



Your Union

HUU Academic Council - Hull

Wednesday 29th April 2015

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Minutes of Academic Council

Held at 2:15pm on Wednesday 29th April 2015 at University House, Meeting Room 1

Date of meeting	13/11/14	09/12/14	02/02/15	10/03/15	29/04/15
Attendance	92 Attendees 66 Apologies	52 Attendees 48 Apologies	82 Attendees 43 Apologies	45 Attendees 70 Apologies	45 Attendees 47 Apologies

1 Apologies

Please ask ERC for apologies

2 Welcome

Welcome from VPE

3 Approval of minutes

Minutes approved

4 Approval of actions

5 Course Rep Investigate

i) The Student Charter

Faculty Co-ordinators led on discussions about the student charter.

Course Reps liked the student charter, they particularly felt that the university is inclusive as noted within the charter. The main concerns raised were around the access to the careers service after graduation as well as the usage of alumni relations network. VPE noted that they would engage with both university services to provide more promotion.

ii) Course Rep Code of Conduct



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The Code of Conduct was brought back to Academic Council for final approval before ULTAC, there were no amendments.

6 Course Rep Issues

- i) The cost of graduates joining the Union as an associate member was raised. VPE noted that if associate membership is to increase it would be something to direct to the Membership Services Operations Manager, and if it was to increase it would be appropriately advertised.

Library lifts were noted as broken, and claustrophobic and taking a long time to reach other floors. VPE noted it will be raised with the University Librarian.

Heating inconsistencies were also raised, course reps said that when it is warm outside, it is too cold inside and vice versa.

Social Sciences Course Reps mentioned the Hong Kong partnership, as it meant that students were not receiving their feedback outside of four weeks.

Building work on the fifth floor of the library is causing disruption.

Chemistry Course Rep noted that they had not received emails regarding Academic Council, ERC apologised.

Course Reps asked if there was the possibility of having more floors in the library where students can eat. VPE noted that the only floor that students may eat on is the ground floor in the library café.

Computer Finder not working appropriate within the library was also mentioned, furthermore the number of out of order computers for a significant amount of time was raised as an area for concern.

- ii) VPE asked course reps to comment on Academic Council and how it could be improved. Reps loved external individuals presenting at Council in particular the library. Course Rep queried why council had differing times VPE explained that this happens so that a cross section of students can attend, so that its not the same people each time. ERC suggested that the University of Bath Students' Union holds two councils a day. VPE noted that the incoming VPE may want to try this.



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7 Any other business

- i) The Postcard campaign was advertised to students. If students want to send a postcard of poor sports facilities with a message about how sports affects their experience.
- ii) Governance Survey was mentioned and advertised, informing students that the survey will form the basis for changes internally within HUU.
- iii) Student Written Submissions were noted, that they happen every year, the infographic from 2014 was shown and the Higher Education Review taking place this year was also advertised.

8 Next meeting will be – next academic year