

**HULL UNIVERSITY  
UNION**

**UNION COUNCIL – Monday, 20 February 2017 – Hull Campus, 6:30pm, Meeting Room 1**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance		
			20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	27 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Student Officers</b>					
Matthew	Thorneycroft	VP Education			
George	Bainbridge	VP Welfare & Community			
Amy	Jackson	VP Activities			
Matthew	Bramall	VP Sport			
Simon	Hernandez	VP Scarborough			
<b>Governance Zone</b>					
Edward	Towers	Campaigns and Democracy Officer			
Aona	Stuart	Environment and Ethics Officer			
<b>Welfare &amp; Community Zone</b>					
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			
VACANT		Disabled Students Officer	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Education Zone</b>					
VACANT		Mature Students Officer	N/A	N/A	N/A
VACANT		Part-time Students	N/A	N/A	N/A

		Officer			
VACANT		Postgraduate Taught Officer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rebecca	Devine	Postgraduate Research Officer			
Qiwen	Wu	International Students Officer			
Vassili	Crispi	Faculty Rep Hull York Medical School			
Steven	Storey	Faculty Rep Faculty of Science and Engineering			
Jack	Price	Faculty Rep FACE			
Victoria	Welborn	Faculty Rep Faculty of Health and Social Care			
Charlie	Hart	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics			
Theodoros	Stylianou	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics			
Lisa	George	Course Rep Forum Rep			
Carla	Busuttil	Course Rep Forum Rep			
<b>Activities Zone</b>					
Christopher	Knott	Chair SEC			
VACANT		Chair Media	N/A	N/A	N/A
Danielle	Griffin	Chair RAG			
Max	Cummins	Societies Council Rep			
<b>Scarborough</b>					
Bernhard	Budin	Campaigns Officer			
Josiah	Barker	Community Officer			
James	Lamb	Sports Officer			
Eden	Clark	Welfare Officer			
Rebecca	Potter	Education Officer			
Rosalyn	Davey	Equality and Diversity Officer			

<b>Sports Zone</b>				
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		
<b>Councillors for Scrutiny</b>				
Ben	Howard	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education		
Elizabeth	Barraclough	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education		
Oliver Edward	Taylor	Councillor for Scrutiny - Governance		
Christian	Calgie	Councillor for Scrutiny - Governance		
Joshua	McMullan	Councillor for Scrutiny - Activities		
Salman	Anwar	Councillor for Scrutiny - Activities		

**In attendance:**

Liz Pearce, Membership Services Director (MSD)  
Tania Struetzel, Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator (DGC)  
Craig Beckett, Administration Co-ordinator (AC, Minutes)  
Osaro Otobo, Student Trustee  
Ellie Gillies  
Matthew McMahan  
Warwick Gross  
Aidan McMenemy

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda adopted.

**2. Resignations (to note)**

Michael Fox, Mature Student Officer  
Georgina Lord, Disabled Students Officer

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

Apologies accepted as noted above.

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

Minutes approved as a correct record.

**5. Student Officer Reports (Paper B)**

**a. VP Scarborough**

VPS answered question regarding Liberation Education event. Initially event was held in Scarborough, however planning to hold at Hull campus on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March with input from PTOs.

VPS confirmed Seaside Story project to conclude with an event looking back at campus and a supplement to be printed in HullFire containing old VP Scarborough interviews.

**b. VP Education**

VPE explained his current project around the Student Voice and how it will review all student involvement in University Committees & meetings. Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

VPE confirmed course reps and faculty reps would be involved in Student Voice project. VPE planning to set up group with university contacts and talk to reps in between meetings.

VPE highlighted success of first PGR Forum – 40 people in attendance. Next one is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> March. Minutes of meeting go to PVC Education and first forum has already resulted in University looking into teaching opportunities.

In answer to question VPE confirmed marketing of PGR forum had been done face to face with PG students and via emails.

**c. VP Welfare & Community**

VPWC report taken as read.

VPWC currently planning on bringing puppies to an event at the Union building.

VPWC provided feedback on the Festival of Wellbeing held 15<sup>th</sup> February. Despite a smaller attendance than expected VPWC was happy with event and had received useful feedback from charities involved.

VPWC agreed to assist in organising another Tampon Drive.

#### **d. VP Sport**

VPS highlighted that Varsity event is this Sunday and that the promo video on Facebook has received over 10,000 views. VPS appealed to Council members to show support on social media.

Chair of RAG questioned if RAG committee could be involved in next sports teams fundraising training session. VPS agreed to involve RAG in future sessions and arrange a meeting to confirm details.

VPS answered question regarding new AU mascot. Confirmed that penguin suit has been ordered and had been selected after an online vote by students on Twitter. VPS open to ideas of who mascot will be on a week to week basis but hoping for someone who is animated and can create positive atmosphere.

VPS discussed the introduction of Welfare officer roles in sports clubs. Some clubs have appointed a new person to the role, whilst others have added responsibility to existing roles. Currently receiving mixed feedback of role, however welfare officers have been raising welfare issues on behalf of teams.

#### **e. VP Activities**

VPA updated Union Council on the money raised by RAG, the success of the opening week of Fringe Fest and that the new edition of HullFire is available on campus now.

Question asked if amount of money raised by RAG was the highest ever raised. Chair RAG confirmed that committee was currently working on itemising total for future record keeping. Although no specific records previously kept, committee believe this is the highest total raised and currently on track to raise over £100k for the year.

### **6. Zone Reports (Paper C)**

#### **a. Scarborough Executive Committee**

Education officer has successfully organised first aid training for primary teaching students.

Sports officer currently gaining feedback for Sports on the Beach event. Following resignations new Equality & Diversity and Welfare officers have been elected.

#### **b. Governance Zone**

Environment & Ethics Officer currently working on plans for an environmental green week to take place before Easter.

Break out discussion held before tonight's Union Council an action from Governance zone meeting.

**c. Activities Zone** (no report submitted)

Chair of SEC updated Council on plans for Winter Ball to be held on Friday.

Chair of RAG highlighted upcoming events – Budapest Marathon, Fashion Show & Jailbreak. RAG also organising national conference to be held in Hull in April.

**d. Education Zone** (no report submitted)

VPE confirmed that Education Zone Chair has stepped down and Education Co-ordinator has left role to join University. VPE to chair Education Zone meetings.

Education Zone Training Day completed with focus on strategic thinking/forward planning.

VPE highlighted nominations are still open for the SLTAs and the Education Survey will launch Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Scrutiny committee confirmed no issues with Education budget.

Question asked regarding HUU stance not to boycott NSS. VPE confirmed a [blog](#) has been written and there is an article in the new edition of HullFire about NSS boycott. VPE summarised that Officer Team believed the NSS was more valuable to Union than taking part in boycott.

**e. Sport Zone** (no report submitted)

VPS provided a verbal update.

Secretary & Communications Officer looking to push articles for publishing in HullFire now sports editor has been recruited. Further work ongoing to improve communication to wider sport members not just the presidents of sports teams.

BUCS Officer looking at options to improve completion of basic admin by team captains to assist entries into competitions.

Varsity event is this weekend, sports photos to be taken in first week of March and a review into Varsity will be undertaken with feedback from teams.

Kit supplier presentations have taken place with several companies, currently awaiting feedback on sport teams' preferred supplier.

**f. Welfare & Community Zone** (no report submitted)

LGBT+ raised £80 from Pride Party event held last Friday. Sport events held alongside AU have gone well and more events planned.

LGBT+ Officer working closely with UK Pride to promote events with Union and University.

Disabilities Students Officer has stepped down, however committee still active in organising events.

LINKS have trained new first aiders and have a second session of training organised.

7. **Board of Trustee Minutes 13 October 2016** (to note) (Paper D)  
No questions received.

8. **New General Business**

**8.1 M.1617-11 Motion to update Standing Orders 8001 and 8002 relating to Elections and Referenda** (Paper E)

VPSc introduced the motion proposing an update to the Standing Orders governing Elections and Referenda.

It was queried why the phrase “Campaigning for RON is not allowed” had been taken out. DGC responded that it was not within their power as Returning Officer to enforce this rule.

**With 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion passed.**

**8.2 M.1617-12 Motion to remove the position of Campaigns & Democracy Officer** (SO 1005) (Paper F)

CDO introduced the motion noting the redundancy of their role given full-time members of staff and new student-led campaigns fund. He also noted that every student is able to run a campaign and that this should be promoted by all members of Union Council, not only by one particular position.

No questions received.

**With 18 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention, the motion passed.**

**8.3 M.1617-13 Motion to remove the position of Chair Media** (SO 2010) (Paper G)

VPA introduced the motion to remove the position of Chair Media with immediate effect noting its redundancy and previously uncontested elections. All current Media committees as well as the two previous post holders were in support of this motion.

The Councillor for Scrutiny for the Activities Zone queried the weighting of votes in zone meetings with this change. An amendment was proposed and seconded to change Resolve 2 to “give them one shared vote on Union Council and in the Activities Zone”.

**With 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the amendment passed.**

No further questions received.

**With 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion as amended passed.**

**8.4 M.1617-14 Motion to amend SO 5004 (LINKS) (Paper H)**

Chair LINKS introduced motion and explained the necessary updates to committee positions to keep in line with regulations of St John Ambulance.

No questions received.

**With 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion passed.**

**8.5 M.1617-15 Motion to amend the Bye-Laws and remove Standing Orders 6001-6010 (Paper I)**

VPSc introduced motion and explained that with the closure of Scarborough Campus by the end of this academic year, student representation would no longer be necessary from 2017/18 onward.

No questions received.

**With 17 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion passed.**

**8.6 M.1617-16 Motion to lobby the University to increase space for student activities (Paper J)**

Society Presidents' rep introduced motion and explained that despite efforts by VPA, SEC and himself there had been no progress made on the situation of room bookings. It was hoped that this motion would add weight to the discussions and support the Student Officers in lobbying the University.

Societies Presidents' rep proposed to amend Resolve 2 to "resolve these issues by the latest of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017". The amendment was seconded.

**With 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the amendment passed.**

No further questions received.

**With 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion as amended passed.**

**9. AOB**

VPE invited members to provide feedback on different projects he is currently working on.

DGC noted that the next Candidate Information session would take place on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm in MR 6. Nominations will open on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am online. DGC encouraged members to spread the word about elections and encourage fellow students to stand for a position.

**Date of next meeting: Monday, 27 March 2017, 6.30pm, Meeting Room 1.**