

UNION COUNCIL – Monday 30 November 2015 –Scarborough Camous, 6:30pm

MINUTES

Please note: all amendments that took place during the meeting with regard to position titles or individuals have been reflected in the membership.

Membership

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance		
			19 th Oct	30 th Nov	14 th Dec
Chubike	Okide	President	✓	✓	
Matthew	Evans	VP Education	✓	✓	
Ashleigh	Davies	VP Welfare & Community	✓	✓	
Kathy	Brook	VP Activities	✓	Apols	
Gurmok	Sanghera	VP Sport	✓	✓	
Simon	Hernandez	VP Scarborough	✓	✓	
Governance Zone					
Jamie	Boote	Campaigns and Democracy Officer	✓	Apols	
Paul Henry	Blackburn	Environment and Ethics Officer	✓		
Welfare & Community Zone					
Bethany	Walton	LINKS Officer	Apols	Apols	
Katie Marian	Bowden	LGBT+ Officer (Role share)	✓	Apols	
Liam	Crosby		✓	Apols	
VACANT		Community Reps Officer			
Adeloa	Fadipe	Black Asian Minority and Ethnic (BAME) Officer	✓	Apols	
Emily	Bolt	Women's Officer	✓	Apols	
Daryl	Jones	Disabled Students Officer	n/a	Apols	
Education Zone					
Philip Yelland		Mature Students Officer	n/a	Apols	
Moipone Mokone		Part-time students Officer	n/a	Apols	
Robert		Postgraduate	n/a	Apols	

Champion		Taught Officer			
Mohammad Al Khaldy		Postgraduate Research Officer	n/a	✓	
VACANT		Faculty Co-ordinator Hull York Medical School	n/a	n/a	
Declan	Whiting	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Science and Engineering	✓	Absent	
Daniel	Walker	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	✓	Apols	
Victoria	Welborn	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Health and Social Care	✓	✓	
Elizabeth	Barracough	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Education	✓	Apols	
Matthew	Thorneycroft	Faculty Co-ordinator Hull University Business School	✓	✓	
Kym	Cardona	Academic Council Rep	n/a	✓	
Eunice	Owusu-Kyereh	Academic Council Rep	n/a	Apols	
Activities Zone					
Elizabeth	Palmer	Chair SEC	✓	Apols	
Viktorija	Ivanova	Chair ISA	✓	Apols	
Nathan	Thompson	Chair Media	Apologies	Apols	
Joshua	McMullan	Chair RAG	✓	Apols	
Scarborough					
Tabitha Elizabeth	Nixon	Scarborough Campaigns Officer	Apols	✓	
James	Verity	Scarborough Community Officer	✓	✓	
VACANT		Scarborough Sports Officer	n/a	n/a	
Lana	Goldthorpe	Scarborough Welfare Officer	✓	Apols	
Gavin	Straine-Francis	Scarborough Education Officer	✓	Apols	
Charlotte	Reeve	Scarborough Equality and Diversity Officer	n/a	✓	
Sports Zone					
Callum	Fraser-Hurley	AU Tour Officer	✓	Absent	
Sam	Craig	AU Kit & Equipment Officer	✓	✓	
Benjamin	Rae	AU BUCS Officer	✓	Absent	
Laura	Huntenburg	AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer	✓	Apols	

Grace Lucy	James	AU Secretary & Communications Officer	✓	Apols	
Sam	Walker	AU Varsity & Events Officer	✓	Apols	
Charlotte	Constable	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education	✓	✓	
Oliver Edward	Taylor	Councillor for Scrutiny – Activities	✓	Apols	
David Andrew	Gamble	Councillor for Scrutiny – Welfare & Community	✓	Absent	
Padraig Sean	Curran	Councillor for Scrutiny – Sport	✓		
Nadia	Hassani	Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a	Absent	
VACANT		Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a	n/a	
VACANT		Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a	n/a	
VACANT		Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a	n/a	

In attendance

Liz Pearce – Membership Services Director (Secretary)

1. Chairs Business

It was noted that the meeting was inquorate and therefore items would be considered and, where relevant, approved in principle to be passed by assent at the next Union Council meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Minute 5 Amendments to Standing Orders: The changes to standing orders approved at the last meeting had not yet been published. Changes would be uploaded to the HUU website within the next 2 weeks.

4. Amendments to Standing Orders

i) Motion from the Disabled Students Officer– amendment to 5007

The motion to replace the role of ‘Social Secretary’ with the role of Mental Health Liaison Officer was received. In the absence of the Disabled Students Officer the motion was presented by the VP-Welfare and Community. It was noted that the role of ‘Social Secretary’ has not been utilised within the Disabled Students Committee for a number of years and the creation of a new post reflected a need identified by the committee. The proposal had been considered by UEC and, following amendment, endorsed.

PASSED IN PRINCIPLE

Action: Once endorsed HUU to amend standing order and upload to the website.

5. Secondment

The secondment of Nathan Alcock to the position of Scarborough Sports Officer was ratified in principle (there were no objections to his appointment).

6. Ratification of Societies

All societies that were brought to Council were ratified in principle.

7. Associate / Life Members Fees

A revised form and pricing structure for Associate and Life Membership applications was received. It was noted that the change in process is designed to bring the mechanism for joining AU Clubs and Societies in line and to reflect the premium to be placed on Life Membership. The revised pricing was considered and the following recommendation made for discussion at the next meeting:

- Life Membership - £150
- Associate Membership - £25 (plus £10 renewal per year)
- Associate Membership 5 year - £50

Action: Membership Services Director to amend form, pricing and recirculate for approval

8. Gender Neutral Toilets

Union Council had discussed the development of Gender Neutral Toilets in the 2014-15 session but no action had been agreed. Council received research and recommendations developed in response to continued discussion of this issue.

The VP-Welfare and Community presented the research and read a personal testimonial from a student in support of the development of gender neutral toilets.

Council discussed the issues arising from the location and design of the current toilets in HUU, the design of the gender neutral toilets in the Brynmor Jones Library and the need for inclusive facilities.

Action: All members to consider the research and recommendations, consult widely and bring the views of constituent groups back for discussion at the next meeting.

9. Zone Reports

Verbal reports from the Chairs of each Zone were received.

i) Chair Governance

- The first President's pick of the month happened on Wednesday 18th November and the challenge was to dress up in a Harry Potter outfit all day while doing Presidential activities. The experience will be the subject of a blog post.
- The Accessibility campaign was launched with the Disabled Students Officer. The President and the Disabled Students Officer spent the day going round campus in wheelchairs, the event will be repeated and a video documenting this activity will be released soon.
- The first faith forum has been moved to 7th December.
- Info leaflets are currently in design and will be printed and ready for the next Sabb sofa.
- Chair Campaigns and Democracy and the President have been undertaken campaign planning sessions exploring new and participatory forms of campaigning.

ii) Chair Education

VP Education

- Focus lately has been on the UK Quality Assurance Agency Higher Education Review visit last week. This is something that every Higher Education provider in the UK has to go through once every 6 years. We had c.20 students from both campuses take part, with the external review panel meeting with students from undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, in varying years and stages of their degrees. (Thank you to those of you who took part!)
- Over the coming month the VP Education will be writing a draft response from HUU to the Government's green paper on Higher Education. Students getting involved is paramount to this, and it will form part of the University's response to the Government. As well as this, the VP Education has been focusing on launching the feedback and assessment campaign before Christmas in time for the January assessment period, to raise awareness of the Feedback Charter and of the expectations of students and staff around getting feedback on assessed work.

Faculty Co-ordinators

- All working on projects within their faculties, working with VPE and the Deans/Associate Deans. In science and engineering, working on a petition that came from students in some departments with rumoured changes to the structure of their departments that came from staff.
- Other's are raising issues in their Faculty Learning, Teaching & Assessment Committees as they are happening in November/December, issues have come through Academic Councils and directly from Course Reps.

Academic Council Reps

- Academic Councils continue to go from strength to strength with record numbers attending the meetings. We had Jeannette Strachan (University Registrar & Secretary) and John Hemmingway (Director of ICT) come to Academic Council and get feedback from Course Reps on the student analytics project. VPE getting lists of CRs to Academic Council Reps to help communication.

Student-Led Teaching Awards

- Launched Monday 23rd in Hull & Thursday 26th on the Scarborough Campus. We received just under 100 nominations on the launch day, and the zone will be doing large targeted 'push days' during the second semester to carry on the good work with the SLTAs.

Staffing

- We have a new member of staff (Jacob Zobkiw) starting as Education Co-ordinator tomorrow who will help the Zone's work with Student-Led Teaching Awards, Student Written Submission and other projects within the Education Zone.

iii) Chair Welfare & Community

VP Welfare & Community

- Launched the housing 'No Rush Campaign' – especially after finding out about a company called 'Student Accommodation Union' sending people texts. Keep asking student accommodation businesses about this but no one has heard of them as a genuine business of yet.
- Worked on Hull University Union's White Ribbon Awareness Event (Tuesday 24th November), an evening of live performances, guest speakers, fundraising and more. Money raised will go to the White Ribbon campaign and the Preston Road Women's Centre.

- Met with HUU mental health society president to improve mental health awareness. Did an event on world mental health day with Mind, mental health society and more joining for the day.

BAME Officer

- 4 new committee members
- Holding a debate in December about social uprising and looking at the past.
- Working on Standing Order changes
- Talked to VP W+C about the state of BAME office

Disabled Student Officer

- Launched the ' Wheelchair Access campaign' results have been surprising
- Looking at changing standing orders
- 2 new committee members
- Working with Laura (inclusive AU) to start an inclusive AU campaign
- Working with accommodation due to a disabled wheelchair user been told accommodation was accessible when it wasn't. The student discovered this when turning up for her first year on move in day.

LGBT+ Officer

- Going to LGBT+ Christian meeting to debate LGBT+ issues
- Been part of 'Big clean' with a number of societies on Sunday 15th Nov.
- Had weekly meetings and information sessions.
- Pride Party plans are well under way – looking at late Feb.
- 20th November candlelight vigil transphobia.

Women's Officer

- Doing work around lad culture – looking at doing consent awareness workshops very soon, maybe trying to get the University to join with other universities that make consent awareness compulsory.
- Having film screening very soon.
- Campaign Sec stepped down and we are hoping to fill the vacancy very soon.

Links

- Had over 200 people apply to be part of Links – after interviews down to 24 to go on the pathway program which will double Links first aiders at the union.
- Held EGM to fill in PR position in committee.
- Thinking of doing a 24 hour fundraiser CPR.

iv) Chair Sport

- VPS has been working on the alumni weekend on the 19th February.
- VPS arranged rehab for AU team players
- VPS has worked hard to achieve one of his manifesto points ie "better facilities" and there will be an announcement shortly. Presidents from sports teams have input into University facility plans and the University Sport Strategy.
- VPS will be working with the University to ensure that students continue to input to the Strategy implementation plans and any work on facilities.
- VPS is now focusing in getting more money for sports teams by fundraising, (including shaving his own hair!) or looking at sponsorships from companies in the local area.
- VPS and VPA will be leading a campaign on student experience with the full details coming out by the end of the semester.
- The membership of the AU is looking positive with increased membership. We believe we could get more playing sport at University and will continue to work towards this.
- Four teams remain in the BUCS cup, game of the week this week is Women's

- Rugby Union vs Teesside,
- AU ball was a success with 240 attendees. VPS negotiated a combined ticket with admission to Trevor Nelson at 411.
- Our tour numbers are looking fantastic, 680 deposits paid, we reckon around 600-620 will actually fully pay the £320.
- Surridge the kit supplier visited in order to help resolve a few issues.
- Free delivery of kit is being trialed. The free delivery does take a lot of HUU resources and will be reviewed.

v) Chair Activities

vi) Chair Scarborough

Vice-President

- Chaired the Open Forum with Glenn Burgess, which provided a Q&A session for students to talk about campus wide matters. Cross campus services was a big discussion point from the Forum.
- Working with the University, have secured funding for a weekly shuttle service between Scarborough and Hull. Currently trying to co-ordinate events to coincide with these cross campus visits to Hull.
- Launched “The Big Scarborough Shout Out” (TBSSO) campaign. This is an umbrella campaign that will focus on different aspects of the Principles of an Excellent Student Experience document (which is a set of promises the University will uphold during the transition). The first phrase is a review of contact time with lecturers. We have received response letters from each department on how they plan to maintain academic standards moving forward.

Education Officer:

- Has chaired two Rep Forums to talk with Course Reps, society and sports representatives on academic and campus service matters. We now have over forty elected and over twenty trained.

Welfare Officer:

- Is planning a campaign called “Breaking Down the Barriers” to raise awareness of mental health issues and stigma.

Community Officer:

- Co-ordinating two HUSSO projects for Education and Green Space; in touch with a local school where students act as reading helpers and supporting our environmental science society, Shrubs, who are maintaining our Green Space.
- Equality and Diversity Officer:
- Has been elected in our by-elections, thank you to everyone that helped pass the motion for the new position. Currently arranging engagement sessions to determine what students would like to see as part of equality and liberation around campus and in the community.

Campaigns Officer:

- Planning a campaign seeing what students want to see maintained during the transition, specifically around campus services. This will also act as part of The Big Scarborough Shout Out.

Team Update:

- Raised over £70 for Children in Need by hosting a “Scarborough’s Got Talent” night.
- Held a #Prayerforpeace evening in remembrance of victims of recent terror attacks.
- Supported an Inclusive Sport event, where attendees could sample activities and go on a course to work with athletes with disabilities.

10. Any Other Business

i) Union Council Communications – Social Media

A suggestion was received that a Union Council Facebook page be established as another mechanism to communicate with representatives. The benefits of both closed and open groups were discussed in the context of the work of Union Council and the need for transparency and inclusive debate. It was noted that HUU already has a strong social media presence and more could be done with existing tools.

Whilst the majority of attendees supported the suggestions it was agreed that a proposal for a Facebook page would be brought to a future meeting.

ii) Attendance

The Chair highlighted the poor attendance at the meeting and noted that elected students have a responsibility to attend, or as a minimum send apologies to meetings. The HUU Bye-Laws highlight that any member of Council absent without apologies is deemed to have resigned and further discussion and reiteration of the value of attendance would be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 December, Scarborough Campus