



**HUU Union Council Meeting**  
**Minutes from meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December in Meeting Room 1**

**Attendance**

Name	Membership Category	21/10/13	18/11/13	16/12/13
Richard Brooks	President	✓	✓	✓
Brittany Tomlinson	VP Community & Welfare	✓	✓	✓
Victoria Winterton	VP Education	✓	✓	✓
Roxy Legane	VP Sport	Sent Apologies	✓	✓
Jamie Boote	VP Activities	✓	✓	✓
Tom Swainson	VP Scarborough	✓	✓	✓
Heather Smith	Chair Campaigns and Democracy	✓	✓	✓
Elfie Brocklehurst	Chair Environment and Ethical	Sent Apologies	✓	✓
Babz Okerenta	Chair BAME	✓	✓	✓
Stephanie Brumpton	Chair Disabled Students	Vacant	✓	Sent Apologies
Adil Qureshi	Chair LGBT+	✓	✓	✓
Emily Tarff	Chair Women	✓	Suspended	Vacant
Adam Fitton	Chair Links	✓	✓	✓
Jasmine Raw	Chair Advice Centre Committee	✓	Sent Apologies	✓
Nathan Gregory	Chair Community Reps (Ratified at 21/10/13)	✓	✓	✓
George Mullen	Chair Media	Sent Apologies	✓	
Chubike 'Chubby' Okide	Chair ISA	✓	✓	✓
Tory Cliffe	Chair RAG	✓	✓	✓
Daisy Baldwin	Chair Societies	✓	✓	✓
Kiel Oldfield	Chair HUSSO	✓	✓	✓

Clare Cottrell	AU Secretary & Varsity Rep	✓	✓	Sent Apologies
Rachel Holloway	AU Events Officer	✓		✓
Daniel Hodgson	BUCS Representative	✓	Vacant	Vacant
Christopher Devine	AU Kit & Equipment Rep	✓	✓	✓
Gurmok Sanghera Jr.	AU Tour Rep	✓	✓	✓
David Gamble	AU Communications Officer	✓	✓	Sent Apologies
Emy Jalil	Chair Postgraduate Association	Sent Apologies	✓	Sent Apologies
Vacant	Chair Part-Time	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Nigel Skinner	Chair Mature Students	Vacant	✓	✓
Elizabeth Smy	Faculty Co-ordinator (FASS)	✓	✓	✓
Bianca Oltean	Faculty Co-ordinator (FOSe)	✓	✓	
Gareth Ikin	Faculty Co-ordinator (HUBS)	✓	Sent Apologies	✓
Lee Mallison	Faculty Co-ordinator (Education)	✓		Vacant
Nilloofar Ranjbar	Faculty Co-ordinator (HYMS)	Sent Apologies	Sent Apologies	✓
Jennifer Day	Faculty Co-ordinator (FHSc)	✓	Sent Apologies	✓
Sam McKay	Academic Council Rep	Not Yet Elected	✓	✓
Matt Evans	Academic Council Rep	Not Yet Elected	✓	✓
James Barker	Scarborough Community	✓	Sent Apologies	Sent Apologies
William Quick	Scarborough Sport	Vacant		
Simon Hernandez	Scarborough Education	✓	✓	✓
Aurimas Drungilas	Scarborough International	Vacant	✓	✓
Amos Francis	Scarborough Campaigns	✓		✓
Nicole Carter	Scarborough Welfare	✓		✓
Maijury Sriranjjan	Councillor of Scrutiny	✓	✓	Vacant

Modupeoreolua Sanwo	Councillor Scrutiny	of			Sent Apologies
Elizabeth Palmer	Councillor Scrutiny	of	✓	✓	Sent Apologies
Thom Rawlinson	Councillor Scrutiny	of	✓	✓	✓
Frank Longdon	Councillor Scrutiny	of	✓	✓	✓
Padraig Curran	Councillor Scrutiny	of	✓	✓	
Jonathan Blades	Councillor Scrutiny	of	Not Yet Elected	✓	✓
Wendy Fan	Councillor Scrutiny	of	Not Yet Elected	✓	✓
In attendance					
CEO	Paul Tatton		✓	Sent Apologies	N/a
CEO	Jackie Berry		N/a	N/a	✓
Membership Services Operations Manager	Adam Sheridan		✓	✓	✓
Education & Representation Co-ordinator	Steve Ralph		✓	✓	✓

Council noted:

The chair welcomed Jackie Berry, new CEO of HUU and thanked the outgoing CEO, Paul Tatton for his years of dedication and hard work. The chair also noted that there was an elections information meeting just before Union Council and that there will be another meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February in Meeting Room 1 at 14:00.

1. Apologies  
5 Apologies were received (See above for attendance)
2. Matters Arising  
No matters arising
3. Approval of minutes  
Minutes were approved and Council noted pages were numbered as requested.
4. President's update  
HUU President welcomed the new Chief Executive, Jackie Berry. President thanked Paul Tatton for his time at HUU. The President also raised the Strategy of HUU. HUU is coming to the end of its 2011-2014 strategy and it is looking for student feedback on the issues that HUU should be focusing on, the survey is online currently here:  
<http://www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveylogin.asp?k=138563468146>

5. Library Re-development update  
VPE provided information regarding the library re-development and which rooms will be available outside of the library for study and work during the January until February when the most intense phase of the re-development takes place.

Questions from a Member, Daisy Baldwin, Nigel Skinner and Elizabeth Smy.

6. Provision of water motion  
Faculty Co-ordinator for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Deputy Chair of Union Council (Elizabeth Smy) presented a motion that mandates sabbatical officers to lobby the University to secure more water fountains.

Question from Sam McKay.

No speeches Against

No Amendments

No Summation

Majority voted in favour (100% of Councillors voted in favour of the motion)

7. Right to Reply  
VPA brought guidelines for "Right to Reply", which allows any individuals or groups part of HUU or the University of Hull as a subject of an article the ability to respond to the article.

No Questions

No Amendments

No speeches Against

No Abstentions

Majority ruled in favour of the motion (100% voted in favour of the motion)

8. Society Ratification  
The Chair asked Councillors if they had read the documents submitted to council, several Councillors raised their hands. All of the societies that were submitted were ratified due to no objections.

9. Reports

- i) Governance

Attended some important meetings two of which include; University Council and Equality and Diversity committee. Projects include; President's Pick of the week, Strategy and the action groups, HUU on Tour (hard to reach group engagement), Elections and the Green impact award.

- ii) Education

Vice President Education:

- Attended an emergency library meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November, which discussed the closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in December instead of February as the contractors plan to finish the

entire project a month earlier than scheduled. It was also discussed that other venues will be able to use for when this occurs (Wilberforce computer suite, Staff House meeting room and Union meeting room to name a few). VPE also stated that the library shall have reduced opening times between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of January so more work can be done in a time period where a minimal amount of students will be effected, and VPE rejected a proposal for the library to close at midnight instead of 2am during the exam period. There will be no spaces to eat or drink in the library from December until April except for the Wheelhouse Café, the university stated that no change shall be made in order to preserve the new facilities for the future. There will also be a review of the stock in the Scarborough and Hull Libraries

- After a chat with the Pro Vice Chancellor of Learning and Teaching there is a plan to relaunch the personal supervisor scheme because staff are overloaded by the number of students they are given to supervise
- Stuff we are currently looking into include:
  - Language barriers between staff and students, esp. in business school - agreed was a problem - staff development tried to sort this (Staff workshops on students with different cultures
  - The new library book loaning, whereby multiple copies are now all on the same loan length, be it 24 hour or 1 week.
  - Library issues which come up at Academic Council, including: noise, no food or drink, more e-books, Athens, book loans and how many books you can take out
  - support for international students and placement students' support to be improved
  - Department offices are closing for lunch
  - Chemistry is considering launching a campaign around the cost and accessibility of text books
  - Marking criteria – some departments haven't updated their criteria since 2000
  - Referencing and the variation from department to department
- On the Student Led Teaching Awards, we had 154 nominations on the launch day in Hull and 204 on the Launch Day in Scarborough.
- The uni email system are finally being updated, and will start on the 21<sup>st</sup> December

### iii) Welfare & Community Zone

#### VPWC

- Got an agreement with the Scheme Executive to dissolve in June 2014, with HullSTARS now being the primary student audit or accreditation system in Hull
- Sat on the Access to Learning Fund panel at the University and helped to distribute £1000s to our most vulnerable students.
- Had successful Make A Smart Move and Don't Be A Rubbish Neighbour Weeks – gave out c.800 Christmas condoms and c.1000 Good Neighbour Toolkits.
- Sat on University Council and Equality & Diversity Committee where VPWC questioned the University on their action plan to close the gender pay gap for staff and the attainment gap for students

- Working on a whistle blowing procedure and how to improve the Bullying & Harassment Policy
- After last minute cuts to the National Scholarship Programme from the Government, worked with the University to adapt our bursary offer and managed to negotiate a bursary of £2400 for first year entrants in 2014 with a household income of less than £25k – big win from a max of £1000 cash this year
- Had a poverty meeting to discuss student housing and cost of living crisis
- VPWC received her 360 feedback which showed her biggest area to develop was to be less abrupt and/or aggressive
- Boycotting the sun motion passed at Union Council

#### Links

- Interviewed 17 prospective members to join St. John Ambulance in two rounds of interviews to be trained as first aiders.
- Duties continued with 120 hours completed to date
- Drawn up a training package for the Life Skills (first aid) program to be run alongside VPWC & SEC – 2 sessions been run to date (no participants choosing assessment to gain qualification)
- 57 members

#### Advice Centre

- Student volunteering 246 hours to date
- Assistance on Make a Smart Move campaign and SHAG day
- Training sessions over the past two weeks covered Debt, Benefits, Finance and Academic Training
- Training continuing including role play sessions
- Existing volunteers conducted 6 interviews with clients in addition to helping out on reception
- Volunteers stepped in during Pauline's illness taking on the reception role

#### LGBT+

- Elected a new Campaigns officer – 25 people at EGMP
- Planning and started booking for LGBT+ History Month and Pride Party
- 544 signatures gained for the education campaign
- Successful Christmas event

#### Women's Committee

- Raised money for Hull Rape Crisis
- Organising a social to Big Fun
- Reclaim the campus (25<sup>th</sup> November) 30 people attending
- Collecting bras for the Bra Bin is now complete
- Planning commenced for International Women's Week 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March

#### BAME

- Successful Asian culture night, including Hindu film night
- Planning has commenced for Chinese New Year in semester two
- Average number of students engaged: 25

#### Disabled Students Committee

- Open meeting held on December 11<sup>th</sup>

- Bake sale
- Bulb planting for mental health has commenced, on sale from VPWC to be planted in January

#### Community Reps

- Beresford Resident Association, Newland Traders Association and Wyke Area Committee attended
- Reps have logged 75 Hours of volunteering to date
- Voter registration has yielded good results with final push after Christmas
- Community reps have each been approbated a ward and the contact details for community partners being sought
- Meeting with waste management communications officer to discuss semester waste campaign

#### iv) Sport

The chance to sign up for tour is now over, Hull have broken their record, maybe even a national record, and there will be 650 tourists going to Salou during the Easter break next year.

Meetings with potential new kit suppliers have been happening in the past couple of weeks, as it looks that we will not be having kukri as our kit supplier next year as the contract comes to an end in May. Roxy and myself have met with Surridge, Zoo kit and Canturbury to discuss what options are available, meetings with other kit suppliers such as Samurai are to be arranged. So far, Surridge are the supplier who are the preferred choice

Hull University has a national champion in the form of Tim Webster who retained his title of 'undergraduate men's at the Bucs clay pigeon shooting championship by storming to the lead with 96 points ahead of other competitors.

Naked Calenders arrived three weeks before the Christmas holidays began and they have currently risen over £700 for Riding for the Disabled Association. If anyone wants to buy one they are on sale for £5 from the AU desk.

Various clubs have raised money for charity in the past couple of weeks, Men's hockey and cricket played each other at Rugby Union and raised money for NSPCC and Helen & Douglas house. Women's football and Women's rugby union raised money for Hull Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Service by playing a cross-code match where one half football, was played and in the other half rugby was played. Boxing Club are doing the 'rucksack project', where they are waning clubs to donate rucksacks full of clothes and unwanted items to be given to homeless people.

Currently in Bucs, as of 11/12/13 Hull has 120 wins, 85 losses and 13 draws.

The sportzone is currently up on its budget for the year.

The first fixture of varsity happened last week, where Ultimate Fribsee was played in the sport's centre, Hull sadly lost this fixture. On another note for varsity, Roxy is working with the marketing department to promote sports week and varsity within the union.

Roxy is currently rewriting the sports section for the unions strategy from 2014-2017.

#### v) Activities

Chair Mayu resigned, elected new chair Jonathan Blades

#### **SEC**

Showcase plans underway for 27th of January  
Full elected committee, with the election of Stephen to communications  
83 operational societies  
Reviewing standing orders regarding ratification  
Over £1000 societies grant spent

#### **HUSSO**

Semester reviews underway, aim to prevent any future problems  
2 project co-ordinations stepped down, not a problem for the running of programmes  
Newland school for girls agreed for HUSSO to volunteer with the helping of teaching of maths  
Sir James Reckitt fund giving £5000 to HUSSO  
projects are all going well

#### **Media**

Waiting for your media your way report  
Radio and Hullfire running well  
Online editor creating a new website launching next semester  
Hullfire pulled, problem noted and plans will be taken to avoid in future

#### **ISA**

Football match against AU went well  
Winter Ball 360 attended, went very well with positive feedback  
Preparation began for refreshers  
London trip went well

#### **RAG**

Red Cross comedy night raised £300  
LGBT raised £71.66 world aids day, Scarborough raised £108 for same cause  
Women's hockey vs women's football raised roughly £255 for women's rape crisis  
HUDS, 50% of ticket sales went to cash 4 kids, number not known but expecting good



Boxing raised £85 for dove house hospice and donated £200 of club money to Macmillan  
New fundraising booklet being developed to help raise money  
All events for RAG week started to happen, mini plan put together, applications available now until 27th January

vi) Scarborough

### **Campaigns**

“The Future of Scarborough?” report is now being written with it being expected to be finished before this week is over.

Our campaigns officer is trying to put together a SHAG magazine with help with local clinics and the advice centre to distribute during Valentine’s week.

### **Community**

Our community officer led a RAG event on the 29<sup>th</sup> November and raised over £150 for the Terrence Higgins Trust.

Ideas have been thrown around surrounding student led events on campus with the idea that starting an event society would give them the chance to lead projects with union support.

### **Education**

We have held all of our course rep forums for this semester with really good feedback and wins for the students involved.

### **Welfare**

Our welfare officer has liaised with the advice centre manager and will be starting informal drop-in sessions in semester 2 to help signpost students to the right support services. The idea is that some students may find it easier to talk a fellow student.

### **Sports**

Issues have been raised surrounding a sports equipment shed and sports equipment going missing. As no record is being kept about the key being loaned to students, our sports officer will be implementing a signing out sheet to keep record of the shed’s usage.

### **International**

Our international officer ran the first ACS meeting of the year with interest jumping from 4 members to 22 with some great ideas and input. Their efforts will now be focused on making sure they are sustainable and also on trying to rebuild ISA presence on campus.

## 10. Any other business

- i) Bright Futures Society
- ii) Motions and policies updates
- iii) Elections
- iv) Agenda

## 11. Date of next meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30pm, Hull Campus, Meeting Room 1