



Union Council Agenda

Monday 18th November 2019

6.30pm

Meeting Room 1, Student Central

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)
3. Pronoun policy
4. Ground Rules

5. Co-opting of new Part-Time Officers (if relevant)

6. Minutes from previous meeting (to note) (PAPER A)

7. **New General Business**
 - 7.1. M.1920 - 3 Motion to move the Zero Tolerance Policy to charity operations policies (PAPER C)
 - 7.2. M.1920 - 4 Motion to temporarily move accountability of Presidents to zone meetings as an interim measure until accountability panels work (PAPER D)
8. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

Next meeting – Monday 9th December 6.30pm, MRI

Minutes

Title: Union Council

Date & Time: Monday 21st October

Location: MR1, Second Floor, Student Central

Present: Nicole Steele (Student Voice Manager, SVM); Isobel Hall (President of the Students' Union, PRES); Simeon Orduen (President of Education, PE); Abigail Morris (President of Inclusivity & Diversity, PID); Jess Clunan (Chair); Leanne Spencer (Executive Support Co-Ordinator, ESC – minutes)

Observing: Jane Stafford (Chief Executive, CEO); Ryan Ward (Student Trustee; RW)

Position	Name	Attendance							
		21 st Oct							
Student Presidents									
President of SU	Isobel Hall								
President of Activities	Tom McNamara								
President of Education	Simeon Orduen								
President of Sport	Erin Pettit								
President of Inclusivity & Diversity	Abi Morris								
Governance Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	Miguel Beedle								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Chair of Union Council	Jessica Clunan								
Environment & Ethics Rep	Siobhan Pickering								
Activities Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	Eleanor Woodhouse								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Chair of RAG	Jacob Thorne								
LINKS	Jack Wade								
Society Mentor (shared vote)	Huey Arslan								
	Antonia De Lancey								
	Monty Coyle								

Media Rep (shared vote)	Emma Hitchenor								
	Ellis Leonard								
	Maddie Callaghan								
HYMS Societies Rep	VACANT								
Education Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Part-time Students Officer	VACANT								
Foundation Students Officer	Caspar Nicholas								
Mature Students Officer	Marc Brooke								
Postgraduate Taught Officer	VACANT								
Postgraduate Research Officer	Emily Birch								
International Students Officer	VACANT								
HYMS Students Officer	VACANT								
Faculty Rep of Arts, Cultures & Education	Eeshaan Singh Basu								
Faculty Rep of Science & Engineering	Sanaa Sabir								
Faculty Rep of Law & Politics	Katharine Coates								
Faculty of Health Sciences	Saalo Sparkes								
Sport Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	Ryan Parker								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
AU Participation and Engagement Officer	Oghenetjiri Eruviadege-Cousin								
AU Inclusivity and Diversity Officer	Vanessa Igbenabor								
AU Non BUCS Rep	Megan Greenwood								
AU BUCS Officer	Jenny Lawrence								
Rep for Women in Sport	Lucy Satur								
Rep for Disabled Students in Sport	VACANT								

Rep for International Students in Sport	VACANT								
Inclusivity & Diversity Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	Jim Smith								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Social Mobility and Class Representative	VACANT								
LGBT+ Rep	Shaun Fraser-Mulligan								
Trans Rep	Hannah Burgess								
Women's Rep	Eve Kyte								
Disabled Students Rep	Chloe Marshall								
BAME Rep	Anotidaishe Manjanja								

1. Adoption of agenda

Agenda adopted

2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)

Hannah Burgess (Trans Rep); Saalo Sparkes (Faculty of Health Science Faculty Rep); Miguel Beedle (Councillor of Scrutiny - Governance Zone)

3. Introductions and Pronoun Policy

Introductions and pronouns were given

4. Ground Rules

Chair explained that Union Council will be creating their own ground rules. Chair suggested the first rule should be that if anyone is talking please do not talk over them. Council gave some suggestions for ground rules:


- Be polite and respectful
- Speak up and feel able to say your opinion
- Respect other people's opinions
- Respect the Chair
- Staff are here to support and facilitate students and to listen

Council agreed to these ground rules.

5. Co-opting of new Part-Time Officers

Chair announced that there is one Co-option for the LGBT+ Representative, Shaun Fraser-Mulligan. Chair invited Shaun to give a speech. Shaun explained why he decided to go for this role.

Vote - 18 in favour, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions



Chair welcomed Shaun as the new LGBT+ Rep.

Chair explained that there is one resignation, Megan Delahaye the co-Foundation Students Officer, and that Caspar Nicholas is the sole holder of this role now.

6. Minutes of previous meeting (to note)

Minutes approved

7. Verbal update on M.1819-28 “Motion for greater variety of healthy food options”

PA explained that this motion was brought to Union Council last year. PA said that the Union has put some healthier food options in place already and that Sanc has had a menu change to include healthier options. PA said that there was little push back from the Union and he raised it at HUUS Ltd Board. PA stated that he is keen to get more options across campus.

8. New General Business

a. M1920 – 2 Motion to ratify new standing order 8009

PA communicated that there was no policy around running an AGM or an EGM. PA has had feedback that suggests that it would be good to have it as a standing order so that there is a process to follow.

Chair explained that this has passed through the Union Executive Council and does not required a vote at Union Council.

Q. If a role has not been filled, who would take it on?

A. PA explained that a president could take it on.

Q. If someone does the role as a stand in, is it alright if they're not elected?

A. PA said that it would depend on the role.

b. M1920 – 1 Motion to amend and update HUU's Bye-Laws


PRES stated that this is a motion to change the Bye-Laws and that there was a referendum on the articles a few weeks ago which passed. PRES explained that if we update the articles then we need to update the Bye-Laws. PRES stated that there was a summary of the changes listed in the papers.

Chair asked if we were pending legal advice; CEO replied that we have had legal advice and that we received the final version of the Bye-Laws on Saturday.

Chair explained that she would like to get a feel of the room on this issue, Chair had the Council move to right side of the room if they are for the amendments, to the left if they are against. Chair asked if there were any questions about this motion. All members moved to the right hand side.

Q. What has changed in the way we bring motions?

A. PRES explained that we did not have a system before and now a system has been added.



Q. Is it worth putting a practice in place to make sure that we are reviewing the Bye-Laws and moving as we should?

A. PRES replied yes and that the updates would be done as and when.

Q. How are we going to keep the continuity of the updates when elections happen?

A. SVOT and staff will ensure that there is continuity and that it is all up to date. SVM explained that we are also here to support you in terms of bringing a motion.

Chair asked if there were any comments on this motion. None.

Vote – 20 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Chair explained that this will now go to the Trustee Board via email to be approved.

9. Any Other Business

Chair asked if there were any other business to raise.

PRES said that the last Board of Trustees meeting was on Thursday and that it sits 4 times a year. The Board is made up of the President Team, Student Trustees, External Trustees, the CEO, and the Senior Management Team. PRES communicated that she took her Climate Emergency paper to the Board and that it was approved. PRES announced that we will declare a Climate Emergency at the end of November. PRES said that President Team also did a team update to the board and that it was well received. PRES said that she, the CEO, and the Chair of the Board signed the Time to Change Pledge.

Q. What does Time to Change involve?

A. PRES explained that staff have put together an action plan which has been approved by Time to Change. They sent us a pledge which was signed by CEO, the Chair of the Board, and PRES. PRES announced that we will be setting up a staff Wellbeing Focus Group.

Q. What is the plan once we have declared a climate emergency?

A. PRES explained what recommendations were in her Board report and that she is currently organising campus litter picks

Q. Will there be any way that we can make climate changes to Hull in general?


A. PRES replied that Hull has declared a climate emergency and that we can work closely with them.

Q. Who would you approach regarding making changes e.g. around single use plastics?

A. PRES answered that the PVC International is working with the Union around things like this and the University are open to new ideas from the Union.

PRES explained that the Union are looking at their values and asked if the Council had any ideas.

Q. Chair asked what the current values are.



A. PID read them out. PRES explained that we have 7 and that it would be ideal to have 3.

Q. How are you going to go about it?

A. PRES answered that we are starting a consultation period with students and staff about what we feel the values should be. CEO explained that we will be asking staff what they feel that values should be at the Union Briefing tomorrow. CEO said that we could work on them and then bring them back if Chair and Council are happy with that suggestion; the Chair and Council are happy with this.

SVM reminded the Council to do their online training if they have not already done so. SVM said that there is an email inviting them to training on Thursday, if not please approach SVM to update contact details. SVM explained what the training would be for and that Stephen Dowson will be there to help them to do their roles.



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Moving the Zero Tolerance policy over to be charity operations policies

Context of motion:

- Currently this is a union council democratic motion
- We believe it should be business as usual and what we should just do therefore it should be a formal policy
- Want to move it over to the charity operations policies

Proposed resolution:

- Moving this policy to the charity operation policies
- Would ensure that it is formally embedded across the whole organisation

Proposer: Abi Morris, President of Inclusivity and Diversity

Seconder: Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union; Tom McNamara, President of Activities; Erin Pettit, President of Sports; Simeon Orduen, President of Education



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Should accountability of Presidents be temporarily moved to Zone meetings as an interim measure until accountability panels work?

Context of motion:

- Currently we have only 4 Councillors of Scrutiny.
- The accountability panels require 5 Councillors of Scrutiny which means zone members will be required to step up and perform additional duties by attending accountability panels
- It is proving difficult to find a date for the accountability panel to be set with only 2 responses to given from the Councillors of Scrutiny to a request for availability (including a response from the Union Council Chair). A date, therefore, is unable to be set.
- Presidents are currently not being held to account at an accountability panel due to not being able to get them together, however, Presidents are producing the accountability reports and submitting them to UEC, these are then published on the HUU website.
- There needs to be a change to how accountability panels work in order for them to be successful and effective.

Proposed resolution:

It is proposed that Presidents submit their accountability reports to zone meetings as a temporary measure in order to ensure that they are held to account. Presidents are already expected to informally report at the zone meetings anyway, so this change would formalise this reporting to ensure complete transparency in what they are doing. The Presidents could then be held to account on their reports by all their zone members rather than currently missing out due to no accountability panels being set.

It is recommended that this is a temporary measure and that Council forms a group to work on resolving this issue of accountability panels and bring a proposal for resolution to the next Union Council meeting. This would ensure that Presidents are scrutinised and held to account whilst a solution is found.

Proposer: Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union

Seconder: Abi Morris, President of Inclusivity and Diversity; Erin Pettit, President of Sports; Tom McNamara, President of Activities;