

UNION COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18th May 2015, Meeting Room 1, 6:00pm

MINUTES

Attendance

Attending	Absent with Apologies	Absent
✓	-	x

Governance Zone			
Richard	Brooks	President	✓
Adam	Allnutt	Chair Environment and Ethics	-
Dehenna	Davison	Chair Campaigns and Democracy	✓
Welfare and Community Zone			
Jennifer	Day	VP Welfare and Community	✓
Angela	Suriyakumaran	Chair LINKS	-
Michael	O'Donnell	Chair Advice Centre Volunteers	x
Adil	Qureshi	Chair LGBT+	✓
VACANT	VACANT	Chair Community Reps	
Enoch	Osae	Chair Black BAME	x
Emily	Bolt	Chair Women's Committee	x
Daryl	Jones	Chair Disabled Students	x
Elto	Alexandrov	Councillor for Scrutiny	x
Timothy	Veal	Councillor for Scrutiny	x
Education Zone			
Gareth	Ikin	VP Education	✓
Nicola	Marsden	Chair Mature Students	x
Moipone	Mokone	Chair Part-time students	x
Alice	Whiteoak	Chair Postgraduate Association	x
Saumil	Shah	Faculty Co-ordinator Hull York Medical School	x
Matthew	Evans	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Science and Engineering	✓
Thomas	Wardman	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	x
Wendy	Drake	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Health and Social Care	✓

VACANT	VACANT	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Education	
Gemma	Naylor	Faculty Co-ordinator Hull University Business School	x
Niall	Devine	Academic Council Rep	x
Elizabeth	Barracough	Academic Council Rep	x
Ayesha	Mazumder	Councillor for Scrutiny	x
Daniel	Walker	Councillor for Scrutiny	-
Activities Zone			
Victoria	Cliffe	VP Activities	✓
Kathleen	Brook	Chair SEC	✓
Chuby	Okide	Chair ISA	x
VACANT	VACANT	Chair HUSSO	
Sarah	Barradell	Chair Media	-
Simon	Bagg	Chair RAG	x
Leon	French	Councillor for Scrutiny	-
Abbie	Edwards	Councillor for Scrutiny	x
Scarborough Executive Committee			
Tom	Swainson	VP Scarborough	✓
Aimee	Clancy	Scarborough Community Officer	-
Frank	Tupling	Scarborough Sports Officer	x
Emily	West	Scarborough Welfare Officer	-
Simon	Hernandez	Scarborough Education Officer	✓
Jacob	Jagger	Scarborough Campus - International Officer	✓
VACANT	VACANT	Scarborough Campaigns Officer	
Sports Zone			
Nichola	Jackson	VP Sport	✓
William	Tinney	Tour Rep	x
Laura-Anna	Huntenburg	Kit & Equipment Rep	x
Gurmok	Sanghera	BUCS Rep	✓
Elisa	Battersby	Events Officer	-
David	Gamble	Communication Rep	✓
Laura	Hutch	Secretary and Varsity Rep	x
Huayling	Lyle	Councillor for Scrutiny	-
Emma	Latham	Councillor for Scrutiny	✓

1. Introduction

Chair introduces the meeting.

Only 10 voting members are in attendance, as a result the motions will be passed in principle and ratified at the first Union Council of the next academic year.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from: Chair Environment and Ethics, Councillor for Scrutiny (Daniel Walker), AU Events Officer, Councillor for Scrutiny (Huayling Lyle), Scarborough Welfare Officer, Scarborough Community Officer, Chair Media.

3. Matters Arising

a. Hullfire TV: Repair and Renovation

VP Activities informs the meeting that Hullfire TV nearly have a full executive using the new process and positions.

b. Restructure of Sports Zone

VP Sport informs the meeting that the new roles were elected into the new AU executive in April.

c. Reduce the Cost of Playing Sport

President informs the meeting that reducing the cost of sport in the next key thing for the sabbatical team. On Wednesday the President and VP Sport will be meeting with the University and reducing the cost of sport is on the agenda. They have been holding the University to account. The University are going through financial changes which may have an impact on the cost of sport. This is his priority for his remaining five and a half weeks in the role.

d. Prioritise the Re-Development of Sports Facilities and Get the University to Recognise Sport

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Union Council meetings on 13th April and 11th May are both approved in principle.

5. Motions

a. Support for Volunteers

Amber Jenkins proposes the motion.

She states that she created the survey following the discussion session at Union Council on 13th April. Over 50 volunteers responded to the survey, the findings of which have been compiled into a report which was circulated. The findings state that something needs to be done, which was agreed by Union Council. She wants to action the next sabbatical team to enact as she will be graduating.

- Question from VP Welfare and Community: Is this for us to do before we leave?
- Answer from Amber Jenkins: Hope plan grows and changes over the next two years. The sabbatical officers will receive a full report once it is complete.

Speech Against – none.

Speech in Abstention – Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering speaks in abstention.

He states that no one turned up to the volunteer training session provided this year. The services are not the issue, it's about the marketing of those services. The survey data and quotes used are not great. A good volunteer does not need incentives to want to do their role. He asks Union Council to abstain so HUU can change how it markets volunteering. What is volunteering? Bribery is not at the heart of it.

- Question from Scarborough Sports Officer: Would the motion require an amendment?
- Answer from President: Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering has an issue with the motion not the wording.
- Chair asks Amber Jenkins if she would like to respond.
- Amber Jenkins speaks in favour of the motion: People are bound to complain. There are two major issues: handbooks and more training – awareness is key. Not all volunteers are trained as they should be, society social secretaries are not trained. Volunteers don't know opportunities exist, so they should be made more available. Ebridge has module handbooks, volunteer handbooks could go through there.
- Question from VP Scarborough: As part of the Governance Review, standing orders should work to explain volunteer roles. Do you think that would be best?
- Answer from Amber Jenkins: I don't just mean Union Council. What is a volunteer? It's so wide because lots don't get any support.
- Question from VP Scarborough: Responses in the survey were not reflective of the volunteer body.
- Answer from Amber Jenkins: That's why the motion is so broad.
- Question from VP Scarborough: Governance Review is covering this stuff. The new structures will allow more accessibility, it's all about this stuff. Your work will be taken seriously.
- Question from VP Education: We're getting caught up in the detail. The motion is just a broad mandate for change.
- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (Emma Latham): Same point as VP Education. We need to tell people they are volunteers, such as club executives.
- Question from Chair SEC: This motion is very similar to motions regarding sport at the last Union Council. It's a statement of intent.

- Answer from Amber Jenkins: I don't know what I want to happen. Volunteering is too many things and is not being properly discussed. If structures are changing, the support for volunteers needs to be taken into account. Change needs to happen, this is why motion is broad.

Vote:

For – 70%

Against – 30%

Abstain – 0%

Motion passed in principle.

- President asks that all materials be sent to him so he can pass them on to staff.

b. Expansion of HUSSO

VP Activities proposes the motion.

She states that she is passionate about HUSSO. She explains the structure of HUSSO and how it has a limit of 120 participants. HUSSO does not provide creative room for students which would get more students involved. We turn away students every year. The current roles do not provide a quality experience.

- President makes a short statement: elections do not mean something is student-led, the proposed structure really is student-led.
- Question from Chair SEC: what is the current structure?
- Answer from VP Activities: HUSSO shouldn't be a hierarchy. The nez system is about innovation and pitching new ideas.
- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (Emma Latham): When I was a volunteer, there was lots of problems with the time it takes to do DBS check. Would the pitching come before or after the DBS checks?
- Answer from VP Activities: The new system allows us to do the pitching at the DBS checks over summer so everything is ready for the start of term.

Speech Against – none

Speech in Abstention – none

Vote:

For – 80%

Against – 10%

Abstain – 10%

Motion passed in principle.

7. Ratification of Societies

Chair informs the meeting that there are no societies to be ratified.

8. Introduction

a. Governance Zone

President presents.

- City of Culture launch to happen soon, HUU involved.
- Governance Reform, not presentable yet. Going to the Board of Trustees for strategic steer, then there will be more student consultation and feedback ready for elections next year.
- Subvention, we don't get enough. Drafted a proposal to University, awaiting a response. You will see some improvements in the building.
- HUU Awards was good. VIPs enjoyed the evening.

b. Education Zone

VP Education presents.

- SLTAs happened, 180 people attended. Thanks the zone for all their hard work.
- Placement Report is done. Will be submitted to the University.
- Feedback Charter
- Course Rep Disciplinary work done with Academic Council.
- Scarborough Student Experience paper also going to University.
- Question from AU BUCS Representative: What's happening to the Virtual Learning Environment?
- Answer from VP Education: the University have a preferred option.
- Went to sponsorship conference and advising new sabbs on accessing sponsorship.
- Question from Chair: Will the Placement Report be accessible for students?
- Answer from VP Education: After University have seen and approved it.

c. Welfare & Community Zone

VP Welfare and Community presents.

- Chair Disabled Students working closely with Mental Health Society.
- Chair Disabled Students also writing wheelchair report.
- BAME meeting went well.
- LGBT+ co-chairs elected.
- Women's Committee talk went well.
- LINKS handover done, have moved back in 1st Aid post.
- Have trained staff about mental health and working with wellbeing champions.
- Had emails from students complaining about offensive t-shirts on campus. Working with Women's Committee and President, VP Welfare and Community wrote a blog on the website about rape culture which has received a very positive response.

d. Sport Zone

VP Sport presents.

- Trophy Presentation went well. The AU Executive were amazing.
- Postcard Campaign ongoing. 200 so far. University very interested in comments.
- Attended the Financial Investment Committee, as the first ever sabbatical officer to attend. Spoke about sport facilities and retention.
- Movement from the University regarding Sports Facilities due to pressure from potential demonstration organised by the executive. Demo on hold, if University don't respond, demo will happen in June.
- Club Colours given out.
- BUCS finishing up for the year, apart from Cricket.
- ISA Sports Day coming up.
- Held last AU Council, went well.

e. Activities Zone

VP Activities presents.

- Media, all AGMs done.
- Hullfire, next issue out next week.
- Radio is being broadcast in the building.

- ISA finished for the day, apart from Sports Day and AGM.
- RAG, done AGM and raised £70 for Nepal.
- HUSSO motion passed.
- Society's hoodies have arrived.
- Working with HYMS and MedSoc on constitution and funding.
- Working on commitment from the University on Multi Faith Prayer Room.

f. Scarborough Zone

Chair of Scarborough Executive Committee presents.

- Sabbatical Update (VPSc)

Hosted the Scarborough Awards.

With SEd, attended a successful workshop day with HCUK/HCSU, with a possible plan for future structures.

Chaired Open Student Forum, which resulted in free transport to Hull for Scarborough students doing a free elective there.

Will be taking part in a NUS framework day, discussing student communications.

- Education Officer (SEd)

Worked with Associate Principal following up issues within our SSE (Scarborough School of Education) department.

Liaised with Head of Campus Operations regarding campus feedback on social space and car parking.

Began recruiting Course Reps in first and second year for next semester.

Currently planning handover.

- Welfare Officer (SWe)

Marketing has begun for a stress awareness day, where staff and students can relax during the exam period.

Carried out a handover for the new elect Welfare Officer.

- Community Officer (SCo)

Regarding the green space project; our volunteers have planted flowers, vegetables, and are trying to encouraging wildlife.

Planning handover over for the end of this week.

- International Officer (SIn)

No updates.

- Sports Officer (SSp)

No updates.

- Campaigns Officer (SCa)

VACANT.

- What we've done as a Zone

Help to coordinate the Scarborough Awards, which had over one hundred people in attendance.

9. Any Other Business

President thanks Union Council.

Chair congratulates President on his success at NUS Conference.

10. Closing Statement from the Chair

Thanks Union Council for their support in the Chair.

Big stuff has happened this year: Governance Review, motions.

Thanks for being polite and nice.

President states that Union Council has made a real difference this year, setting the agenda on sports facilities and other issues.

Approved by Union Council: