Union Council Agenda

Monday 20th April 2020 Canvas, Online

6:30pm - Union Council

- 1. Adoption of agenda
- 2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)
- 3. Pronoun policy
- 4. Co-opting of new Part-Time Officers (if relevant)
- 5. Minutes from previous meetings 9th March and 30th March (to note) (PAPER A)
- 6. President Team Accountability
 - 6.1. President of Student Union (PAPER B)
 - 6.2. President of Sport (PAPER C)
 - 6.3. President of Inclusivity and Diversity (PAPER D)
 - 6.4. President of Education (PAPER E)
 - 6.5. Report of Activities Workload (PAPER F)
 - 6.6. Select Committee Report (PAPER G)
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 - 7.3. M.1920 28 Motion to remove Course Rep Leader positions and to that effect, standing order '3006 Course Rep Leaders.' (PAPER J)
 - 7.4. M.1920 29 Motion to introduce Wellbeing Advocates to student groups (PAPER K)
 - 7.5. M.1920 30 Motion to bring back Top D at Asylum (PAPER L)
 - 7.6. M.1920 31 Motion to updated SO 8009 to govern Student Committee elections (PAPER M)
- 8. Any Other Business (AOB)



Union Council Agenda

Monday 9th March 2020 Meeting Room 1, Student Central

6pm - Q & A with Jane Stafford

6.30pm - Union Council

Position	Name	Atter	ndance					
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Student Presidents	;							
President of SU	Isobel Hall							
President of Activities	Tom McNamara							
President of Education	Simeon Orduen							
President of Sport	Erin Pettit							
President of Inclusivity & Diversity	Abi Morris							
Governance Zone								
Councillor for Scrutiny	Miguel Beedle							
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT							
Chair of Union Council	Jessica Clunan							
Environment & Ethics Rep	Siobhan Pickering							
Activities Zone								
Councillor for Scrutiny	Eleanor Woodhouse							
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT							
Chair of RAG	Jacob Thorne							
LINKS	Jack Wade							
Society Mentor	Huey Arslan							
(shared vote)	Antonia De Lancey Monty Coyle							
Media Rep	Jack Wilfran							
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Trans Rep	Hannah				
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Women's Rep	Eve Kyte				
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- 1. Adoption of agenda Agenda has been accepted.
- 2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance) Apologies accepted
- 3. Pronoun policy
- 4. Co-opting of new Part-Time Officers (if relevant)
- 5. **Minutes from previous meeting (to note) (PAPER A)** Misspelled names in minutes to fix and approve.
- 6. President Team Accountability -

President of Students' Union - No Questions.

President of Sport - No Questions

President of Inclusivity and Diversity - No questions

President of Education - No questions

Chair advised council members to email any questions to the HUU council email, if any arise.

7. New General Business

7.1. M.1920 - 12 Motion to update RAG Standing Order 2008 (PAPER B) -

Jacob (JT) Advised the motion will bring the SO in line with how RAG runs. Roles are outdated and more that were deemed 'useless'. Creating a streamlined unit.

Technical Questions:

Will roles be lost? No roles will not be lost, the current roles will remain the same. The roles will be solidified in what they do. Redundant roles have no one in them.

What was unfit about the roles that are being removed? Explained the outdated roles and cleaned them up.

General Questions:

Why was RAG set up the way it was? Unable to comment on the previous way RAG was set up, but wanted to clean up the roles to make them run more efficiently. Reducing RAG from 10 committee members to 6.



Should there be a percentage of members instead of 'At least 5 members present for an EGM to be valid?'

Chair asked if IH would like to amend the motion?

IH would like to amend, Proposer has accepted the amended. The motion will be amended to include 'At least 20% present for an EGM to be valid.' This will also include AGMs.

In favour, 17, opposed 0, abstain, 0 Amendment passes.

No questions on new motion.

RAG chair advised this won't affect the wider University, it is an internal change.

In favour 17, opposed, O, abstain, O Motion passed.

7.2. M.1920 - 13 Motion to update the Alcohol and Initiations Policy (PAPER C)

Erin (EP) advised the policy needs to be update every year. Nothing has changed in the policy.

Technical Questions:

Is it only name changes to the policy? Yes, it's changing and updating the name of the policy

General Ouestions:

No general questions.

In favour, 16, opposed, 0, abstain 1 Motion passes

7.3. M.1920 – 14 Motion to lobby the University to update Mental Health Training for staff (PAPER D)

Cas (CN) advised AST and staff are struggling to support students on MH. Surveyed staff gave the University a 1.5 rating of the MH training for staff. 100% of surveyed staff asked for additional training.

Technical Questions:

How will training be implemented? What will ASTs do? Cas advised they would like to have a focus group to work on creating a training that is deemed adequate.

What forms of extra training? Male mental health and LGBTQ+ issues as well as signposting.

Will the training be professionally assessed before it goes out? Yes, that is the goal.

AM advised the content of training will be up to the University.

Have you spoken to all departments about this? Kas would like to set a universal mandatory training across the whole University.



General Questions:

Will you do a follow up question of students? Yes, there will be a follow up.

Debate:

Should this be just for ASTs and Tutors or will this be rolled out wider? It will start with ASTs and Tutors and then expanded.

In favour, 17, opposed, 0, abstain, 0 Motion passed.

7.4. M.1920 – 15 Motion to lobby the University to provide genderless toilets in every building (PAPER E)

Hannah (HB) explained the motion to lobby the university for genderless toilets across all campus. Student central and the library have genderless toilets. These are the only toilets like this across campus.

Technical Questions:

Will this be applied for people in wheelchairs? Yes, this would be ideal as accessible toilets are genderless.

Would these be utilising space already available? Yes

Single cubicle or Multi-cubicle? Advised it doesn't matter, as long as genderless toilets exist

Additional to the gender-neutral toilets? Would take bathrooms that already exist.

How will signage be paid for? This will be figured out with the University

General Questions:

Does this include staff buildings or lecture theatres? Ideally lecture theatres.

How are you going to take toilets that are gendered? Advised it would be a case of removing the signage. And remove urinals from the walls if need be.

No points of debate.

13 in favour, opposed 0, abstain, 4 motion passed

7.5. M.1920 - 16 Motion to introduce more water bottle refill stations (PAPER F)

Siobhan (SP) Advised there should be more refill stations on campus to increase more sustainability on campus.

Technical Questions:

Is this just for the library or the wider campus? Would like to start at library and extend to wider campus.



IS this something that can be done without replacing the entire unit? This is something that would need to be looked into.

IH advised there are more across campus, but the work is slow around campus

General Questions:

Can you still drink from the stations without a water bottle? Yes, it is able to drink from without a water bottle

Would it be drinking and water bottle filling station? This is a possibility, yes.

Can you change the wording that it is the only one? Proposer accepts the amendment to the motion.

Amendment 1:

In favour, 17, opposed, 0 abstained, 0 Amendment 1 to include 'limited water bottle refills'. Amendment passed

Amendment 2:

In favour, 16, opposed, 1, abstain, 1 Amendment 2 to include 'on campus' Amendment passed

Amendment 3:

In favour, 18, 0 opposed, 1 abstain Amendment 3 to include 'taps' instead of 'faucet' Amendment passed.

In favour, 19, opposed, 0, abstain, 0 Motion passed.

7.6. M.1920 – 17 Motion to oppose increasing the price of the annual Sports Pass (PAPER G)

EP sports pass is constantly increasing to the point that students can't afford it.

Technical Questions:

What is the sports pass include? Access to the sports facilities.

General Questions

Is there a reason behind the price increase? University need to pay for the new facilities that were recently built.

No points of debate

In favour, 19, opposed 0, abstained, 0

7.7. M.1920 – 18 Motion to change the name of Environment and Ethics Representative to Environment and Sustainability Representative (PAPER H)



Amendment from proposer to change name to Officer,

In favour of amendment 18, opposed 0, abstained 1

SP present motion to change name as it is too broad to encompass and the role does not deal with specific ethical issues.

Technical Questions

Is the name change to fit the role? Yes

Do you think the person coming behind you will like the name change?

The role doesn't include anything regarding ethics. Ethics doesn't fit the role.

No general Questions

Debate:

Ethics is something we should all be carrying in roles and should not fall to one person.

What does ethics really mean? It's very subjective.

Businesses have ethics they follow and is not placed on one person

Ethics should be written in to all policies

Each person's view of ethics is different.

Environment and Sustainability is a very large job in itself.

In favour, 15, opposed, 2, abstain, 2 Motion passed.

7.8. M.1920 - 19 Motion to create a Team GB student panel (PAPER I)

Lucy (LS) explained motion to create team GB student panel who can rep students for each zone or an exec committee.

Tech Questions:

Would it be like a scrutiny of the partnership? Would like it to be a gatekeeper to the university to bring ideas from students.

What do you want the union to do? Would like the students to bring the ideas to the university and not the presidents' team.

Suggested having a separate panel would be a good idea and gives power to students. Would like to be transparent with the university.

How big is the student panel going to be? There would need to be a discussion if this motion passes.



Who would you have on the panel, would you include university marketing? Yes, but this would be the student panel

There is a lack of students on councils, how would you get students involved? Would attempt to target people.

General Questions:

What is Team GB and what does it do?

Team GB are the athletes that represent GB in Olympics etc. The University has a partnership with Team GB. The union and students are unsure what the partnership is.

IH advised the partnership is a group of retailers and the University isn't sure what they're getting or very imaginative about the partnership. So far, it is primarily used as a recruitment tool.

Is there anything in particular for exercise science? Team GB partnership is a bigger benefit for students who participate in Sport, not necessarily students who study sport sciences.

Would this work better as a series of Open Meetings? That is a possibility

Debate:

Could start with students who are passionate and start with a focus group and get ideas.

A mixture of both ideas would be a good start.

An open panel is good, but the student panel will hold the University to account.

Amendment proposed: President team to lobby the University to create a panel of students. Proposer accepted amendments

In favour of amendment, 19, opposed 0, abstained, 0

In favour of Motion, 16, opposed, 0, abstained, 3 Motion passed.

7.9. M.1920 – 20 Motion to introduce Wellbeing Mentors in clubs and societies (PAPER J)

Ryan (RP) advised the national mental health (MH) crisis is apparent across all universities. There is a desperate need to empower students and general wellbeing. Some clubs and societies have wellbeing officers. This is not creating another mandatory position in clubs and societies, this is to promote inclusivity.

Technical Questions:

How to apply to standing committees? Mainly thinking it will affect clubs and sport, but would like to include standing committees too.

Is it like an additional role? Anyone in the club can do it



Will this be an elected position? This will not be an elected position, this would be a voluntary role.

Would this person be like ex-officio? This position would be separate position.

Can more than one person take this role? Yes

Would these volunteers be mandated to report welfare issues? Yes.

Amendment has been proposed, change societies/clubs to student groups. Proposer accepts the amendment.

Clarified the definition of student groups.

In favour of amendment, 18, opposed, 0 abstain, 1 Amendment passed.

General Questions:

What is the liability of the people in the role? There are some clubs that complain about welfare roles because they think they are getting a counsellor, it's not a counsellor they are volunteers.

Would it be a lot of pressure on one person in this role? Yes, would like to roll out MH training across student groups.

Does AU have someone that does something like this already? A lot of teams do have a volunteer like this.

Debate:

Name change is very good, volunteer portion is excellent, dislike the idea of one person as the wellbeing mentor. Chair is rejecting amendment as it wouldn't be given its full attention.

Request the motion be put on hold.

Motion has been put forward to postpone until the next meeting. Motion has been withdrawn

Motion to put forward and put to committee

Isobel is acting as ex-officio Chair of the committee.

A vote was done to elect Wellbeing Committee members.

Huey Arslan

Jacob Thorne

Casper Nicholas

Ryan Parker

The above were elected as the Wellbeing Committee.



7.10.M.1920 – 21 Motion to change Hull University Union's brand to Hull Students' Union (PAPER K)

Isobel (IH) explained the change to the Union branding

Technical Questions:

Is it Hull University Students' Union or Hull Students' Union? It will be Hull Students' Union as it fits in the logo.

Would everything need to be changed? The major change would be the sign on the front of the building

General Questions

Would societies/clubs get money to rebrand their equipment? IH will get back to UC about that information

Could clubs and societies claim money back on branded merchandise that will be outdated? IH will take this information and get back to UC with an answer.

What is the proposed cost to change the logo? How much will this cost the union? Things will be naturally changed anyway it won't be an additional cost to the Union, the major cost would be the sign on the front of the building.

Can it be pink? The logo is designed for the colour to be changed to fit any occasion.

Debate:

The name should be Hull University Students' Union instead of Hull Students' Union.

Propose to go to vote - Procedural motion rejected.

Are we going to rename the building from Student Central to HUSU? EP advised the union can't change the name of the building but the union can change the name of the stairs. The University owns student central, however they do not own the stairs.

Chair has adjourned the meeting as there is not enough capacity to continue the discussion as is. Motion will be tabled until the next UC meeting.

8. Any Other Business (AOB)

Next meeting - Monday 20th April 6.30pm, MR1



Union Council Minutes

Monday 30th March 2020 Canvas, Online

6pm - Union Council

Position	Name	Attendance				Attendance							
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Media Rep (shared vote)	Jack Wilfran												
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	Maddie Callaghan												
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Scrutiny Councillor for	VACANT				н	•
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Scrutiny	Ryan Parker					
Councillor for	Dyan Darker					
Sport Zone						
Faculty Rep of Health Sciences	Saalo Sparkes					
Law & Politics	Coates					
Faculty Rep of	Katherine					
Engineering						
Science &	Sariaa Sabii					
Faculty Rep of	Sanaa Sabir					
Arts, Cultures & Education	Basu					
Faculty Rep of Arts. Cultures &	Eeshaan Singh					
Officer						
HYMS Students	VACANT					
Students Officer						
International	VACANT					
Postgraduate Research Officer	Emily Birch					
Taught Officer	Empily Direct					
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Disabled Students Rep	Chloe Marshall				
BAME Rep	Anotidaishe Manjanja				

1. Adoption of agenda

Isobel (IH) Provided an overview of how the meeting will be done. Agenda has been adopted.

- 2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance) Apologies accepted.
 Resignations, Sana, Natalie Kreter-Krillan, and Mark Brook. Abi (AM) advised Natalie is still a student and able to participate as a LGBT+ Rep
- 3. Pronoun policy
- 4. Co-opting of new Part-Time Officers (if relevant) No Co-ops
- President Team Accountability Verbal updates/questions from PTOs.

Chair advised this session will be used to ask questions regarding what the president team is doing for students for COVID-19.

Jacob (JT): What's going to happen to motions due to Covid-19?

Abi (AM) advised all the motions and objectives are still being worked on remotely. Advised still having meetings with the University and working on them as if they were working in the officer. Currently waiting for university get a grasp on everything

IH advised Nicole and Elise are working on passed motions and assign duties to teams to monitor the motions more closely.

Siobhan (SP) asked about the no detriment policy, asked if this would apply to dissertations.

No detriment policy – IH advised other university student unions are working on this. They have been petitioning universities to get a no detriment policy for students, however IH does not believe this is something the union needs to petition the University for. Currently, the presidents have a very positive relationship and they are taking their feedback into consideration. IH would like this to be for everyone, but Uni is focusing on 3rd year students.



Lucy (LS) as if presidents are working and making progress, how are they unable to produce reports?

IH advised that this meeting is an extraordinary meeting, therefore they will be producing reports for the next regularly scheduled meeting on 20th April.

SP - No detriment policy, advised it might be difficult to do it for 3rd year students as the dissertation is a stand-alone project

IH - Advised the no detriment policy would be University policy and programmes will have to align the course to comply.

SO - Advise he has followed up with the Vice Chancellor to get confirmation on the policy

JW - General update on Uni's response to accommodation

IH - University announced that on campus accommodation and wished to leave, they would let the students out of their contract and wouldn't have to pay. This is only for on campus accommodation. IH signed a letter with other Sus to let students out of their rental contracts. IH is drafting a letter for students to give their landlords to get out of their contracts. IH has also contacted MPs Dianna Johnson and Emma Hardy to work with them on student accommodation

JT - Will they ensure on their accountability reports will they advise what they are doing in each Zone due to COVID-19?

Governance: Zone continues and SOs have been ratified.

I&D - AM advised the team is combatting it together. Advised they are not looking at things or zones separately. Continuing to look at how things are accessible for everyone.

Education - SO advised he is still working on things within the education zone. There are drop in sessions with course reps, to take stock and make sure they are doing alright. Zone meetings are still happening. SO will provide an update at the next UC meeting.

Sport - EP advised sport centre is closed. EP advised she can't do very much with the zone as most AU teams are unable to meet. Advised she is still representing sports zone, but making sure they are meeting with their teams remotely (digitally)

6. New General Business

6.1. M.1920 – 21 Motion to change Hull University Union's brand to Hull Students' Union (PAPER A)

IH explained the motion and reiterated that the point of changing the branding is to put students in the for front



Technical questions:

JT - Will compensation be given to societies and clubs who have the logo on their merchandise?

IH advised this was not something that happened the last time. It would be a natural change.

General:

SP - Is this an open rewording or is it open to be Hull Students' Union?

IH main thing is to put students back into the Union branding because people don't always see the union as separate.

Phoebe (PB) - Is this being voted on generally or is the vote on the name?

IH advised would like the name to be abbreviated to HUSU. Advised there is potentially and amendment for the name.

Amendment proposed to change the wording from Hull University Union (HUU) to Hull University Students' Union (HUSU)

Amendment Poll: 14 HUSU 2 UHSU

13 for, 2 abstain 0 against - Amendment stands.

No points of debate.

12 for, 1 against, 2 abstain.

Motion passed.

6.2. M.1920 – 22 Motion to change the Governance Zone to Union Development Zone (PAPER B)

IH the essence of the motion is the zone is more than governance. IH feels it would be more appropriate for in to be a Union Development Zone as the one that deals with a lot of the development of the union. The motion would also allow 3 more elected representatives to get involved with union.

No Technical Questions.

General Questions:

SP - Should it be changed to HUSU Development Zone? Chair advised the changing of the name is not something that is handled at UC and wouldn't be an amendment. IH, as President of Student Union and interpreter of the Bye-laws, agreed with this.



Evie (EK) - Does it mean three elected people and not the chairs? IH clarified it is the current zone members/chairs plus 3 additional elected members will sit on the zone.

PB - asked are the three additional picked from UC, would there be additional votes. IH advised it would be three members from UC.

HA - asked to change the name to Union Development Zone or Development Zone? IH advised it will be changed to Union Development Zone

SP - asked why I can't be an amendment to change the name to HUSU Development zone? Chair advised this is something that could be decided at a later date. IH advised it's possible to do an amendment to the motion to change the name to Students' Union Development Zone.

HA - advised the other zones don't have the Union's name in their title.

JT called for the motion to be put to vote. Motion will be put to vote.

13 for, O against, 3 abstain – Motion passed (1 vote by proxy)

6.3. M.1920 - 23 Motion to create a standing order for accountability of members of Zones, Union Council and the Union Executive Committee (PAPER C)

IH introduced a new SO regarding accountability. The accountability panels were introduced and didn't have much success and were put to the Zones instead. It would be accountability for UC, Zones and Union Executive Committee (The President Team)

Technical questions:

JT - Is this the permanent solution to the temporary motion to move the councillors of scrutiny back down to the zones? IH advised this is correct.

General Questions:

HA - If this is something to put in place to be able to enforce the attendance policy? IH advised that is correct.

SP- Asked about the attendance, three in a row with no apologies? IH advised that is correct.

Lotti (CB)- Asked that the motion is worded differently to make sure it's clear that the motion of confidence will be held at two different meetings.



Amendment: Members who fail to attend further meetings without apologies will then face vote of no confidence.

Amendment passes. Motion has been amended to change the attendance.

Questions from this point will be on the amended motion.

LS is there a plan for a new councillor of scrutiny? IH advised in the Union Development Zone this could be developed further.

Natalie (NKK) Are there steps that need to occur for a vote of confidence? Is it just for missing meetings? IH explained the process of a vote of caution and a vote of no confidence.

EK Asked if it's possible if there's a way for a kinder approach? For instance, if someone has some personal issues going on in their lives. IH advised this happens already.

SP - Ask if this includes emergency/extraordinary meetings? IH advised yes it would include these meetings.

JT has called for the motion to be put to vote. Motion will be put to vote.

13 for, 2 against, 0 abstain, motion passed.

6.4. M.1920 – 24 Motion to revoke standing orders related to RAG, HullFire Newspaper, JAM radio, Torch TV, and LINKS (PAPER D)

IH explained the motion and that it is the Governance Zone's responsibility to tidy up the Standing Orders. Advised the groups being removed would provide them with autonomy and govern themselves.

Technical Questions:

Jack (JW) - If anything about funding is proposed in the future, what is the governance approach in the future? For instance, if a new president team proposed to reduce funding how would that affect the student groups? IH advised it would be the same process as it currently is now.

JT - What is to stop the future President team to reduce the budget or remove the budget for these groups? IH advised it would be the same process, at the minute the student group budgets can be altered now anyway.

JW - There are no specific references to the budget. Would the budget/funding be guaranteed. Can this be altered to an amendment? IH agreed this should be an amendment.

HULL UNIVERSITY UNION CB – Are all the groups voting on behalf of the Activities Zone? Do they keep the votes when they move out of the zone? IH the groups currently vote for their groups. If the motion passes the three votes would go to the Activities Zone.

Debates:

HA - Advised it is not in the unions interest to remove funding for student groups.

JW - Advised the groups have received a pledge for the license and main equipment. There seems to be no guarantee that the funding would be stripped to the bare minimum, which would put JAM radio in a difficult position.

HA - Understands the point, however that is the way Societies work and there are other ways to get funding, such as society grants through the union

JT - The three votes that would be lost would go to the Activities Zone. The votes from RAG, LINKS and Media would go back to the groups.

CB - Would it be beneficial to have a Media rep to ensure they are still represented.

IH - Advised this would be a different motion

JW - Doesn't think student media falls into the category of a society, it is different than a society and should be treated as such.

IH - Response to Jack's point, it is not clarified about the relationship between the union and media groups currently. IH advised nothing is changing, however this is an area of development and space for this to be looked at further. In terms of the motion, it is a different matter.

HA - Student media is part of the union. HA doesn't believe the media is losing out, the union will still support the media groups

JW - Agrees that the relationship is blurred in some regard, but there is a lot of uncertainty about what becoming a society would look like. Currently, media has a vote at council.

IH - The standing order doesn't go into any of those details that are being raised in regards to a vote. Also doesn't believe a student group should be a part of the legal documents of the union.

JW - Advised as a matter of opinion, the media groups provide a service to the union as a charity.



SP - Advised the media rep, should be a separate motion.

JT - The point of the motion isn't about taking anything away, but it gives the groups control over their groups. Agrees with a media rep, but the motion isn't to replace the reps, it is to remove the SO to give the groups the power to control their societies.

SP - Would like to bring a new motion in regards to a Media Rep at the next Union Council meeting.

IH - The Activities Zone gains three more votes to the zone.

Ellis (EL) - Student media would be allowed to go to the meetings. Would happily discuss the idea of a media rep.

JW - Agree with the point of autonomy over the groups, but the point he would like to raise is having the budget guaranteed, Would like this to be put in as amendment to the motion.

IH - agrees with the amendment to state: The money that is set out to support these groups will be protected as policy by the Students Union at Union Executive Committee

JW - proposed the amendment.

IH - accepts the amendment.

Questions on the Amendment:

HA - What does the wording mean?

IH - Advised the money is protected by the policy

JW - The amendment would say that each of these groups would have enough money to operate.

No more questions or debate.

Amendment: The money that is set out to support these groups will be protected as policy by the Students Union at Union Executive Committee (The meeting where Officers make policy decisions).

11 for, 0 against, 4 abstain for the amendment. Amendment passes.

Further points of debate:

PB - Advised does not believe the motion is taking anything away from the group. It will provide more opportunities and autonomy in the groups. There is nothing being lost in regards to a vote as anyone can go for the extra Activity Zone votes.



Understands the issue of wanting a more clear relationship between media and HUU.

JT - Agreed with Phoebe, reiterated this gives Media, RAG and LINKS to have autonomy over themselves.

JW - Advised he is just trying to make sure JAM radio is protected and able to run properly.

IH - Advised she understands that media relationship with the union needs to be clarified and developed.

No more points of debate. The motion will be moved to a vote.

13 for, 2 against, 0 abstain. Motion passes.

6.5. M.1920 - 25 Motion to revoke Breastfeeding Policy (PAPER E)

AM presented the motion. The policy was brought in about two years ago and worked around the building works. The policy is not relevant, the law also requires the policy and it doesn't need to be a specific policy. Reiterated, the policy is now out of date and irrelevant according to the requirements of law.

No technical questions.

General Questions:

HA - Regardless of whether the policy is relevant, but doesn't it show the union supports people who are breastfeeding? It feels like it should be a statement of support.

AM - Advised that is understandable, but there are other ways for the union to support people who breastfeed.

JW - If this change is to be made, what would the possible backlash be to it from the wider university and the union?

AM - Again, understands the point made, however the policy has not been used. Advised that if the messaging is put out somewhere else that the union is still in support of breastfeeding.

CB - As a union, how does this affect our stance as being supportive of breastfeeding and providing a space?

AM – It does not affect the union's stance. The point of the policy was to have a space for breastfeeding due to building works. There will still be a space but there doesn't need to be a policy for it.

HA - Would like to propose an amendment to add a portion in the motion that the motion states: Revoke the current



breastfeeding policy and advertise a designated area in the Students' Union for breastfeeding.

AM - Accepted the amendment and seconded the amendment

No questions on the amendment.

No points of debate on the amendment.

Amendment: Revoke the current breastfeeding policy and advertise a designated area in the Students' Union for breastfeeding.

16 for, 0 against, 0 abstain

Questions on new motion:

PB – If the union revokes the policy, is it saying that there will be a space for breastfeeding, but not all space will be protected? Can this be clarified in the wording of the motion?

AM - Advised the union's building is credited in someway for being breastfeeding friendly. However, there are different ways to protect that and promote that. There will be a space for people to breastfeed but it doesn't mean the whole building won't be a safe space for breastfeeding.

Debate:

PB - Understands the motion, but concerned for general population this will be seen as a negative move by the motion. Would like it stated that the union is a safe space for breastfeeding and not just a specific area. Can add in a line about HUU is an accredited building and has a space for breastfeeding anywhere. PB proposed the amendment.

Chair: Point of order, checked to see if the motion can be amended by a non-voting member of UC. The amendment can only be created and accepted by the proposer of the amendment.

IH - agrees with the interpretation

AM - Decided the amendment

CB - Why has the motion been brought to council? The building is being redeveloped to provide a space.

AM - Advised the policy was developed for building works, the essence of the policy is no longer relevant.



EP – advised when the policy was originally created the law didn't require places of business to provide a breastfeeding place, but now that it does, the policy is irrelevant.

JT - Unsure there is sufficient grounds for the motion to go to vote. Would like to request a referral. This has been seconded.

IH - suggested a select committee

Chair - advised there is not proper resources to do a block vote for a select committee. Due to the nature of the meeting. The referral of the motion has been seconded, however the postponement is not supported by the rest of the council. Therefore, the motion will go to vote.

9 for, 3 against, 3 abstain. Motion passed.

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

With the Covid-19, what is the situation of the planned move of the radio station?

IH - Will follow up with University regarding the building works.

In terms of PTO elections, have there been any discussions about what to do about promoting PTO elections?

AM - Unable to do anything about it now, will need to wait for byeelections.

EP - People nominated themselves and put themselves forwards, but didn't submit a manifesto. However, due to the major changes it could have had an impact on potential candidates.

SO – advised the Covid-19 potentially situation impacted the turnout of candidates.

What is going on with the Wellbeing Committee?

IH - Advised she will find a date and let the committee members know what the new date is.

HA - Remind everyone to vote in the PTO elections.

Would like to know about Tom and what is going on with his role (President of Activities)

IH - There is a google doc for regarding the Activities workload. The report will be brought to the next UC meeting.

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What is going on with Awards?

IH - Currently deciding how to do Awards. Possibly presenting online as pre-record or live videos.

How are PTO results being announced?

Nicole (NS) - Results will be done on HUU's social media accounts

Is there a motion being made to reach out to international students as far as Covid-19?

AB - Has been in contact with international office. All information has been passed on to international students in regards to what is happening and what the university is doing.

SO - Received information from international student, who felt stranded due to Covid-19. The positive thing is there is a student who is running for the International Officer which will help with any further issues.

Is the HUU shortlist meant to be out today (30th March)

IH - The deadline for the shortlist has been extended and will be out next week.

Meeting has been adjourned.

Next meeting - Monday 20th April 6.30pm, on Canvas





President Report

President of the Students' Union Isobel Hall Submitted: 8th April 2020

My three priorities this month were:

- 1. COVID-19
- 2. Student Loans/Additional Costs
- 3. Union Governance

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Actions:

Worked on the following:

- Accommodation/rent
- No-Detriment Policy
- Student Comms
- Laptops/Internet
- Hardship Funding
- Moving the Students' Union online
- Moving Union Council online
- Supporting PTO elections during COVID-19

BBC Radio Humberside Interview

Facebook Live Q&A's - getting answers to all your questions

Videos updating students on the COVID-19 situation

Facebook Community Group - building an online community

Meeting with the VC

Regular meetings with University Leadership Team

Letter to students from the President Team

President Team Blog https://hulluniunion.com/news/article/president-update-april?fbclid=lwAR1hCcWYjldX6WgIIFIIVNHQyiZh4m1ge4TRqgflccA_eSU2cyck3_Efup8



Outcomes:

- Rent on campus you can now leave on-campus accommodation and pay no further rent.
- Accommodation letter template produced for students to use
- Signed letter with other SU's across the UK on accommodation
- Worked on clear comms for students about accommodation
- Co-signed joint letter with the VC to accommodation providers
- Worked to raise issues regarding no-detriment policy
- Worked on comms with the University on no-detriment policy
- First-ever Union Council online
- Over 700 students in community group
- University has created a separate hardship funding for students affected by COVID-19

How I told students:

- Weekly Facebook Updates
- Student Newsletter

Priority 2 Student Loans/Additional Costs

Actions:

Helped to organise APPG on Students

Went to Parliament to represent Hull students on the topic of student loans

BBC Radio Humberside Interview about APPG Meeting

Meeting with Emma Hardy MP

Outcomes:

Over 500 responses to additional costs survey

APPG on Students are now producing a report

Emma Hardy MP raising question in Parliament about NHS parking for placement students

How I told students:

Weekly Facebook Updates



Priority 3 Union Governance

Actions:

Union Council - x 4 motions

Zone Meetings - ratifying SO

Meeting with Activities Zone to sort governance out

Outcomes:

We had our first-ever Union Council online last week and it was fab! In typical fashion, it last three hours and I am really pleased to have passed 4 motions.

- Changing our brand to be Hull University Students' Union putting students back at the heart of who we are!
- ✓ Changing the Governance Zone to be called the Union Development Zone, to better reflect the focus and breadth of work that is done by this zone, and be more forward and future-facing on campaigns and projects rather than just governance
- ♥Putting a proper accountability process in place for Presidents, PTO and members of Union Council
- √Finally revoking Standing Orders in the Activities zone, leading to these groups having greater autonomy on how they are run from now on.
- √You can read all about Union Council here

https://hulluniunion.com/.../ar.../union-council-update-30-march

Ratified SO at Zone meeting - all Union Governance now updated this year.

How I told students:

Facebook Weekly Updates

Student Newsletter

Meeting of the Month VC Meeting

Which priority it helped:

COVID-19

Who it was with:



President Team, CEO and VC

Outcome:

Working on key student issues with the VC and how to improve them.

How I told students:

Facebook update

Next month I will be focusing on:

- 1. Additional Costs
- 2. Students' Union app
- 3. Your Ideas





President Report

President of Sports Erin Pettit Submitted: 26th February 2020

My three priorities this month (04th February – 26th February) were:

- 1. Varsity Planning!
- 2. Cost of Sport
- 3. Better promotion and recognition of the AU

Priority 1 Varsity Planning

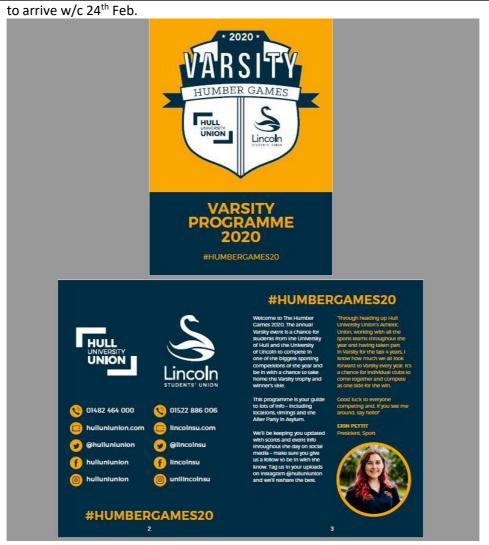
Actions:

- Keep mentioning Varsity to the VC and ULT
- Varsity Programmes
- Work with Hull Sport to get Varsity signage at the Hull Sport Park
- Varsity staffing requirements
- Varsity signage
- Prep Varsity packs for sale
- Finalise with Hull Sport the fixtures
- Ensure transport to external venues has been arranged
- Ensure everyone has the correct officials to compete
- Ensure SHES placement students and LINKS are booked for first aid cover
- Ensure the internet is sorted for e-sports
- Catch up with Lincoln SU
- Make an event for Varsity pack sales

Outcomes:

- I keep mentioning Varsity to the VC and to ULT and when it is closer to the event date I intend to 'formally' invite them. By doing this, I have created some excitement around the event for them. I hope that if they attend they will see first-hand the positive benefits sport has on so many students and as a result they will begin to really appreciate the AU and sport in general. I am hoping they will attend the event so that I can then ask for a larger investment into Sport as they will have been involved in part of the amazing way it impacts students.
- Worked with marketing to finalise the Varsity Programme. It is similar to previous
 years and has been kept short and sweet. I have written an opening statement for
 the booklet and these have now been signed off for printing. Programmes are due



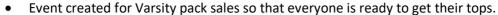


- Worked closely with Hull Sport who have allowed us space on the kick-boards to advertise Varsity. They will also project the programme/timings of events on their screens. We can also put a banner outside on the fence!
- Worked with Alex/Vicky to finalise a plan of staff to cover the event these will be
 visiting external venues as well as the venues at the Hull Sport Park. We have
 sorted cloakroom staff times also. The commercial team will be organising their
 own staff (bars/shop/etc). We have decided to have 4 security staff to monitor for
 any pitch-side alcohol consumption. Hull Uni Angels confirmed for the After Party
 asylum night.
- Worked closely with marketing to sign off all sign designs. These will be popping up around on campus closer to the time. These will be on the screens in the SU, on the lampposts on the walkway outside the library, on the Larkin building and on the Gulbenkian building amongst other locations. The poster boards are also changing weekly to feature count down posters.
- Worked with Jesse (welcome desk reception team member) to ensure the correct number of tee-shirts were ordered and that they would arrive in time. I worked with Stonewall to secure the rainbow laces which have arrived. Jesse has also designed and ordered the wristbands. The Varsity packs are ready for sale!
- Vicky and I have collected all the fixtures we are hoping to play at the Hull Sport
 Park and these were sent to Matt at Hull Sport. He has returned a draft schedule to
 us which I checked with AU teams in AU Council. A few changes needed to be made



and these have been fed back to Matt. Times are now finalised and are printed in the programme. We also worked to have a 'highlight' event – Men's Basketball was selected and it has been arranged that the seats will be pulled out to allow lots of spectators. We have further exciting ideas for this so stay tuned!

- I have asked any club that needs transport to an external venue to contact Vicky Dean who is collating them all and then organising with Acklams Coaches.
- I have reminded all Captains and Presidents that they need to sort their own officials for Varsity and that HUU will pay for the official. I have worked with a few clubs to find officials I have used contacts of Hull Sport to do this. Everyone now competing has officials in place for their event/fixture.
- I have confirmed with Lois Smith (Hull Uni) that the Sports Health and Exercise Science (SHES) students will be on hand to help with Varsity first aid cover. They will be offering pitch-side assistance as they do on BUCS Wednesdays. I am in talks with LINKS to try and arrange for them to also assist on the day this is TBC.
- In discussions with Joe Raw (HUU ICT) and the Uni ICT to see how best to get Lincoln students on the internet on the day. This is ongoing but is on everyone's agenda and so I am confident that a solution will be found promptly.
- Checked in with Lincoln to finalise teams competing. So far so good! We have also
 agreed that if any matches are unable to go ahead due to weather that these would
 be null and void and no points would be awarded. This discussion came to light
 after some flooding occurred at the athletics track that they are not sure will be
 sorted by Varsity.





How I told students:

- Much of this is admin and behind the scenes work and so it doesn't necessarily need to be communicated to the wider student body.
- The AU Presidents and Captains have been kept in the loop with much of this as they have arranged officials, requested transport and checked over the fixture schedule.
- I have been mentioning Varsity to the students I speak too out and about.
- The countdown posters have built up some hype for the event and I have had lots
 of enquiries from clubs who are not competing asking if they can still buy a pack
 and come down and support this is so exciting!



 The wider Varsity promo has started going out online, the video has been released and posters are up outside the SU. Varsity is featuring on the screens in the SU and so students are become aware. When the larger banners go up more students will find out!

Priority 2 Cost of Sport

Actions:

- Write Union Council motion to oppose increasing Sports Pass prices
- Continue with cost of sport report for John Duffy.

Outcomes:

• Motion written for 9th March Union Council. Title: Should Hull University Students' Union oppose the increasing price of the University Facility Sports Pass (formerly called Sports Pass)? If this motion passes (fingers crossed) it will ensure that the next President of Sports keeps the cost of sport on their agenda. If it passes it will also help my cost of sport report as it will show further student support to reduce the cost of sport.



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Should Hull University Students' Union oppose the increasing price of the University Facility Sports Pass (formerly called Sports Pass)?

Working on the report has been a little slow as I have had lots of students popping
in with club issues. I have also had potential candidates for next year's President
roles coming in to discuss the job.

How I told students:

• I'll tell them if it passes at Union Council!

Priority 3 Better promotion and recognition of the AU

Actions:

• Big up Varsity to the University staff



- Collate pictures for the AU Wall
- · Club shout outs are ongoing

Outcomes:

- As mentioned in Priority 1 I have been working to ensure that ULT are excited for Varsity.
- I have had the pictures for the wall printed, they are all now in photo frames they are going up slowly but surely.



• I have received emails and messages from some clubs asking if their trophies can be featured in our trophy cabinet – this has been lovely to receive as students want to show case their wins and feel as if the Union are valuing them again.

From: Hull University Dance Squad < hullunidancesquad@gmail.com >

Sent: 24 February 2020 14:08

To: HUU Sport < huu-sport@hull.ac.uk; Victoria Dean < v.Dean@hull.ac.uk; Alexandra Tute < A.Tute@hull.ac.uk; Victoria Dean < v.Dean@hull.ac.uk; Alexandra Tute < A.Tute@hull.ac.uk); Victoria Dean < v.Dean@hull.ac.uk); Alexandra Tute < A.Tute@hull.ac.uk)

Subject: Leeds Competition Awards

Hey Erin,

On Saturday we attended a competition in Leeds against 8 universities, some really amazing teams such as Nottingham Trent, University of Sheffield, University of Leeds attended this comp so it was a hard one for us. I am so thrilled to tell you we came home with 8 trophies, including Highest Overall Scoring University!

The other awards were: 1st place in Advanced Tontemporary, Inter Ballet, Inter Street. 2nd place in Solo and Wildcard. 3rd in Advanced Tap and Inter Jazz.

This is such an amazing success for us as we have won 15 trophies in total this comp season and we still have one competition to attend next weekend (Liverpool John Moores). I would love for our Highest Scoring University trophy to be held in the trophy cabinet as it is one we are very proud of as a squad and we hope you're just as proud!

Hi Erin,

Archery has got a trophy from a few years ago that has just been sitting in storage with our equipment and I was wondering if it would be possible to add it to the trophy cabinet in Sanc. It is from Archfest 2015 where our university team competed in Amsterdam. I understand this is a bit outdated, and that the trophy case is probably quite full with more recent awards, but this is also the only trophy we have for our sport at present and it would be great to showcase it somewhere.

How I told students:

These have been going out on Facebook in updates on HUU Sport or the SUs page.
 Individual clubs have also been celebrating their own pictures and trophies on their own social media accounts – this has been a really big win for me and I am thrilled to see them





Meeting of the Month AU Council (11th Feb)

Which priority it helped:

Priority 1 and 3

Who it was with:

- AU Presidents
- AU Committee members

Outcome:

- Helped finalise Varsity plans
- Helped promote AU clubs and their successes spoke about the Trophy cabinet and the photo wall



• Spoke about individual club successes





President Report

President of Sports Erin Pettit Submitted: 1st April 2020

My three priorities this month (26th February – 1st April) were:

- 1. Varsity Planning
- 2. Club Handovers and AGM support
- 3. COVID-19 Madness

Priority 1 Varsity Planning

Actions:

- Invite ULT to Varsity
- Sell Varsity packs
- Last min alterations to schedule due to pitches being unplayable
- Riding club varsity event
- Finalise and sort staff
- Finalise transport
- Varsity signage and varsity promotion
- Finalise details of the day
- Check back in with Lincoln SU
- Feature in the Universities newsletter
- Men's basketball feature event
- Team GB athlete
- CANCELLATION COMMUNICATIONS ∅ ∅ ∅ ∅

Outcomes:

- Formally invited ULT to Varsity. This received lots of positive comments from ULT who said they were excited for the day. Both John Duff and Kate O'Connell said they would love to attend and they even collected a varsity pack! This will be really beneficial as John is the man I will direct my cost of sport report to. Likewise Kate is the chief people officer and so having the support from these two ULT members will be hugely beneficial. The Varsity video was shown to ULT in a meeting this month, they loved the video and loved the feel that it was a whole campus feeling and they seemed really excited by the event!
- Varsity packs sold out in 5 and a half hours! This is record time as they are typically sold over the week. This proved that the promo and build up to it has been really useful. I did receive some back-lash that I didn't get sufficient packs ordered,



however, these have been the numbers used in the past and as mentioned previously they have not always sold out – I communicated this to the relevant students. In future it may be worthwhile putting out feelers for how many students are interested in purchasing a pack? To overcome this we have made advanced After Party asylum tickets available.



Some pitches were unavailable to play on due to the rainy weather a few weeks
ago. As a result we have had to move a couple of matches, these have been done in
constant communication with the club affected and have caused as little impact to
the fixture schedule as possible.



Riding went ahead with their Varsity event on Wednesday 11th March – they drew! They had a fab day and we are super proud of them!



hulluniversityriding Oxmardyke Equestrian Centre













Liked by charlieforrest25 and 40 others

hulluniversityriding VARSITY 2020

so proud of all of our girls today, it was a great day and everyone did amazingly!

we came team 2nd in the dressage, taking individual 2nd, 3rd

we came team 1st in the jumping, taking individual 2nd and 4th!

#wearehull #varsity2020 @hulluniunion

2 hours ago

- A Varsity staff handbook was created by Vicky, I have checked this over and we are both happy with the final product. This will be communicated to all staff who are helping on the day. Staff will also receive a briefing on the morning of Varsity to outline what they are expected to do. The SHES students will be given a separate briefing that is to be coordinated by Hull Sport/their supervisor.
- Transport has been confirmed and a schedule of when and where busses will be collecting students traveling to an external venue has created. This schedule has been shared with the relevant clubs and societies and it is included in the staff briefing/handbook.
- Confirmed Lincolns bus times with them these will be featured on the screens in Asylum and in the SU.
- I made it!!! I featured in the universities staff newsletter inviting all staff members down to come and support Varsity. I was really pleased with this as its huge proof that the University were beginning to take sport seriously and to shout about some of the great achievements of our students!
- Promotional material started going up on 9th March. They look amazing and are really spreading the campus wide feel – they featured on many students Instagram stories as they were walking around campus which is exciting! Arrows are due to be painted in chalk on the path to the Hull Sport Park on 13th March.

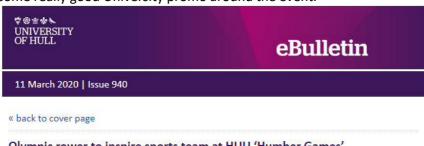




• Small things have been finalised so the day runs smoothly. Some examples are, a results slideshow has been made and just needs updating throughout the day,



- socialling venues have been sorted for AU clubs, exceptions have been made to allow clubs to watch the results without having to social in Asylum, AU Clubs were briefed on the alcohol stance and the cloakroom was organised and set up.
- We have spoken to Lincoln to see if they had any final questions and have arranged parking for their coaches and their staff members.
- Men's Basketball have been told they will be a featured event in Varsity and this is
 the event I recommended to ULT. A Team GB athlete will be coming to start this
 game off and will be awarding player of the match afterwards. This should be really
 exciting and should hopefully allow AU members to see first-hand come of the
 benefits of the Team GB partnership. Men's basketball have been promoting their
 fixture and they normally get a good turnout at their events so this should have
 been really good.
- The Team GB athlete selected was Tom Ransley, he is a rower who played basketball during his time at university. I had planned to take him around some of the events spending approx. 15 mins at each. He was scheduled to give out some gifts to any stand out players he saw. It was a token gesture but it would have got some really good University promo around the event.



Olympic rower to inspire sports team at HUU 'Humber Games'

Olympic rower, Tom Ransley, is set to inspire Hull sports teams as they compete against Lincoln University students at the annual <u>Varsity</u> match on Saturday.

• CANCELLATION COMMUNICATIONS ② ② ② ③ O- I've decided this is already way too long so read more about it in Priority 3...

How I told students:

- Online
- Banner around campus
- In meetings with students
- Face-to-face with AU Presidents
- It's everywhere!!

Priority 2
Club Handover and AGM support



Actions:

- Meet with Sports Co-ord, Societies Co-ord and Student Opportunities Manager to discuss
- COVID-19 alterations
- Union Council motion governing student committee elections
- Generally supporting clubs and socs through this and answering questions

Outcomes:

• I have written a series of guidelines for how clubs and societies should be holding their elections in their AGM. These were sent to all club and society Presidents.



The following document has been put together to help you run you AGM and elect your new Club/Society committee fairly and in line with best practice procedures.

• These were then altered due to the covid-19 outbreak to help students hold these AGMs online – I received many thanks for this from both clubs and societies.



A quick 'how to' guide on setting up a Google form to collect your AGM votes:

 Click the following link to Google forms and sign in to your google account https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/



- 3. Set up
 - Add a 'Form title'
 Ensure the 'Question' is multiple choice by using the drop down menu.
 - Ensure the 'Question' is multiple choice by using the drop down menu c. Add the committee positions up for a vote in the 'Question' section d. Add the names of the Candidates running in the 'Options'. Make sure you

much for putting the guide for the AGMs in the societies group page! I was just

Hi Erin, thank you so

- I have written a motion for union council to update the standing order that governs student committee elections.
- A handover document was prepared by Vicky following the meeting and this has been communicated to all committee members.

How to Handover to a New Committee

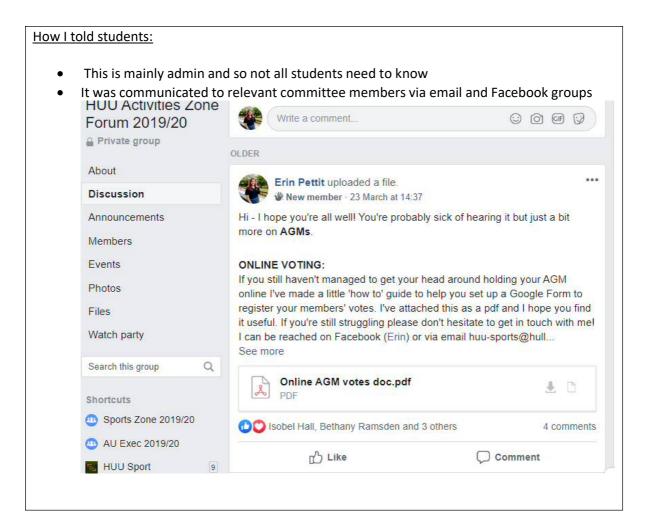
When you move on from your committee positions, it's important that your successors know exactly what their role involves. This guide will help you support the incoming committee as they settle into their new roles to ensure that your club runs smoothly.

What is a Handover and why is it important?

To 'handover' means giving up your committee position and passing over the important information and skills to your successor. It's crucial

 I have answered lots of questions on this, mainly about the movement online, but I have had questions such as what to do if there is a lack of interest in the committee roles or other general support.





Priority 3 COVID-19

Actions:

- Varsity cancellation
- Changing the way we work
- Community group
- Sport Pass partial refund request

Outcomes:

- On the evening of 13th March we were told we had to cancel Varsity, despite being given the go-ahead earlier in the day. This was absolutely heart breaking for me after all the work that had gone into it and after the excitement around it. We pulled together as a huge team and so it was managed as smoothly as I think it could have been:
 - Communications were handled by our marketing team with me working alongside them. We also had regular contact with Lincoln so that we had mirroring comms to our students
 - o Venues and transport was cancelled
 - I had to contact Presidents and captains asking them to cancel officials



- We had to consider refunds for packs and ticket sales
- o Cancelling volunteers (SHES/Angels)
- Cancelling scheduled social media posts
- Honestly the list was massive and it was super sad but we managed thanks to a huge team effort!
- Once the SU building shut, we had to change to working online. It has been taking a
 bit of getting used to but I think we have found a way to ensure students know we
 are still representing them.
- Isobel had the idea to set up a community group and we have all been working to come up with ideas on how to populate this group. Personally I came up with loads of ideas for online activity that will be drip-fed into the group in the upcoming weeks. I also contacted student groups to see if they had any ideas and to let them know that they could promote their ideas in the group.

Morning! I hope you're all well

We're looking at putting together a schedule of online events to ensure everyone stays connected and to try and tackle any potential loneliness before it sets in!

If your group are going to put on an online event for your members we are asking that you kindly open this up to everyone as in times like this we need to come together and demonstrate the amazing community we have. \checkmark Let us know about any planned activity so that we can promote it for you -

Let us know about any planned activity so that we can promote it for you - You can either drop the details (what/when/where) in the comments or send me a message on Facebook or an email (e.pettit@hull.ac.uk)

If you haven't got anything planned yet but you have ideas ? that we can share to inspire other student groups who may be struggling please comment these too...

Whether its holding your football training on Fifa, running your social through the House Party App or simply grabbing a coffee on Facetime we want to know!

Torch TV have shared their Minecraft server and dance squad have hosted a quiz and a dance class as a few examples to date. I have worked with Hull Sport and they have been sharing home workout videos also. I have given a few other clubs ideas and I am just waiting for them to deliver a final product, contacting clubs individually was a huge success as the clubs felt listened to and knew we were still here for them.

Hi Erin, I am thanks, I hope you are too!
Really like the look of this, had been
mentioned by a couple of people - I don't
have the facilities at my parents home to do
this - but I know others in the club do using
apps such as Zwift. Leave it with me and I'll
have a chat around and see what we can
come up with!
Really like all that your doing supporting the

club's in this difficult time, keep it up 2

That's amazing I've sent it to the club to see if anyone will do it- I'll pass on anything if they get involved

It is early days for the group but we all have high hopes!

• I am working to get students a partial refund on their sports passes due to the closure of the Sports Centre. I have worked out students effectively 'lose' 33 days of their sports pass and so I don't think it's fair that they will not be reimbursed for this. I have a meeting with Steve on April 2nd about it and so a further update will follow.



How I told students:

• Online – emails/facebook

Meeting of the Month ULT Breakfast Meeting

Which priority it helped:

• Priority 1 and 3

Who it was with:

- President Team
- ULT
- HUU CEO

Outcome:

- It helped build further excitement within ULT for Varsity
- It was a great chance for us to check in with the University and update them on our objectives
- We had the chance to discuss the COVID-19 situation (in its early days this was before any closures/cancellations)
- Improved our relationship with university staff as we explained our representative role I think they now understand in better detail and are more appreciative of our input.





President Report

President of Inclusivity & Diversity Abi Morris

Submitted: W/C 6th April 2020

My three priorities this month were:

- 1. COVID-19
- 2. Mental Health
- 3. Accessibility

Priority 1 **COVID-19**

Actions:

- Adapting to working from home and moving all meetings and events to online
- Working with the President Team to make sure students are fully informed with what is going on at the University, and to make sure students have their queries and questions heard and answered
- Working with my zone to look at how we can take our representation online and ensure that change is still being made and people are continuously supported

Outcomes:

- President Team Q&As twice a week making sure we are visible and accessible to students and showing them how we are representing them
- As a team we are having daily catch ups to make up for the fact that we aren't sharing an office anymore ensuring that everyone is up to date with what is going on and that we are sharing the workload and demand that is coming in for us at the moment.
- All meetings successfully moved online e.g. first online zone meeting successful and arguably more accessible for all to attend
- Continuing to work with Evie with her consent campaign planned ways to keep this going remotely e.g. short term survey, setting up meetings with university
- Chloe doing daily BSL lessons
- Working with Hannah to keep Trans Support up and running

How I told students:

- HUU Community page set up and used to communicate activities such as the Q&As



- Students who things specifically affect have been made aware through their reps e.g. Hannah in contact with Trans community about the support group

Priority 2

Mental Health

Actions:

- #HullMinds campaign → aim to look at how aware people are of the University provisions and the quality of them
- Was always planned to happen but comments on Hullverheard, Hull care and from the admin himself further showed the importance of this to our students
- Discussions with student services about how we can better connect with students about the support available to them
- Campaign had to be converted to a digital campaign due to COVID-19 so therefore I am not expecting as many responses as I originally would have liked
- Also ties into the 'Welfare Officer' work I have been looking at from my manifesto looking at what this role would look like and what it could be used for

Outcomes:

- Survey created and now live
- Will be open for around 10 days but option to extend if there aren't enough responses
- Plan to take it to the next Mental Health Working Group with the University at the end of April
- Wellbeing Mentors motion taken to Council and sent to a select committee
- In preparation for the committee I have been working on a role description for the
 position to give people a clearer view of what the volunteers would be doing,
 making it easier in the future to clearly communicate to students what the role is
 for and how it should be used

How I told students:

- Survey has been all over my Facebook page and twitter
- Being posted on the main HUU Facebook page

Priority 3

Accessibility



Actions:

- Massive media story around accessibility at the University referring to a particular case, with a follow up interview also done with the VC
- Hosted accessibility open forum for anyone to come and have a chat about what issues and barriers they face, and how the university could solve these
- VC asked for an independent review to be conducted and asked for our involvement
- A meeting was also set up by the University with the student in question to which I attended to support
- I was also looking at how we could make our services at the Students' Union more accessible, especially the website

Outcomes:

- Accessibility group was a huge success people came and were very open about their experiences and it helped massively to understand the struggles people experience daily
- Notes were taken from the group and were passed on to those conducting the review so they could see what the current situation was like from a student perspective
- I was asked to write a statement to go in the review, and to give information about what the Students' Union does was also asked to read over the draft of the review to make sure the information I had given was correctly communicated
- Since the meeting with the University, they have directly tackled the issue of reporting and communication by introducing a specific accessibility reporting tool
- Since moving to working from home, the upcoming accessibility working group has been postponed – at the previous meeting sub groups were created so we have been asked to just work on our specific topic in the meantime (I am on the estates subgroup)
- A meeting was also put in my diary with the director of estates, the HR director and the director of student services to tackle some easy wins that were originally raised by the student in question e.g fixing a stair lift, making the library more accessible etc. This work is ready to happen but has been put on pause due to COVID-19 and the limited availability of materials and resources
- In regards to our website, I found an accessibility tool bar that could be installed to our website allowing people to choose how they view the website (for an example of this go to yusu.org and click accessibility tools on the top right hand side of the page) – this was provisionally approved by the Student Union's Senior management Team, but has since been put on hold due to COVID-19

How I told students:

- Accessibility open forum advertised on social media
- Made a group similar to Isobel's climate action group with those who attended the first meeting and have been continuing to communicate with them through this
- Talking to the University about how they could promote the reporting tool, and how we can shout about its success.



Meeting of the Month Period Dignity Event

Which priority it helped:

Inclusivity

Who it was with:

This was a meeting set up by Councillor Hester Bridges as chair of the City's health and wellbeing board, and was attended by people from all over the city ranging from other councillors, Women's Aid, Dianna Johnson and many others. I attended this alongside Jane (CEO)

Outcome:

This meeting was used to assess what Hull does in terms of period poverty and how we ensure that everyone who needs sanitary products can access them. We were able to talk about our emergency sanitary product scheme across the university, and offered support in researching how people can access these products monthly, and how the city could come together further to tackle period poverty.

How I told students:

This was mentioned in a weekly update – a further blogpost was going to be done after researching what further work I could do on the matter but COVID-19 got in the way.

Next month I will be focusing on:

- 1. Mental health
- 2. Welfare Champions
- 3. Representation





President Report

President of Education Orduen Simeon Submitted:08/04/2020

My three priorities this month were:

- 1. Drop-in Sessions for Course Reps
- 2. Moving all forms of Representation online
- 3. Lots of work on University policies & stances

Priority 1 Drop-in Session for Course Reps

Actions:

With the help of the Education Coordinators, Benedict & Ellis, I have been able to have drop-in sessions for course reps at least once every week with the option to do an extra if required.

The conferences are hosted on Canvas. Dates & timings every week have so far, alternated between Tuesdays or Thursdays at 1pm every week; we keep course reps informed about the timings.

Outcomes:

- I have been able to gather feedback from course reps on issues they feel is relevant to them.
- We have had deliberations, discussions and agreement
- These 'agreements' have helped inform some of my decisions during this time.

How I told students:

- Via social media
- Via Canvas announcements
- Via emails
- Via President team blog

Priority 2 Moving all forms of Representation online



Actions:

Given the current situation, I have had to adapt and explore various other ways of reaching out and representing students.

I have had to use at least 3 other online platforms that I never had to use previously to communicate which has been fab.

Outcomes:

- I have been able to arrange a drop-in/forum type session for Hull Online students.
- Have meetings online with members of University staff to discuss student issues
- Interact with students online where necessary to provide support or direction where possible
- Plan to discuss what we can be doing more of in order support PG students (Thanks Emily Birch - PGR Students' Officer ©)

How I told students:

- The drop-in/forum type session will be communicated to the relevant students
- President team blog

Priority 3 Lots of work on University policies & stances

Actions:

Lots of students have been asking questions with regards to University policies & stance on issues that affect them at various level. This includes the No-detriment policy, laptop for students who need them the most, access to software required within certain programmes/modules etc. Some of these have been done in partnership with Isobel.

Outcomes:

- The no-detriment policy is now in force, although the finite details are still being sorted out at programme & modular levels.
- Have meetings online with members of University staff to discuss student issues
- Interact with students online where necessary to provide support or direction where possible
- Lots of back and forth email exchanges

How I told students:



- Direct communications with some students in certain cases i.e. email, Facebook dms etc.
- Facebook live.
- Course Rep Drop-ins.
- President team blog.

Next month I will aim to:

- 1. Course Rep Drop-ins.
- 2. Continuous support of students.



PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES WORKLOAD

1. Academic Societies	Meetings with AD Student Experience	ACTION Opps to lead, PE to support SOM and Societies Co-ordinator met with PE to discuss PA work so far, PE to explore increasing support by the University for academic societies for areas that don't have them and help us promote them for the ones that do.
	Academic Societies on Open Days	ACTION Open Days with PRES and CEO CEO and PRES met to discuss Open Days format CEO and PRES to meet with University to discuss Open Day offer On hold during COVID-19
2. Activities Zone Standing Order Changes	SEC Representative Positions	Opps to pick up with Huey and Dows TBC when we are back in a normal function to continue work with Dows.

Media Executive Committee – Work with Ellis	Opps team to pick up and work with SEC Opportunities Manager and PRES met with Media to discuss.
LINKS to become a Society	Opps team to pick up and work with SEC PRES attended LINKS meeting to discuss governance and other issues Completed. Guidance sent out to all former committees on the changes of moving to a society.
Update RAG Standing Order – Work with Jacob	Opps team to pick up and work with SEC PRES raised at RAG meeting to discuss Dows, Opportunities Manager and PRES to meet with RAG Chair to discuss further and address concerns. Complete, this standing order will be used to form the RAG constitution.
Societies Council	Opps team to lead PRES to discuss at Activities Zone Meeting whether it is useful to call another meeting for those with concerns about Tom leaving the role.

		Decided that an extra Societies Council wasn't needed
	Zone meetings	PRES to attend PRES arranged first zone meeting since Tom leaving the role. To discuss how workload is being distributed and update on SO progress. Societies Coordinator to attend Zone Meetings Zone meetings continuing over Facebook Messenger Video.
3. Commercial Services	HUUSL Board/ Business Plan i. Student Feedback	H.Board attendance to go to T.Board for agreement CSD to pick up feedback
	Student Events Forum – End of Year Ball	Ents Team to pick up Cancelled due to COVID-19
	Motion: Healthy Food Options	ACTION PRES PRES finding out what progress has been made

		CSD working with student on food market initiaitive. On hold due to COVID-19
	Motion: Living Wage Employer	ACTION PRES PRES finding out what progress has been made
	Commercial meetings	CEO to attend
4a. Digital Strategy: Student Dashboard Development	Signing off documents digitally for policy compliance	ACTION SOM Oops team currently trialing adobe sign to use this format and have all forms digital.
	Room Bookings - new module being introduced on Nov 18th 2019	ACTION SOM Awaiting communications from SUMs on this - May be a little longer due to the current climate.
	Events and trips, including some sort of events calendar	ACTION SOM The calendar element did not take place unfortunately but is something we can work on next

		year with the SEC. But same as above regarding sums for the online trips and events feature.
4b. Digital Strategy	Society Newsletter	ACTION SOM Society co-ordinator sends this our monthly to all societies.
5. Finances	Update Societies Grant Criteria	ACTION SOM Action complete. Societies grant criteria reviewed and updated.
	Review Membership Fees	ACTION SOM (AC to find info on the membership fees) Membership fees are reviewed at the beginning of each year. We'll be asking the groups to review in line with them budgeting for the year ahead.
	Budgets	ACTION PS and SOM – to have a meeting on this PS has passed over the sports budget documents which can be altered to suit societies and will be sent out with the forms to sign and training to complete by the next committee.

6. International Students		ACTION PRES, PE, and PID – work with SVM
7. Recruitment	Adopt a Society	ACTION Opps to continue with this This has quietened down but could be a good idea to pick it up again soon. Also, we are looking at adopt a project for the HUSSO projects that are inactive. ACTION Opps to work with marketing to promote
8a. Reward & Recognition: Activities Awards	Venue and Decorations	PT to help with promo Completed - happened over social media due to COVID-19
	Running of the night	PT to help with promo and event Completed - happened over social media due to COVID-19
	Awards and Nominations	PT to help with promo Completed - happened over social media due to COVID-19

8b. Reward & Recognition: Society Reward Scheme (Bronze/ Silver/ Gold)		Sits with Opps team and SOM PT to give suggestions to SOM on AGM attendance Results announced on social media
9. Room & Venue Hire	Middleton Hall	PT/Opps will work with Student groups to secure venues when needed
	University Campus Charges	Complete
10. Safe and Well-Regulated Clubs and Societies	Society Training Forum	Sits with Opps and SOM. PT to meet with SOM This will take place before welcomefest and host a variety of training courses such as autism awareness.
	Handovers	PS to pick up with SOM and AC Handover documents sent to all activity leaders.
	Volunteer Role Descriptions	Sits with Opps and SOM Completed - these have been sent out with the AGM guidelines and will sit on the upcoming

		resources page for students to access when needed.
11. Social Media	Accounts	Marketing to deactivate all PA Social Media accounts AC/CSD/Marketing to collate passwords from PT CEO to pick up with PS PT to be added to PA's groups
12. Volunteering		Angie to continue - Angie looking into online volunteering options. CEO to continue Fundraising Policy work - complete and is visible on the website.

Wellbeing Mentors Select Committee Report

Background:

On Monday 9th March 2020, a motion was brought to Union Council by Ryan Parker (Councillor of Scrutiny, Sports Zone) proposing to introduce Wellbeing Mentors to all clubs and societies at Hull University Union.

Council decided to send this motion to a select committee to be further discussed.

Four members of Council were voted to sit on this committee as voting member;

Jacob Thorne (RAG Chair)
Huey Arslan (SEC Mentor)
Casper Nicholas (Foundation Year Officer)
Ryan Parker (Councillor of Scrutiny, Sports Zone)

Council decided that ex-officio member, Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union to chair the committee.

The Committee:

The Committee met on Monday 6th April 2020 via Facetime (on Facebook Messenger).

In attendance was:

The Committee consisting of:
Jacob Thorne (RAG Chair)
Huey Arslan (SEC Mentor)
Ryan Parker (Councillor of Scrutiny, Sports Zone)

Isobel Hall (Chair)

Abi Morris, President of Inclusivity and Diversity (in attendance).

Due to technical issues, Casper Nicholas was not able to join the meeting.

Issues raised:

- That the role would put all the responsibility of the student group's 'welfare' onto one person
- There would be an expectation for the individual in the role to be someone to disclose issues to and act as a councillor despite the volunteers not being qualified to do so
- That certain members of a student group may not feel comfortable going to that member who has volunteered for the role
- That the volunteer may be liable for any actions an individual takes due to their advice
- How the wellbeing of that volunteer would be ensured and what safeguarding measures would be put in place by the Union



- That there was no evidence to suggest that having this role would have an impact or any effect on improving student wellbeing
- That the role would clash with the University's scheme of Wellbeing Champions
- That the title of a mentor gave the wrong connotations. Similarly, the suggestion of being a champion may imply that the individual is exceptionally knowledgeable about all things metal health
- That the position should be mandatory if it is going to be strongly encouraged
- That all committee members of a student group should get the training not just one individual

The Committee Resolves:

The role of a Wellbeing Advocate is to address two issues. Firstly, raising awareness of support services that students can access, and secondly to protect the students already in similar roles anyway (e.g Welfare Officers on committees), who get little support and training for the role that they are in.

The title of a Wellbeing Advocate, should not refer to welfare due to the Hull University Students' Union moving away from the title of welfare and the connotations that it implies for the roles. Similarly, the title should not imply that the volunteer is in any way a mentor to students on wellbeing issues, nor that they are exceptionally knowledgeable about the topic. Therefore, the title should be Wellbeing Advocate to ensure there are no misconceptions about the role and that it is a volunteer who is a strong promoter of support services for students.

This role should be strongly encouraged in all student groups, but not mandatory. The reason for the role not being mandatory is as follows:

- We do not want to force a student into a position they do not want to do or feel comfortable doing
- We want to ensure the students going for the role are volunteering for the right reasons
- To keep the role separate from the group's committee so students have an independent person they may feel more comfortable to go to (this is not to exclude committee members from volunteering for this role, but those outside of committee should be preferred)
- To keep it as a voluntary position that does not require being elected into
- We want someone in the role who genuinely cares for promoting student support services and not have it as an add to a role

The Committee resolved that all student group committee members should have a basic level of signposting training that will be organised by the Students' Union. Therefore, if a member felt uncomfortable going to the Wellbeing Advocate for whatever reason, the information is still easily accessible through other means. Those who volunteer for this role will get added benefits of being able to attend additional training on top of this basic level.



The role of a Wellbeing Advocate is not for this to be one person per student group, as multiple students can hold this volunteer role. Therefore, a student group may have one Wellbeing Advocate or multiple Wellbeing Advocates. The Students' Union will strongly encourage student groups to have members in these roles, and will support them to recruit members into the volunteer role.

The role of the Wellbeing Advocate is purely to promote student support and therefore, they are not professionally trained counsellors nor hold any accreditations. These volunteers are separate from the University Wellbeing Champions, but a more joined up approach is currently being worked on by the President of Inclusivity and Diversity, and the University lead for the Wellbeing Champions. These volunteers are therefore not liable for any actions of individuals due to their advice and are protected by the Students' Union safeguarding policy. This will be communicated to all student group members, making it clear exactly what this role is for and how it should be used appropriately.

The Students' Union has a responsibility to ensure they promote and support the wellbeing of these volunteers in their role.

It is recommended that Council reviews these roles at the end of the 20/21 academic year to assess the impact of having these volunteers and any improvements that need to be made. Therefore, the President of Inclusivity and Diversity should take a lead on reviewing this, alongside the President of Sport and President of Activities, and bring it back to the penultimate Council meeting of the year.

The Committee recommends that the Council passes the newly amended motion presented, in line with this report.



Union Council Motion - M.1920 - 26

Title of motion:

Ecosia Search Engine

What do you want to change?

Ecosia is a search engine that uses the ad revenue it generates from searches to fund operations around the world planting trees. On average every 45 searches with Ecosia plants one more tree. I would like the University to change their default search engine from Microsoft Edge to Ecosia.

Why do you want to change it?

The University have made a pledge to be Carbon Neutral by 2027, changing to Ecosia can help plant up to 40 new trees per day which will contribute to this goal.

What do you want Hull University Union to do?

To lobby the University to make sure they make this change.

Proposer: Ryan Ward, Student Trustee

Seconder: Isobel Hall, President of the Union



Union Council Motion - M.1920 - 27

Title of motion:

Motion to replace Education Zone Open Meetings (EZOMs) with Course Rep Forums (CRFs)

What do you want to change?

Replace the current EZOMs with the Course Rep Forum. This would be aimed at Course Reps within the zone although it would still be open to anyone who wants to attend.

Why do you want to change it?

Since the start of this Academic year, only once have we had more than 10 people attend an EZOM. This was at the first one in October when 49 of the 50 who came were Course Reps.

I believe this is because after the first meeting, most felt it was not relevant enough for them as Course Reps. Many Reps have mentioned to me over the course of the year that they missed having Course Rep Forums.

This has been discussed with Faculty Reps and Part-Time Officers at Education Zone meetings and we are in agreement. It is better for the President of Education to focus on catching up with Reps, keeping them up-to-date and finding out what they need as well as how to support them, than it is to try and capture the entire student body. This would put less pressure on this person while at the same time increase effective communication with reps within the Education zone.

What do you want Hull University Union to do?

Replace EZOMs with Course Rep Forums, thus revoking standing order 3003 Education Zone Open Meetings and replacing it with 3003 Course Rep Forums. The following standing orders will need to be reviewed as well:

3001 President of Education

3004 Faculty Representatives

3005 Deputy Faculty Representatives

3007 Course Representatives

3008 Postgraduate Taught Officer

3009 Postgraduate Research Officer

3010 Postgraduate Faculty Representatives

3011 Mature Students Officer

3012 International Students' Officer

3013 Foundation Students' Officer

3014 Part-time Students' Officer

3015 HYMS Students' Officer



Proposer: Simeon N. Orduen.

Seconder: Charlotte Binns (Councillor for Scrutiny), Katherine Coates (Faculty Rep, FBLP), Emily Birch (Postgraduate Students' Officer), Casper Leigh Nicholas (Foundation Students' Officer)



Union Council Motion - M.1920 - 28

Title of motion:

Motion to remove Course Rep Leader positions and to that effect, standing order '3006 Course Rep Leaders.'

What do you want to change?

Remove Course Rep leader positions and streamline a more formal way for Faculty Reps to receive information within Faculties.

Why do you want to change it?

There has been a lot of confusion as to what the Course Rep Leader's function is, who they represent and how the role applies to Course Reps. In some case, this has led to a break in the relationship between the Course Reps in certain academic units/subject groups.

More than 80% of course rep leader positions were left unfilled, compared to subject rep positions the previous year. As this role was intended to feedback to Faculty Reps with regards to issues affecting students at academic unit/subject level, there was a missing link. We intend to ensure that Faculty reps will now receive minutes from SSFs to make up for this so they can be informed about issues that are raised at SSFs across Faculties and more effectively support the students they represent.

What do you want Hull University Union to do?

Remove Course Rep leader positions and standing order '3006 Course Rep Leaders.' Other Standing orders that would need reflect this change include:

3001 President of Education

3004 Faculty Representatives

3005 Deputy Faculty Representatives

3007 Course Representatives

3008 Postgraduate Taught Officer

3009 Postgraduate Research Officer

3010 Postgraduate Faculty Representatives

3011 Mature Students Officer

3012 International Students' Officer

3013 Foundation Students' Officer

3014 Part-time Students' Officer

3015 HYMS Students' Officer



Proposer: Simeon N. Orduen.

Seconder: Charlotte Binns (Councillor for Scrutiny), Katherine Coates (Faculty Rep, FBLP), Casper Leigh Nicholas (Foundation Students' Officer).



Union Council Motion - M.1920 - 29

Title of motion:

Should we introduce Wellbeing Advocates to student groups?

What do you want to change?

To introduce Wellbeing Advocates to student groups

Why do you want to change it?

Based upon the original motion submitted by Ryan Parker brought to Council on 9th March, and the report submitted by the Select Committee, we believe that Wellbeing Advocates to be introduced to address the following two issues:

- Raising awareness of support services that students can access
- To protect the students already in similar roles (e.g. Welfare Officers on committees) who get little support and training for the role they are in

Please see documents attached to the motion for further context and information.

What do you want Hull University Union to do?:

To introduce Wellbeing Advocates to student groups as recommended in the Select Committee report.

Proposer: Abi Morris (President of Inclusivity and Diversity)

Seconder: Ryan Parker (Councillor of Scrutiny, Sports Zone), Jacob Thorne (RAG Chair), Huey Arslan (SEC Mentor), Casper Nicholas (Foundation Year Officer), Phoebe Bastiani



Wellbeing Advocates Role Description

Aim

This role aims to be a signposting figure in each student group. Getting information out about University and external services has always proved to be difficult. Therefore, this will ensure that each student group will have someone who can disperse this information to their members.

Key Responsibilities

- Attend mandatory signposting training at the beginning of the academic year
- Attend additional training where provided
- Signpost members on specific issues to receive help and assistance
- To have direct contact with the President of Inclusivity and Diversity and HUU staff members for any support they may need

Recruitment

Being a Wellbeing Advocate is a volunteer position and not elected. Therefore, anyone in the student group can be a Wellbeing Advocate if they wish. It will be a Student Union wide scheme, with recruitment happening twice a year at the beginning of Trimester 1 and the end of Trimester 2. Individual committees will be encouraged to advertise this to their members, and encourage them to put forward a self-nomination through the hulluniunion.com website. It will be recommended to have at least one advocate in each student group, but there is no limit on how many Wellbeing Advocates each group can have.

For each self-nomination, it will be required for the individual to complete training in order to become a wellbeing advocate.

Volunteers in this role can expect to have regular contact from the Students' Union in regards to further training, information and support.

For further information, please contact huu-inclusivity@hull.ac.uk



Union Council Motion

Title of motion: Should the Presidents Team Lobby for the Return of Top Dance Floor (Stage) in Asylum?

What do you want to change?

At the beginning of the 2017 academic year Hull University Union 'Asylum' Club underwent a period of change. As a result it experienced one of the most traumatic periods it has ever faced in it's history with the heartbreaking loss of two of it's finest institutions on the AU Sports Night. These were the following:

- The Closing of the 'John McCarthy Bar' commonly referred to as JMAC
- ${f 2)}$ The Closure of the stage space as a Dance Floor referred to as Top D

The Student body would like to see this space reopened on a Wednesday AU Night. Therefore this motion desires that the Union Council implore the Presidents Team to lobby and investigate the potential for bringing back this space to students. Even if just for once a month or big events such as Halloween.

Why do you want to change it?

Top D, as mentioned earlier, was an institution of Hull University Union Asylum, and a hallmark of an AU night, and especially a good AU night out. This motion implores the council to insist on it's passing so that the President's Team can lobby for the return of such a wonderful part of the Wednesday Night Out, and in some ways a reward to the students for weathering the storm that is COVID19 and it's lockdown.

The Research compiled in support of this Motion is as follows, a Instagram Poll and responses received from the Poll.

The criteria for the poll is as follows for the vote to be counted. It must be from a current member of HUU which was verified by account or an Alumni graduated in the last academic year (July 2019 onwards) The responses where taken in the same vein either being a current member of HUU or Alumni. This was chosen as Top D has been closed for almost 3 years now and the current members of HUU who still remain since it's closing are fewer each year, and therefore this gives a more clearer picture to Council of what this meant to the Student Body but in particular the AU.



The Poll data:

Poll began: 7th of April 2020 at 1100 Poll closed: 8th of April at 1100

Total engagement: 294

Total votes for: 83

Total votes against: 1

Total votes following the criteria: 80

Total votes for (Criteria enforced): 79

Total votes against (Criteria enforced): 1

Some of the responses received were as follows:

"It was a place where all students mixed (regardless of whether they were part of an AU team or not) and could enjoy themselves. Everyone was enjoying themselves together. In comparison to now where it feels very much that au teams stick within their teams and there isn't as much mixing between groups"

- Emily Birch -

"Never experienced it, but heard all good things, sad that a generation won't know what it is"

- Lucy Satur -

"The atmosphere in that space was unlike anywhere else in terms of the joy it brought to all students. To bring it back would uplift the quality of a night at Asylum tenfold and return it to its legendary status amongst all Hull has to offer".

- Joshua Desbie (Alumni 2019)-

"Just that it's more space for people to dance, main d floor is too packed and people are always standing on each others feet leading to squabbles and fights"

- Jonathan Bryant -

"top dance floor brought the Asylum users closer, literally and figuratively, which in turn created a wonderful atmosphere within the club, and a more enjoyable night out for us all."



"More Space More Fun"

- Owen Millwood (Alumni 2019) -

"Bring back Top D - Sadly missed but not forgotten"

- Rhianna Phillips -

The evidence provided highlights what can be seen at first glance as a lot of support for bringing back Top D. This motion believes that this will hold up to further scrutiny if passed.

What do you want Hull University Union to do?:

The action this motion seeks to see is, for the outgoing and in coming President's Team to lobby and investigate the possibility for what many in the AU hope is the subsequent return and opening of Top D to Asylum on Wednesday Nights.

Proposer: Ryan Parker (Councillor of Scrutiny for Sport)

Seconder: Lucy Satur (Representative for Women in Sport) Lucy

Tune (AU Marketing and Communications) Sioban Pickering

(Environment and Ethics Representative) Miguel Beedle (Councillor for Scrutiny for Governance) Evie Kyte (Women's Rep) Rhianna

Phillips (AU Secretary) Emily Birch (PGR Officer)

We can give you advice on the idea, how to write a motion and tips on how to present it at Union Council. If you would like any help or guidance please contact huu-council@hull.ac.uk. If you would like any spelling and grammar checked, please ensure your motion is submitted two clear days before the motion deadline.



Union Council Motion - M.1920 - 31

Title of motion:

Should Union Council update Standing Order 8009 (see below) to govern Student Committee elections?

What do you want to change?

Update Standing Order 8009.

Why do you want to change it?

Standing Order 8009 was introduced in October 2019. It sets out to govern Student Committee elections so that they are run fairly and in line with best practices.

I want to update Standing Order 8009 to include a section on holding the Student Committee elections and vote online, in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

I also want to update Standing Order 8009 to increase the required **quoracy** from 20% to 25% to bring it closer to the quoracy required for Union Council (50% +1). I believe this increase will not be at the detriment to the students involved in organising the Student Committee elections due to the new option to facilitate the election and vote online. An increased quoracy will also provide a more representative vote.

These updates to Standing Order 8009 have been considered alongside comments from the Sports Co-ordinator, Societies Co-ordinator, Volunteering Co-ordinator and the Student Opportunities Manager.

Proposer: Erin Pettit (President of Sports).

Seconder: Isobel Hall (President of the Students' Union), Abi Morris (President of Inclusivity and Diversity), Lucy Tune (AU Exec Marketing and Communications Officer), Lucy Satur (Representative for Women in Sport), Ryan Parker (Sport Zone Councillor of Scrutiny), Rhianna Phillips (AU Exec Secretary), Vanessa Igbenabor (AU Exec Inclusivity and Diversity Officer), Tejiri Cousin (AU Exec Participation and Engagement Officer), Huey Arslan (Society Mentor).



STANDING ORDER GOVERNING STUDENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

INTRODUCTION

1. Interpretation

These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Articles, Bye Laws and the relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Union, and shall be interpreted accordingly. In these Standing Orders:

- a. "HUU" means Hull University Union;
- b. "Clear days" excludes University holidays; Bank Holidays; Saturdays and Sundays.
- c. "Student Committees" refers to the committees of any Standing Committee, Sports Club or Society ratified by Hull University Union.
- d. "Student Group" refers to the collective sum of the committee and membership of a Sports Club or Society.
- e. "Paid Members" refers to students who have paid their membership for the Student Group in which they are intending to vote.

2. Application

These Standing Orders are to apply, unless otherwise prescribed, to all Student Committees and are to be interpreted in such a manner as not to conflict with the Articles and Bye Laws of Hull University Union.

3. Amendment

These Standing Orders shall be amended from time to time by Union Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A MEETING

4. Calling a general meeting

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) must be called annually in Trimester 2 by the President or Chair of the Student Committee with the assistance of the Secretary, to elect an incoming committee for the following year. The new Student Committee details must be updated with HUU no later than the 1st of May (unless prior agreed with the President of Sports or President of Activities accordingly). In the case of a vacancy opening up during the year, or if a position was not filled during the AGM, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be called to fill the vacancy. An EGM can be called by:

- The President or Chair of a Student Committee:
- A simple majority of the Student Committee (more than 50%);
- The voting membership of the Student Group upon written request, from 25% of membership, to the President or Chair of the group;

5. Venue

The venue for the meeting must be in a public place so all members can attend. A lecture theatre or venue on campus is recommended. To request a room booking, please email huu-reception@hull.ac.uk.



6. Notice

The event must be made public. Your members and HUU must be notified at least 7 clear days in advance of the meeting. This notice should include a date, time and venue of the meeting, as well the roles up for election. It is important that you provide a couple of lines describing what each role does.

To ensure all your members are notified, you can get a full list of your members from your SUMS dashboard. For help on this, email huu-sport@hull.ac.uk. Notice must be given to HUU through one of the above emails.

CONDUCT OF MEETING

7. **Chairing**

The meeting will be chaired by the President or Chair of the outgoing Student Committee. If they intend to run for a position they must step down for that part of the meeting and another member of the outgoing Student Committee should chair that vote.

If preferred, you can request a member of the Societies Executive Committee or Athletic Union Executive Committee to attend to ensure the vote is conducted fairly.

8. **Positions to fill first**

The roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer are considered essential positions to the running of a committee and must be filled first before other auxiliary roles are considered.

9. Quoracy

25% of your paid members must vote at the meeting in order for the vote to be valid.

CANDIDATES

10. Eligibility to stand

The following refers to members of the group whose Student Committee is being elected.

<u>Paid members</u> - Entitled to stand and vote in committee elections (both EGM and AGM), and vote on all questions of policy. To stand, they must confirm they will be a University of Hull student for the length of their term.

<u>Associate members</u> - Cannot stand or vote in committee elections. They are entitled to attend, speak, and place items on the agenda at all meetings.

<u>Placement Students</u> - If they are on placement for 12 weeks or more in the upcoming year, they cannot run for President. They can however run for another position on committee as long as they have sufficient time to fulfil the role.

11. Expressions of Interest

In best practice, it is advised that candidates wishing to stand, express interest to the President or Chair prior to the meeting. Members can also nominate themselves on the day of the meeting but it is encouraged that they fully consider the position they are running for.



12. Length of Speeches

For each position, the candidates who have nominated themselves will be given 2 minutes to explain why members should vote for them.

13. Questions

Once all speeches have been given for a particular role, the meeting will be opened up to members to ask questions.

Questions should be relevant to the role and directed to all candidates for that role. It is recommended that questions are limited to five per role, however this is up to the discretion of the Chair running the meeting.

VOTING

14. General

All paid members can vote once for each position that is to be filled. This does not include associate members.

For each position, there must also be the option to vote to Re-Open Nomination (RON). An EGM would have to be planned for a later date in that case.

15. Method of Voting

Voting shall be done by secret ballot. The vote will be counted by the Chair of the meeting and verified by another member of the outgoing Student Committee. Proxy voting is not allowed.

16. Voting Procedure

For a candidate to be successfully elected they must have a simple majority of the vote. This means that they need to receive 50% +1 of the votes

Where there are 3 or more candidates, if the candidate with the most votes does not have 50% +1 of the overall votes, then there will be another round. The candidate with the least number of votes is knocked out and members will be asked to vote again. This will continue until the candidate has got 50% +1 of the votes.

In the event of a tie the winner (or candidate to be removed) shall be determined by a coin toss. In the event of a 3+ tie there shall be a drawing of lots to decide the winner (or candidate to be removed). This shall be done by the President or Chair of the outgoing Student Committee, with another Student Committee member observing.

HOLDING THE MEETING ONLINE

17. General

In some cases it may be necessary to hold the meeting and vote online. In this instance, the above still stands with the following alterations:

18. Venue

The meeting must be hosted on an online platform so that all members can attend. There must be no limits on capacity or timings of the platform. For further support on what online platform to use, email huu-activities@hull.ac.uk or huu-sport@hull.ac.uk.



19. Length of Speeches

For each position, the candidates who have nominated themselves will be given 2 minutes to explain why members should vote for them. This can be done live through the online platform or via a pre-recorded video. Alternatively, candidates may submit a manifesto of a maximum of 250 words.

20. Method of Voting

Voting shall be done by secret ballot. The vote will run through the online platform and will be verified by the Chair of the meeting and another member of the outgoing Student Committee. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that only eligible members have the ability to vote. Proxy voting is not allowed.

21. Voting Procedure

For a candidate to be successfully elected they must have a simple majority of the vote. This means that they need to receive 50% +1 of the votes.

Where there are 3 or more candidates, if the candidate with the most votes does not have 50% +1 of the overall votes, then there will be another round. The candidate with the least number of votes is knocked out and members will be asked to vote again. This will continue until the candidate has got 50% +1 of the votes.

In the event of a tie the winner (or candidate to be removed) shall be determined by a coin toss, this must be live to all members through the online platform. In the event of a 3+ tie there shall be a throwing of dice to decide the candidate(s) to be removed. Each candidate will throw a dice, live to all members through the online platform, the candidate with the lowest roll is eliminated. This is repeated until a 2 candidate tie is reached, the winner (or candidate to be removed) shall then be determined by a coin toss.

REGISTERING THE NEW STUDENT COMMITTEE

22. General

Once the Student Committee has been elected, their details and positions need updating with HUU so that they can be contacted when necessary. Details on how to register the new Student Committee will be provided by the President of Activities or the President of Sports annually as this process is subject to change with developing technologies.

