

Education Zone Meeting Minutes 13 February 2017

VPE raised a query of whether the Education zone requires minutes for every meeting.

DGC explained that an attendance list and discussions on objectives and projects is required and must be reflected in the minutes of the zone.

Current and completed objectives of the Education Zone in order of meeting:

Faculty Rep BLP – Charlie Hart

- Meeting with course reps to create t-shirt for them.
- Events and competitions will be taking place at the Business school.
- Some events require £200 to be attended by students.
- Aiming to find a way to offer free spaces for students that are interested.

Faculty Rep FACE – Jack Price

- Previous FACE rep stepped down. New Rep catching up with previous FACE's objectives.
- Worked with Language Learning Centre closed over Christmas.
- Drama waiting for responses from school rep.
- Working on bringing Buddy supports with Language school rep.

Councillor for Scrutiny – Ben Howard

- Waiting for objectives to be completed and the videos of Matt to be scrutinised.

Faculty Rep BLP – Theo Stylianou

- We were working on raising awareness of Course Reps, School Reps and Faculty Reps through schools.
- The law school has a very low number of course reps who are mostly inactive.
- Initially objectives have been on raising awareness of course reps.
- Refocussing of objectives to work on the websites/canvas and iHull for more info on representation.

Postgraduate Research Rep – Rebecca Devine

- Work on the community of postgraduates and create Forums for postgraduates.
- Working on teaching as a postgraduate. It is proposed for postgraduates to receive credit for teaching.

Faculty Rep Health and Social Care – Victoria Welborn

- Meeting with Emily Foster – improving student engagement through students and course reps.
- A poster was made and printed to be taken around the faculty.
- A survey was made by a course rep but results haven't been seen yet.
- A paper newsletter instead of emails as students avoid reading emails.

- A proposed PowerPoint with important dates or information to be projected prior to every lecture is being considered by the faculty.

HYMS Faculty Rep - Vassili Crispi

- More anatomy teaching lessons introduced in lectures with less students in lecture rooms for better progression of the lesson both in Hull and York.
- A new pharmacology lecturer is going to be introduced to teach better on the effects of drugs.
- Medical School's Formative assessments are now released to students as revision guides for their end of year assessments.
- Poster made in medical buildings for Representatives.
- Working on improving features on the Hull site that are already existing on the York site.
- Lectures are now recorded and posted online.
- Non-iphone/android phones have been sorted through IT.

Faculty Rep Science and Engineering - Steven Storey

- Promoting Panopto to encourage lecturers to record lectures. University needs to finish education strategy first.
- Few issues that are being addressed with the variety of students existing in this faculty.
- Primarily chemistry, engineering, physics students are being treated the same in terms of their lab times. However, each module and student has different times where they can visit their lab.
- A module had a lecturer on canvas for a whole day to assist students with any questions on assignments and exams.
- A centre has reduced the number of computers and is being looked at.
- Trying to get student spaces dependant on departments. A lot of the science buildings have locked buildings.
- Attendance policies are being checked.

VP Education – Matt Thorneycroft

- Student trustees are needed for next year. Information is available if you contact Matt or DGC. It is encouraged to talk to people who may be interested in becoming trustees.
- Working on course rep videos that will be broadcasted online for students. One every week for the remainder of the semester.
- Student Sofa is brought back out on the walk way at the university for talks. 10-12 every week. Getting information through students.
- Elections opening 8th of March for officer positions.
- Working closely with iHull team on future projects.
- Canvas issues are being looked at.
- New beers in Sanctuary as new pipe system allows it and because of new tender contract after disaffiliation from the NUS.

Issues raised:

- Printing has been expressed as an issue by students, especially when submitting dissertations; on the topic of costs.
- Canvas difficulties expressed, IT related.
- iHull problems expressed.
- Surveys of modules (MEQ) may not be entirely reflective, i.e. differences between Strongly Agree or Agree may not be clear to students or dependant on circumstances of students.