

**HULL UNIVERSITY  
UNION**

Education Zone  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10:30am

Position	Name	06.11.15	
<b>Faculty Co-ordinators</b>			
Faculty of Science & Engineering	Declan Whiting		
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences	Dan Walker *		
Hull University Business School	Matt Thorneycroft *†		
Faculty of Education	Elizabeth Barraclough		
Faculty of Health & Social Care	Victoria Welborn		
Hull York Medical School	VACANT		
<b>Academic Council Representatives</b>			
Elected at first AC	Kym Cardona		
Elected at first AC	Eunice Owusu-Kyereh		
<b>Part-Time, Postgrad &amp; Mature Students</b>			
Part-Time Students' Officer	Moipone Christina Mokone		
Postgraduate (Taught) Officer	Robert Champion		
Postgraduate (Research) Officer	Mohammad Ali Obaid Al Khaldy		
Mature Students' Officer	Philip Yelland		
<b>Councillors for Scrutiny</b>			
Councillor for Scrutiny	Charlotte Constable		
Councillor for Scrutiny	Nadia Hassani		
<b>International Students Association Rep.</b>			
ISA Education Rep	Suzanne Strong		

Absent	
Apologies	
Present	

Chair – Charlotte Constable

Secretary – Kym Cardona

#### 4. VP Education Update

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 students who took part!)

Over the coming month or two VPE 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, will be 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.

VPE took the decision to cancel the HUU conversation due to the time pressures leading up to the event and the fact that we should be putting on a quality event that people will attend and take value from. VPE made the decision to focus on strengthening the Academic Councils after students have really been engaging with these over the first semester.

### **5. (a) Mature Students Officer**

PY met with Karen Smales this week, the Mature Student Adviser for the University. Traded contact information and she gave a good insight into what she has seen in mature students of the uni. She said that a big concern is the releasing of timetables for semesters from the university. Some mature students have jobs, families and other commitments they need to arrange around university, for example baby sitters. The further in advance the university can give timetables to these students, the better it would be for them to organise their lives and the lives of loved ones that their studies will effect. She suggested that we look into possibly lobbying the university about improving this.

Discussed the idea of having an official society for mature students to encourage more interaction among them. Also to try and encourage interaction among the younger students as well. Having a society would also help in the organising of activities for mature students. But this would naturally require volunteers. I did try contacting Nicola Marsden but I have had no reply as of yet and I suspect none shall arrive. Ideally, with a society, it will increase interaction, promote confidence, and encourage involvement in the union thus having more people show an interest in trying to be elected as mature student officer for next year, maybe even run for SABB positions.

### **5. (e) 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 came from Academic Councils and directly from Course Reps.

Faculty Co-ordinator (Faculty of Education) raised the issue of on campus and student parking. This has been brought up to the HUU President and is in the process of being worked on with the Estates Director. Another issue

### **5. (f) Academic Council Reps**

Academic Council meetings 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.

## 7. AOB:

### 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.

To note:

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. He will be invited to attend the next zone committee meeting in order to meet volunteers and get to grips with the structures of HUU.