

**HULL UNIVERSITY
UNION**

**UNION COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday 13 November 2017 – Meeting Room 1, 6:30pm**

Attendance

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance		
			16 th Oct	13 th Nov	4 th Dec
Student Officers					
Osaro	Otobo	President			
Salman	Anwar	Education Officer			
Jennie	Watts	Welfare & Community Officer			
Caitlin	O'Neill	Sports Officer			
Governance Zone					
Kym	Cardona	Councillor for Scrutiny			
Welfare & Community Zone					
Connor	Robinson	LINKS Officer			
Connor	Massey	LGBT+ Officer (Role share)			
Georgina	Baulch				
Hayley	Hatton	Trans* Representative			
Maria	Majekodunmi	BAME Officer			
Jacqueline	Gomes-Neves	Women's Officer			
Jessica	Clunan	Disabled Students Officer			
Ruth	Williams	Environment and Ethics Officer			
Jordan	Navarro	Councillor for Scrutiny – Welfare & Community			
Education Zone					
Ashley	Pattison	Mature Students Officer			
Adam	Clifton	Part-time Students Officer			
Lauren	Williams	Postgraduate Taught Officer			
Rebecca	Devine	Postgraduate			

		Research Officer			
Stefan	Caluser	International Students Officer			
Steven	Storey	Faculty Rep Faculty of Science and Engineering			
Katie	Hobson	Faculty Rep FACE			
Amelia	Smallwood	Faculty Rep Faculty of Health Sciences			
Michael	Howe	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	N/A		
Activities Zone					
Rayne	Goddard	Chair SEC			
		Media Representative		Megan Hammell	
Tom	McNamara	Chair RAG			
Katie	Wilkie	Societies Council Rep	N/A		
Alex	Fynney	Councillor for Scrutiny - Activities			
Sports Zone					
Natasha	Wilson	AU Secretary & Communications Officer			
Maisie	Loggie	AU Members' Rep			
Nick	Wright	AU Presidents' Rep			

In attendance:

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

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

1. Democracy workshop run by Stephen Dowson
2. Breakout groups led by Connor Massey and Ruth Williams on reward & recognition of part-time Officers
Moved to the December meeting.
3. Adoption of the agenda
Agenda adopted.
4. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)
Nick Wright, Kym Cardona, Georgina Baulch, Alex Fynney, Rayne Goddard sent apologies.
5. Minutes from previous meeting (to note) (Paper A)
Taken as a correct record.
6. Trustee Board minutes (to note) (Paper B)
Environment & Ethics Officer (RW) asked what the referred to away day was; JW advised it is where trustees facilitate discussion regarding a specific topic.

RW queried whether changes to data protection will be communicated to students; DGC said the changes are to ensure compliance with regulation change in May 2018. No changes are being made to the handling of student data.

RW asked what action is being taken to reduce AU club debt; CON is liaising with clubs who are in debt to improve their finances, a support fund has also been created to ensure club sustainability.

7. Student Officer Reports – Objective updates (Paper C)
7.1 President
OO has been visiting lectures to gain feedback on how Wednesday afternoon lectures impact the student experience.

OO held a Your Ideas workshop, the session was well attended and provided students with the opportunity to share their ideas. Students left the session with an action plan to run their campaign.

An equality job fair will be held on 21st February 2018, OO will be including liberation groups in planning for the event.

OO has been reviewing content for the Student Trustee information pack to make it more engaging and attract more applicants.

OO advised that the officer team are continuing to visit and engage with their assigned faculty regarding academic and non-academic issues. The hot topic this week is linked to anti-bullying week and promoting the support available to students.

7.2 Education Officer

Time has been booked in SA's calendar for student engagement across campus; SA hopes to be more visible and approachable for students.

SA is working with International Student Officer to host a meet and greet event for international students. SA will also be attending a meeting this week to improve the international welcome.

7.3 Welfare & Community Officer (no report submitted)

JW is reviewing the Zero Tolerance policy and will be bringing the policy to Union Council in December for discussion; JW asked Union Council to gain feedback from students before the meeting.

JW is engaging with her assigned faculty, hot topics have been agreed for the next 4 weeks.

JW has been working on gender neutral toilets and will be starting campaigns for consent and mental health in the coming weeks.

7.4 Sports Officer (no report submitted)

Students can now purchase memberships for 1 semester to improve accessibility to sport.

CON has met with clubs in debt, Men's Hockey are trialling crowdfunding to reduce their debt. During semester 2 CON will assess which teams require help from the support fund. CON will now begin work on a project to review the cost of transport for clubs.

8. Zone reports (Paper D)

8.1 Education Zone (no report submitted)

Faculty and School Representatives have been working together and attending various University meetings, including SSF meetings and SEERS panels. Course Rep Forums were held last week. The PG Taught and Research Officers are working on events to bring postgraduate students together. An international student meet and greet is being held in the John McCarthy bar on Wednesday 15th November. A Facebook group has been created to increase engagement with part time students. The Mature Student Officer is hosting drop in clinics for mature students to raise their issues and concerns.

8.2 Activities Zone (no report submitted)

RAG week was successful, over £1k raised. Hull's RAG currently have the most sign-ups for Machu Picchu and Kilimanjaro fundraisers in the country. The next Animal Sanctuary event has been organised. RAG Chair asked clubs, societies and fundraising groups to register their event with RAG to be eligible to win awards in recognition of their fundraising achievements.

The first Hullfire newspaper of the academic year is now available on campus. Jam Radio are broadcasting online, with radio timetables still being confirmed.

8.3 Welfare & Community Zone

Report taken as read, CM thanked the zone for their ongoing work.

8.4 Sports Zone

The AU Ball is on Saturday 18th November, AU Exec have been organising and promoting the event. The AU Exec have started work to set up a shuttle bus to take students to the city centre following Tower on a Wednesday night. The bus would ensure students living at Pacific Court or in housing around Spring Bank and the city centre can safely get home. AS said the angel teams on Wednesday nights do a good job of keeping students safe.

AU Exec are liaising with sports teams to promote their fundraising events and fixtures. Wheelchair Basketball have a big game in the coming weeks, Megan Hammell recommended including these achievements in the December edition of the newspaper.

8.5 Governance Zone

Report taken as read. OO highlighted that the University has committed to spending £4.5m for the redevelopment of Student Central.

9. Ratification of Standing Order changes (Paper E)

9.1 RAG (SO 2008)

Taken as read, no objections or abstentions to the proposed changes.

9.2 LGBT+ (SO 5005)

Taken as read, no objections or abstentions to the proposed changes.

10. Ratification of Societies

The Socialist Society and Accounting & Finance Society were both ratified, with no objections or abstentions received.

11. New General Business

11.1 M.1718-2 Motion to introduce environmental impact forms for events (Paper F)

Paper taken as read, RW welcomed questions. Jess asked who would approve the forms and whether sufficient staff was in place to support this; RW said the forms would not require approval and would be optional; AS clarified that the form would encourage organisers to consider making their event more environmentally friendly. KW said presidents and society executives may not complete the form due to the amount of paperwork already required to run an event. OO queried the purpose of increasing the workload for students wishing to organise events.

KW suggested visiting society's council or running a separate session for presidents to raise awareness of environmental issues. NW said the form needs to be more concise for students to complete it. MH suggested creating a booklet or online/email list for consideration when organising an event.

JW proposed an amendment, to include similar questions that are more concise and integrate these into an online or existing form, possibly using a tick box to minimise workload. 13 voted in favour of the amendment, with 1 against and no abstentions.

The motion was passed with the above amendment with 11 in favour, 3 against and no abstentions.

Your Ideas

12.1 [A rethink of the bus pass for UoH students](#)

AP would like a reduced price bus pass to be available to all students, enabling students from across the city to access cheaper travel. EYMS currently offer a student bus pass within the University area. Student living elsewhere in Hull may have to take more than one bus and use different bus companies to get to the campus. AP noted that other cities including Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle offer reduced student travel passes covering larger areas and multiple bus companies. SA advised that a pass covering both bus companies costs approximately £700 a year.

JW liked the idea and said it would make a good campaign. AC queried whether the bus pass would encourage students located near campus to engage with the wider Hull community.

12. AOB

Trans Rep invited Union Council to attend the Transgender Day of Remembrance event on the Union stairs at 6.30pm on Monday 20th November.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of Union Council will take place on Monday, 4 December, 6.30pm, Meeting Room 1.