

**UNION COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday 16 October 2017 – Meeting Room 1, 7:30pm**

**Attendance**

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance		
			16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Student Officers</b>					
Osaro	Otobo	President			
Salman	Anwar	Education Officer			
Jennie	Watts	Welfare & Community Officer			
Caitlin	O'Neill	Sports Officer			
<b>Governance Zone</b>					
Kym	Cardona	Councillor for Scrutiny			
<b>Welfare &amp; Community Zone</b>					
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			
<b>Education Zone</b>					
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		
<b>Activities Zone</b>					
Rayne	Goddard	Chair SEC			
		Media Representative			
Tom	McNamara	Chair RAG			
		Societies Council Rep	N/A		
Alex	Fynney	Councillor for Scrutiny - Activities			
<b>Sports Zone</b>					
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)  
Liz Pearce, Membership Services Director (MSD)  
Samantha Page, Student Engagement Co-ordinator (SEC)  
Kathryn Burrows

**1. Election of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Union Council**

Ashley Pattison (Mature Students Officer) nominated himself for Chair of Union Council to ensure all members have their views heard on matters and meetings run smoothly.

With 17 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, Ashley Pattison was elected Chair of Union Council.

Connor Massey (Co-Officer LGBT+) nominated himself to be Deputy Chair to ensure everyone gets a fair and equal opportunity to give their input at meetings.

With 17 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, Connor Massey was elected Deputy Chair of Union Council.

**2. Co-option of Postgraduate Taught Students Officer**

Lauren Williams (LW) gave an overview of why she would like to become the Postgraduate Taught Students Officer. LW has been involved in both societies and the AU, as well as being a student ambassador. LW hopes to create an inclusive environment, representing specific needs of PGT students. LW aims to run more events for postgraduate students, including careers fairs, by working with the PGR Officer. LW added that postgraduate students do not receive much marketing material when they start, despite many being new to the University.

Georgina Baulch asked LW on her opinion of the current arrangements on the second floor of the library; LW has recently found out about the restriction of use on the floor and believes there should not be discrimination against types of course. Amelia Smallwood added that the library are aware of the issue.

With 18 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, Lauren Williams was co-opted as Postgraduate Taught Students Officer.

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**4. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)**

Apologies received from Steven Storey (Faculty Rep, Science & Engineering), Rebecca Devine (Postgraduate Research Officer) and Emily Brown (Faculty Rep, Business, Law & Politics).

**5. Minutes from previous meeting (to note) (Paper A)**

Approved as a correct record.

**6. Trustee Board minutes (to note) (Paper B)**

No questions.

**7. Student Officer Reports – Objective updates (Paper C)**

**a) President**

President gave an overview of the team objective to improve academic representation, each officer has been aligned to a faculty and will work with faculty reps and Associate Deans to make change. Faculty drop in sessions will be held fortnightly. The team are also working with the University to ensure the online feedback form is available soon for students to complete.

President explained her objectives for the year, which included having no lectures after 12pm on Wednesdays to improve student experience, engaging students in HUU activity and running more diverse and inclusive job fairs with University Careers. President is also

working to ensure student trustees and officers feel confident in Board meetings and fulfil their role effectively.

President added that the Activities Zone objectives have been shared between officers to ensure representation. No questions were asked.

**b) Education Officer**

EO's objectives are to be more visible and approachable on campus, setting time aside on a weekly basis for engagement. EO will be lobbying the University to freeze EU fees following Brexit and wants to improve recognition and host more events for international students. EO will hold open forums for each School to include more students in academic representation. EO is promoting a social environment for course, school and faculty reps to encourage networking; the course rep rewards system is also being reviewed. For his trustee objective, EO will ask 3 questions at each Trustee Board meeting.

No questions were asked.

**c) Welfare & Community Officer**

This year WCO is increasing the visibility of the Welfare & Community zone on campus and improving zone unity, as well as reviewing the Zero Tolerance and Equality & Diversity policies. WCO will also be promoting student led campaigns and creating a campaigns template to make running a campaign more accessible. WCO represents the Faculty of Health Sciences within her objectives. The first Welfare & Opportunities fair was held in September and Welfare Wednesday events have now started. For her trustee objective, WCO hopes to better understand the trustee role and how charities operate.

Other projects WCO will be working on this year include the 'Don't Be a Rubbish Neighbour' campaign, improving lighting on campus and improving mental health services at the University. WCO and President are working together to run an anti-hate campaign, which launched today.

No questions were asked.

**d) Sports Officer**

SO is implementing semester long and calendar year memberships to make the AU more inclusive for students. SO had approval for an AU support fund last week, to reduce club debt and improve club sustainability. The 'This Girl Can' campaign launched earlier in October, there will be a couple of events a month to increase female participation in sport. For her trustee objective, SO will read meeting papers and ask questions to hold the Board and SMT to account; SO is also supporting a Student Trustee.

No questions were asked.

**8. Ratification of Societies (for acceptance) (Paper D)**

The Vietnamese society was ratified, with 19 in the affirmative, 0 votes in the negative and 0 abstentions.

The Asian society was ratified, with 19 in the affirmative, 0 votes in the negative and 0 abstentions.

The Healthcare Innovation Team society was ratified, with 19 in the affirmative, 0 votes in the negative and 0 abstentions.

The Hull York Medical School Physician society was ratified, with 19 in the affirmative, 0 votes in the negative and 0 abstentions.

The Social Work society was ratified, with 19 in the affirmative, 0 votes in the negative and 0 abstentions.

## **9. New General Business**

### **9.1 M.1718-1 Motion to move the Environment & Ethics Officer to the Welfare & Community Zone (Paper E)**

Ruth Williams (RW, Environment & Ethics Officer) presented a motion to move her role from the Governance zone to the Welfare & Community zone. Last year the role was more involved with the Welfare & Community zone, with a lot of RW's objectives for the year aligning to ongoing work within the local community being carried out by WCO. RW can also work with the liberation groups to fulfil the ethics area of her remit.

Nick Wright (AU Presidents' Rep) queried why the role was within the Governance zone; DGC advised at most students' unions environment and ethics has fallen within the President's and therefore governance remit. No further questions were asked.

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

## **10. AOB**

Hayley Hatton (Trans Rep) raised concerns over the lack of unisex toilets in Student Central following a refurbishment over the summer, adding that many trans students feel uncomfortable using male or female toilets. WCO advised that the unisex toilet issues are being resolved, WCO will liaise with the relevant staff member this week for an update.

Chair SEC advised that they expect more society ratifications at the November meeting.

### **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of Union Council will take place on Monday, 13 November, 6.30pm, Meeting Room 1, Student Central.