unanimously elected as Chair of Union Council.

There were no candidates for Deputy Chair of Union Council.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was unanimously confirmed.

4. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)

The apologies noted above were accepted.

5. Minutes from previous meeting (to note) (Paper A)

The minutes of the previous meeting were noted.

6. Trustee Board minutes (to note) (Paper B)

The minutes of the HUU Board of Trustees were noted.

7. Student Officer Reports (Paper C)

a. President

The President outlined his objectives around the implementation of the HUU strategy, the development and implementation of the governance review and the development of University House (the Students' Union Building). In addition, the President outlined that the elected officer team had taken a stance on the NUS National Ballot. The ballot relates to the decision by the NUS National Conference to boycott the NSS 2017, HUU delegates voted against this policy. Some Students' Unions have mobilised to request an equality impact assessment of this decision and the HUU Student Officer Team supports this request.

Question received from the Chair SEC regarding progress towards the disaffiliation and links HUU was forging with other institutions. The President outlined the work done on commercial contracts aiming to ensure that fairly priced and ethically sourced products for students would be maintained.

b. VP Education

The VPE outlined that due to the Shape and Size review Faculty Reps had not been elected in the March elections. All academic reps, including School and course reps had been elected in the recent by-elections.

The Disabled Students Officer asked a question regarding the impact of the Study Abroad and Placements work on disabled students. VPE outlined that the work had been discussed at the most recent University Learning, Teaching and Assessment Committee considering the experience of a range of students.

Chair RAG asked a question regarding Erasmus grants and whether these would be accessible to students in light of plans to exit the EU. VPE noted that these were national

policy issues, but that he would ensure the University provided the best possible information to all students as soon as policy was clear.

c. VP Welfare & Community

VPWC outlined his objectives including working on the development of liberation campaigns, a Festival of Wellbeing and increased awareness of opportunities to recycle waste items through charity collections. In addition, the VPWC noted that the drinks strips mandated at the previous Union Council had been implemented and that he was working on the 'at cost' sale of sanitary products in the Union Shop.

No questions were received.

d. VP Sport

In his absence the VPS report was taken as read. No questions were received.

e. VP Activities

The VPA outlined her objectives and that she was working with the zone to build membership and signs so far were positive. The first HullFire paper had been released, and RAG had successfully recruited a significant number of volunteers.

The Chair SEC raised a question regarding the delay to the flow of the fund to society accounts. The VPA reported that she would follow this up with the HUU Cash Office as soon as possible.

Update: This issue has been resolved.

f. VP Scarborough

The VPSc presented his objectives. In addition, the VPSc outlined events as part of the Scarborough WelcomeFest including family fun day, and for later on in the semester a Halloween event and Talk Scarborough were being planned.

8. HUU Governance Review – Update and Timeline

The Democracy and Governance Co-ordinator presented the research and status report on the HUU Governance Review.

The Chair of SEC asked if the research was based on self selection. It was confirmed that this was the case.

The Campaigns and Democracy Officer asked how the messaging around this change would be condensed to engage the electorate. It was confirmed that there was a detailed marketing plan in place and that any suggestions/feedback would be welcome.

The Scarborough Campaigns Officer asked if part-time Officer roles would still exist which was confirmed.

The Faculty Rep for Science and Engineering asked if the results of the Governance Survey (2015) could be used as indicative due to the low response rate of 505 students. The DGC

responded that this had been taken into account, focus groups had been held at the time as well, and there are now plans in place for a much wider student engagement w/c 31 October 2016.

The Chair Media asked if the changes would come into effect in the next academic year which was confirmed.

The Societies Council Rep asked whether Scarborough students would be able to vote on the proposals which was confirmed.

The LGBT+ Officer asked whether the Students' Unions that had been looked at had increased NSS satisfaction scores and engagement. The DGC confirmed that this was indeed the case and that there was evidence supporting this.

The AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer asked about what would happen if all elected Officers wanted to work on the same issues. The DGC highlighted that experience in other institutions had shown that Officers worked across students' issues effectively with support from staff.

The AU Events & Varsity Officer asked if the new structure would lead to fragmentation and issues being lost and inefficiency. The President noted that HUU would work to ensure clear lines of communication and review staff support.

9. New General Business

9.1 M.1617-1 Motion to change the name of "Academic Council" to "Course Rep Forum" (Paper D)

The motion was presented by the VPE.

The Chair SEC asked whether the new name now reflected the purpose of the meeting which was confirmed by the VPE.

The LGBT+ Officer asked whether the Forum should be called Education Forum instead.

The Councillor of Scrutiny commented that not all issues discussed at the Forum were education matters, some were about wider student experience issues.

With 21 votes in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 4 abstentions the motion passed.

9.2 M.1617-2 Motion to change SO 2006 (Hullfire Newspaper) (Paper E)

The motion was presented by the VPA.

The Chair SEC asked whether interviews would be run in a fair and open way. It was confirmed that this would be the case.

An amendment was received to include the Chair Media in the interview process detailed in point six of the Standing Order.

With 22 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 4 abstentions, the amendment passed.

An amendment was received to remove Point 7 ix. from the Standing Order.

With 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 11 abstentions the amendment failed.

The motion as amended was moved to a vote.

With 24 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions the motion as amended passed.

9.3 M.1617-3 Motion to change SO 2007 (Hullfire Radio) (Paper F)

The motion was introduced by the VPA.

An amendment was received to include the Chair Media in the interview process detailed in point six of the Standing Order.

With 25 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention, the amendment passed.

The motion as amended was moved to a vote.

With 25 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention the motion as amended passed.

9.4 M.1617-4 Motion to implement the HUU Equality & Diversity Policy (Paper G)

The motion was introduced by the VPWC and VPSc.

The LGBT+ Officer queried whether it could be made clearer to students how to raise a concern rather than just referring to the Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure.

The President replied that any student wishing to submit a complaint would have to get in touch with him initially.

The LGBT+ Officer proposed an amendment to add the President's contact details to the paragraph on 'How to raise a concern'.

With 24 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions, the amendment was passed.

The LGBT+ Officer further proposed an amendment to include 'gender and gender identity' in the characteristics listed in the 'What is equality?' section.

With 25 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention, the amendment was passed.

The motion as amended was moved to a vote.

With 25 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention the motion as amended passed.

9.5 M.1617-5 Motion to update the HUU Student Event External Speaker Policy (Paper H)

The VPA introduced the motion.

The Mature Students Officer queried points 14, 19, 21 and 24 of the proposed policy:

- Point 14 – Queried the processing speed.
- Point 19 – Observatory capacity for affected parties should be guaranteed.
- Point 21 – Restricted access should only be for events with a clear and defined risk.
- Point 21 – An independent chair should only be for an event with more than one speaker.
- Point 21 - Issues with publicity should be fast tracked.
- Point 24 - Event organisers should be allowed to be present at appeal hearings in an observatory capacity.

The President welcomed the feedback on the policy but suggested to vote on it without any amendments at the meeting so it could be applied to current pending requests whilst arranging a 1-2-1 meeting with the Mature Students Officer to discuss his feedback and review the policy in principle. An updated version of the policy could then be brought before Council again at a later date.

Action: VPA to arrange meeting with Mature Students Officer and Membership Services Director to discuss feedback on policy.

With 22 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 3 abstentions the motion passed.

10. AOB

There was no other business to discuss.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 14 November 2016, 6.30pm, Meeting Room 1.