

**HULL UNIVERSITY
UNION**

UNION COUNCIL – Monday, 5 December 2016 – Hull Campus, 7:30pm, Meeting Room 1

MINUTES

Attendance

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance		
			17 th Oct	14 th Nov	5 th Dec
Student Officers					
Matthew	Evans	President			
Matthew	Thorneycroft	VP Education			
George	Bainbridge	VP Welfare & Community			
Amy	Jackson	VP Activities			
Matthew	Bramall	VP Sport			
Simon	Hernandez	VP Scarborough			
Governance Zone					
Edward	Towers	Campaigns and Democracy Officer			
Aona	Stuart	Environment and Ethics Officer			
Welfare & Community Zone					
Oliver	Woodroffe	LINKS Officer			
Connor	Massey	LGBT+ Officer (Role share)			
Rayne	Goddard				
Claire	Govera	Black Asian Minority and Ethnic (BAME) Officer			
Kym	Cardona	Women's Officer			
Georgina	Lord	Disabled Students			

		Officer			
Education Zone					
Michael	Fox	Mature Students Officer			
VACANT		Part-time Students Officer	N/A	N/A	N/A
VACANT		Postgraduate Taught Officer			N/A
Rebecca	Devine	Postgraduate Research Officer			
Qiwen	Wu	International Students Officer			
Vassili	Crispi	Faculty Rep Hull York Medical School	N/A	N/A	
Steven	Storey	Faculty Rep Faculty of Science and Engineering			
Jack Price		Faculty Rep FACE			Co-opted
Victoria	Welborn	Faculty Rep Faculty of Health and Social Care			
Charlie	Banks	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	N/A		
Theodoros	Stylianou	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	N/A		
Lisa	George	Course Rep Forum Rep	N/A		
Carla	Busuttil	Course Rep Forum Rep	N/A		
Activities Zone					
Christopher	Knott	Chair SEC			
VACANT		Chair Media			N/A
Danielle	Griffin	Chair RAG			

Max	Cummins	Societies Council Rep			
Scarborough					
Bernhard	Budin	Campaigns Officer			
Josiah	Barker	Community Officer			
James	Lamb	Sports Officer			
		Welfare Officer			N/A
Rebecca	Potter	Education Officer			
Rosalyn	Davey	Equality and Diversity Officer		N/A	
Sports Zone					
Evie	Edmed	AU Tour Officer			
Declan	Whiting	AU Kit & Equipment Officer			
Jags	Sanghera	AU BUCS Officer			
Millie	Rowbotham	AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer			
Laura	Webb	AU Secretary & Communications Officer			
Kimberley	Houghton	AU Varsity & Events Officer			
Councillors for Scrutiny					
Ben	Howard	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education			
Oliver Edward	Taylor	Councillor for Scrutiny - Governance			
Christian	Calgie	Councillor for Scrutiny - Governance			
		Councillor for Scrutiny - Welfare & Community			N/A
Joshua	McMullan	Councillor for Scrutiny			

		- Activities			
Salman	Anwar	Councillor for Scrutiny - Activities			

In attendance:

Emily Normington, Executive Support Co-ordinator (ESC, Minutes)

Tania Struetzel, Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator (DGC)

Rebekah Greaves, Student Trustee

1. Adoption of the agenda
The agenda was adopted without amendments.

2. Resignations (to note)

Emma Heseltine, Faculty Rep Arts, Cultures & Education
Dean Adamson, PGT Students Officer
Lana Goldthorpe, Scarborough Welfare Officer
Ben Gartside, Chair Media
Jack Price, Councillor for Scrutiny (Welfare & Community Zone)

3. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)

Accepted as noted above.

4. Minutes from previous meeting (for approval) (Paper A)

Approved as a correct record.

5. Co-option for the positions of Councillor for Scrutiny Education Zone and Faculty Representative FACE

Jack Price was the only candidate to stand for the position of Faculty Rep FACE.
He felt he could help represent people in the faculty as he has been a School rep and presented good ideas. He would like to introduce a PG committee to engage those students. He would further like to increase representation by gaining more school and course reps.
Question about FBLP course reps being at an all-time low. JP said to speak to Education Co-ordinator to liaise with departments.
Scarborough Education Officer queried whether he would be representing Scarborough. JP said he would be happy to work on any issues and include in committees.
Question about how he would recruit course reps. JP replied that he would try to be around departments, do lecture shouts and speak to students.

With 20 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions Jack Price was co-opted as Faculty Rep for FACE.

Elizabeth Barraclough was the only candidate to stand for Councillor for Scrutiny in the Education Zone. She is a 3rd year student and has experience of being on the zone in her first and second year, having been an Academic Council rep and Faculty Co-ordinator. She wants to make sure the best is being gained for the zone.

With 21 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions Elizabeth Barraclough was co-opted as Councillor for Scrutiny for the Education Zone.

6. Student Officer Reports (Paper B)

a. President

Referendum on full-time Officer roles is taking place from 5th-7th December, President encouraged attendees to vote. No questions received.

b. VP Scarborough

Started planning WelcomeFest Reunion, it will have a wellbeing theme to prepare students for exams. There will also be a Scarborough through the years project running across the year, with local schools being involved.

Scarborough Exec has changed a few times this year. VPSc has held Talk Scarborough forums to increase support for students on campus. Activities on campus are changing due to low numbers, starting deals with local teams for students to join.

VPSc's liberation campaign is behind due to resignation of Equality & Diversity Officer, progress can continue now a new officer is in place.

c. VP Education

Not present.

d. VP Welfare & Community (no report submitted)

VPWC submitted no report due to holiday. There is a charity campaign on Thursday night and VPWC is running a tampon drive.

e. VP Sport

VPS report taken as read. No questions received.

f. VP Activities

VPA report taken as read, updated on good ideas received for the fringe festival that have gone to City of Culture for consideration. The latest edition of Hullfire is available on campus now. VPA and Hannah Cooper are working on Employability Awards for semester 2. No questions received.

7. Zone Reports (Paper C)

a. Scarborough Executive Committee

Education Officer has been promoting SSCs to course reps.

Welfare Officer has resigned, there will be a consent follow up event.

Supported RAG event and marketing material.

Sport: Christmas super team events and sport on the beach, Thursday session changed to badminton. Organising kit for rugby team and supporting VPSc organising sessions in town. Working with Campus Sport.

Equality & Diversity: Being inducted.

Campaigns Officer is supporting the liberation campaign.

b. Governance Zone

No report from Campaigns and Democracy Officer or Environment & Ethics Officer.

Councillors for Scrutiny attended training with DGC, and met with DGC to discuss the referendum.

c. Activities Zone

Report taken as read, update that Chair Media has resigned. SEC, RAG and Student Media have been getting on with their work as usual.

VPS asked for thoughts on Chair Media role – conversations with former Chair Media, DGC added that resignation letter wanted the position removing as the heads of each area are happy as they are, removal of Chair Media would make each committee run more effectively. Media committees encouraged to bring a motion to Union Council to remove the position.

d. Education Zone

Report taken as read, no questions received.

e. Sport Zone (no report submitted)

Kit & Equipment rep has completed two open forums with the contract going out for tender, requirements to be finalised for kit suppliers to come in and present to teams in semester 2.

Welfare in sport session was attended by over 70 people in co-ordination with VPWC.

This weekend LGBT+ are doing their second event along with the Exec.

Hullfire edition is now available on campus, with wheelchair basketball and American football articles.

Tour is quiet at the moment, teams voted for half board meal plan option presented by ILT.

Going to Lincoln to plan Varsity next week.

AU Ball was a great success.

f. Welfare & Community Zone (no report submitted)

VPWC has been away so there have been no meetings. There is a full Disabled Students Committee in place now. The Women's Officer has returned from leave. There will be a zone meeting this week.

8. Societies for Ratification (Paper D)
Chair asked whether there were any objections to ratifying the listed societies.
It was queried how closely the Masonic Society was affiliated to masons. Chair SEC clarified that they are not affiliated to any external societies and that they will be monitored to ensure equality. It was further questioned whether Catholic students would be able to join the society. Chair SEC responded that they would be checking on them but the society could not be discriminatory in any way.

All societies were unanimously ratified.

9. New General Business

9.1 M.1617-9 Motion to update the HUU Student Event External Speaker Policy (Paper E)

VPA has updated the policy based on feedback from the last Union Council, amendments have been highlighted in the paper.

LGBT+ Co-Officer proposed an amendment to the fourth paragraph on page one to change "gender reassignment" to "gender identity" as not all trans students go through gender reassignment. The amendment was seconded.

With 21 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the amendment passed.

No further amendments.

With 21 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion as amended passed.

9.2 M.1617-10 Motion to vote in the NUS National Ballot to risk and equality impact assess before a boycott of the National Student Survey (Paper F)

President updated on NUS motion passed at National Conference to boycott 2017 NSS survey. The survey is used by Students' Unions to work with the university on the subvention (block grant) and action planning. UEC agreed a boycott was not the way forward for HUU and supported the call for an equality impact assessment by NUS to review the effect on the HE sector. President asked UC for a mandate to vote in favour of asking for an equality impact assessment in the current National Ballot before a boycott begins.

Chair RAG queried how this boycott related to HUU's disaffiliation from NUS. President responded that this vote was more about the wider

student movement and supporting smaller Students' Unions or SUs that may not have a good working relationship with their University. There will be no consequence when Hull goes ahead with NSS. This motion/vote is to ensure the impact of a boycott has been risk assessed.

It was further queried what would happen if the outcome of the assessment was to proceed with the boycott. President clarified that NUS is not in a position to tell SUs to participate in the boycott, however they will be providing marketing materials and guidelines about the boycott and this equality impact assessment could determine the direction of these.

With 18 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 3 abstentions, the motion passed.

10. AOB

VPA announced the winners of November Volunteer of the Month. Due to the number of strong nominations, Danielle Griffin (Chair RAG) and Steven Storey (Faculty Rep Science & Engineering) were chosen to be joint winners.

Scarborough Education Officer queried when UC was going to be held in Scarborough. DGC responded that she would discuss this with VPSc.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 20 February 2017, 6.30pm, Meeting Room 1.