

**UNION COUNCIL – Monday 19 October 2015 – Meeting Room 5,  
6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

*Please note: all amendments that took place during the meeting with regard to position titles or individuals have been reflected in the membership.*

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**Membership**

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance
Chubike	Okide	President	✓
Matthew	Evans	VP Education	✓
Ashleigh	Davies	VP Welfare & Community	✓
Kathy	Brook	VP Activities	✓
Gurmok	Sanghera	VP Sport	✓
Simon	Hernandez	VP Scarborough	✓
<b>Governance Zone</b>			
Jamie	Boote	Campaigns and Democracy Officer	✓
Paul Henry	Blackburn	Environment and Ethics Officer	✓
<b>Welfare &amp; Community Zone</b>			
Bethany	Walton	LINKS Officer	Apologies
Katie Marian	Bowden	LGBT+ Officer (Role share)	✓
Liam	Crosby		✓
VACANT		Community Reps Officer	
Adeloa	Fadipe	Black Asian Minority and Ethnic (BAME) Officer	✓
Emily	Bolt	Women's Officer	✓
VACANT		Disabled Students Officer	n/a
<b>Education Zone</b>			
VACANT		Mature Students Officer	n/a
VACANT		Part-time students Officer	n/a
VACANT		Postgraduate Taught Officer	n/a

VACANT		Postgraduate Research Officer	n/a
VACANT		Faculty Co-ordinator Hull York Medical School	n/a
Declan	Whiting	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Science and Engineering	✓
Daniel	Walker	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	✓
Victoria	Welborn	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Health and Social Care	✓
Elizabeth	Barracough	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Education	✓
Matthew	Thorneycroft	Faculty Co-ordinator Hull University Business School	✓
VACANT	Elected Week 6	Academic Council Rep	n/a
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<b>Activities Zone</b>			
Elizabeth	Palmer	Chair SEC	✓
Viktorija	Ivanova	Chair ISA	✓
Nathan	Thompson	Chair Media	Apologies
Joshua	McMullan	Chair RAG	✓
<b>Scarborough</b>			
Tabitha Elizabeth	Nixon	Scarborough Campaigns Officer	Apologies
James	Verity	Scarborough Community Officer	✓
VACANT		Scarborough Sports Officer	n/a
Lana	Goldthorpe	Scarborough Welfare Officer	✓
Gavin	Straine-Francis	Scarborough Education Officer	✓
VACANT		Scarborough Equality and Diversity Officer	n/a
<b>Sports Zone</b>			
Callum	Fraser-Hurley	AU Tour Officer	✓
Sam	Craig	AU Kit & Equipment Officer	✓
Benjamin	Rae	AU BUCS Officer	✓
Laura	Huntenburg	AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer	✓
Grace Lucy	James	AU Secretary & Communications Officer	✓
Sam	Walker	AU Varsity & Events Officer	✓
Charlotte	Constable	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education	✓
Oliver Edward	Taylor	Councillor for Scrutiny – Activities	✓

David Andrew	Gamble	Councillor for Scrutiny – Welfare & Community	✓
Padraig Sean	Curran	Councillor for Scrutiny – Sport	✓
VACANT		Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a
VACANT		Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a
VACANT		Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a
VACANT		Councillor for Scrutiny	n/a

## Minutes

### 1. Election of Chair

Matthew Thorneycroft and Declan Whiting both stood to be Chair of Union Council.

Votes as follows:

Matthew Thorneycroft	16
Declan Whiting	4
Re Open Nominations	2
Spoiled votes	1

Matthew Thorneycroft is elected.

### 2. Secondments

Chair amended agenda in order to provide the opportunity for those who were being seconded to run to be Deputy Chair of Union Council.

Adeola Fadipe, Victoria Welborn and Elizabeth Barraclough were all ratified (there were no objections to their appointment).

### 3. Election of Deputy Chair

Adeola Fadipe and Lana Goldthorpe both stood to be Deputy Chair of Union Council.

Votes as follows:

Adeola Fadipe	16
Lana Goldthorpe	7
Re Open Nominations	2

Adeola Fadipe is elected.

### 4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (Appendix)

Minutes were approved.

### 5. Amendments to Standing Orders and roles

Motions from Vice-President Scarborough and Vice-President Welfare & Community are included at the end of these minutes.

- i) Motion from Vice-President Scarborough – Creation of 6010 Scarborough Equality & Diversity Officer

Summary:

Vice-President Scarborough noted that with decreasing international students on the Scarborough campus it would be more beneficial for the International Student Officer to become Equality and Diversity to represent the diverse population of Scarborough campus.

Questions from; Dave Gamble; Laura Huntenburg; Paul Henry Blackburn and Ashleigh Davies.

No Against Speech

No Abstention Speech

Votes as follows

For	22
Against	0
Abstain	0

Motion passes

**Action: HUU to amend standing order and upload to both Hull and Scarborough websites**

- ii) Motion from Vice-President Welfare & Community – removal of 5003 Advice Centre Volunteer Committee

Summary:

Vice-President Welfare & Community noted that structural changes in the Advice Centre have led to the removal of volunteers in the current format. The motion was to remove the standing order pertaining to the Chair of the Advice Centre due to the role no longer being necessary.

Questions form; Adeola Fadipe; Joshua McCullan and Laura Huntenberg

No Against Speech

No Abstention Speech

Votes as follows

For	22
Against	0
Abstain	0

Motion passes

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- iii) Motion from Vice-President Education – amendment of position names - 1004 Environment & Ethical, 1005 Chair Campaigns & Democracy 3005 Part Time Committee, 3003 Mature Students Committee, 5004 LINKS, 5006 Women’s Committee, 5007 Disabled Students Committee and 5008 BAME Committee

Summary:

Vice-President Education noted that representative roles should be brought up to the sector-standard. The proposed naming convention is ‘officer’ and rather than ‘chair’. There are many committees that no longer exist and henceforth the term ‘chair’ does not apply. The term ‘officer’ will apply to representational roles.

Questions from; Jamie Boote; Katie Bowden; Paul Henry Blackburn; Laura Huntenburg; and Simon Hernandez.

Dave Gamble noted to the chair that some of the questions were merely comments.

No Against Speech  
No Abstention Speech

Votes as follows

For	17
Against	1
Abstain	6

Motion passes

**Action: HUU to amend all standing orders noted and upload to both Hull and Scarborough websites**

- iv) Motion from Vice-President Education – amendment of position and the creation of another - 3004 Post-Graduate Association

Summary:

Vice-President Education noted that there are two types of Postgraduates; research and taught, the current system of representation does not support both. The motion was to separate the role into two so that effective representation can take place in both the University and HUU.

No questions  
No Against Speech  
No Abstention Speech

Votes as follows

For	24
Against	0
Abstain	0

Action: HUU to amend all standing order noted and upload to both Hull and Scarborough websites

## 6. Zone Reports

Verbal reports from the Chairs of each Zone.

### a) Chair Governance

- We don't have a full zone yet
- CCD wants to better define his role as currently it is very unclear what he actually is supposed to do
- President went over his objectives in Zone

### b) Chair Education

Not elected a chair as we're waiting for the zone to fill up with more voting membership as the Faculty Co-ordinators are ex officio members of the zone.

#### Faculty Co-ordinators

Training Day the week before welcome fest started for the faculty co-ordinators.

Managed to get a poster of each of the faculty co-ordinators in each of the departments relevant to their faculty.

Faculty Boards are in the process of happening either this week or next and the faculty co-ords are taking an active part in that.

For the first time ever we have managed to get an additional seat on the University Learning Teaching & Assessment Committee, which normally has just been the VP Education.

Following positions being elected in the by-elections:

Mature Students Officer

Part Time Students Officer

PG T officer

PG R officer

Councillor for Scrutiny

HYMS Faculty Co-ordinator

### c) Chair Welfare & Community

#### LGBT+

Met with Quakers who are very nice – might work with them later in the year as many LGBT+ students have need for spirituality despite many religions being anti LGBT+ .

Good meeting about what LGBT+ means to different people

Met someone from mesmac – requested more condoms and may receive free sexual training from them!

## Advice

We have had a really busy start to the new semester, with lots of academic queries and appeals due to the resit results only being given to students at the beg of Sem 1.

We have had lots of grateful students who we have assisted with their finances and benefits; we have also given out several food parcels to students who are still awaiting their first instalment of student finance. There have also been a few housemate issues and landlord issues due to people dropping out/withdrawn from Uni due to failing resits.

## Women's Committee

We had our first open meeting the other week which involved us telling everyone a bit about what we do and what we have planned and asking people what they want from us. We also had our first social on Thursday - both of these events had good turnouts. Before that we were mostly concentrating on coming up with ideas for meetings and events etc. We also made a zine which we handed out at societies fair.

In terms of what LINKS have been up to, over the summer holiday months we have been covering events still happening at university and around Hull.

We've been doing a lot of sorting out in terms of new members to LINKS this year. We obviously had our stall for the two days of freshers fair which was very successful and a lot of fun too!

We had our freshers meeting, and we've had our first social which was great. We are now in the last stages of organising the interviews which are happening tonight and tomorrow.

With a bit of luck we should have 24 new first aiders to start training soon

## d) Chair Sport

1. Capacity and budget discussed for AU Ball.

Decided that we would charge £3 for Trevor Nelson ticket onto the AU Ball ticket, making both Trophy Pres and AU Ball £25 per ticket.

Theme decided to be 'Film Premiere', red carpets, photo booth and big band like previous years.

Possibility of asylum photographers to walk around taking 'action shots' of the night.

2. Gurmok is trying to put together a contract between the sports facilities and the AU to establish what AU members give and get from the sports pass.

Laura and Sam Craig said they would be happy to get involved and help with the making of the contract.

3. Discussed that everything would be included in the Old Boys/Girls

weekend ticket, making it a full weekend event.

Memorabilia will also be given for the weekend such as a t-shirt and pint glass.

4. Possibility of charity event to be carried out between the exec such as a 12 hour sporting event, raising money.

Sam Craig is in the process of communicating to the sports centre about pitch side sponsorships.

5. Gurmok suggested game of the week profiling for teams, next week will be League vs. Squad match followed by basketball.

6. Laura spoke about talking to disability groups and LGBT to tell them about our inclusivity policies of our clubs to raise awareness to them.

LINKS support, thought of ways to give them sponsorship. Sam Craig suggested the idea of cross codes supporting St John Ambulance and LINKS, showing our recognition of them.

Laura will also talk to VP welfare, ensuring welfare within clubs, keeping up with inclusivity.

e) Chair Activities

Societies

- Have had a very successful Presidents Social and societies fair, with lots of positive feedback
- 183 people attended the Harry Potter Sorting Social – big win for societies!
- The SEC are looking at getting team photos, and joint events with the ISA and the radio show will be starting up again soon

RAG

- Raised £415.50 in one event (the equivalent of 3 events in 2014/15)
- 40 people attended their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting
- The charity pots downstairs will go to Teenage Cancer Trust

ISA

- Over 200 new members
- The Welcome Party had over 1000 people attend

Media

- Large output in TV
- 1<sup>st</sup> issue of Hullfire paper has gone out
- Radio scheduling has been finalised so the radio shows will be starting up again
- Over 50 new sign ups
- Meeting with Martin Green on the City of Culture was a success for all 3 areas



f) Chair Scarborough

Vice-President:

The social space is now open at the bottom of Waves canteen (to be called "The Beach Hut").

Twenty-four hour study space is now available in the Worsley building. Working the University to arrange a shutter service from town to the campus during events nights in Calvino's bar. Arranging equipment to record podcast which will be incorporated into Hull Radio.

Education Officer:

Working with VPSc to deliver Course Rep training this week. Will be promoting Careers recruitment fair for next week.

Welfare Officer:

Co-ordinating a drink awareness day, will be talking to clubs in town about student safety. Ordered a "sex fairy" costume to promote future SHAG events.

Community Officer:

Creating a board to display all Scarborough societies to give students a go to index. Looking to arrange first aid training for primary teaching students.

Team Update:

Engaged with students during the WelcomeFest to gauge what HUU should focus on. Had a team training day where we discussed our aims and objectives for the year.

7. Any Other Business
  - i. Week 5 Elections (Vacant Positions and NUS Delegates)President updated Union Council on the by-elections.
8. Date of Next Meeting  
Monday 16 November, Scarborough Campus

Pages 10 and 11 - motions from Vice-President Welfare & Community and Vice-President Scarborough.



Title of Motion: Removal of Scarborough International Officer and addition of Scarborough Equality and Diversity Officer.

**HUU notes**

The current Scarborough Executive Committee is made up of Education Officer, Welfare Officer, Community Officer, Sports Officer, Campaigns Officer and International Officer, all of which are voting members of Union Council.

With lower student numbers on the Scarborough campus this year, the population of international students is now less than one hundred. Having an Exec Officer in this role is disproportionate to the other Officers in how many students they will represent, as the remaining roles are applicable to all students.

**HUU Believes**

HUUSC has no representation for other minority groups (LGBT+, female, disabled, minority ethnic and mature students). Introducing a role to represent such groups is a vital step forward.

**HUU Resolves**

To remove the role of International Officer and bring in an Equality and Diversity Officer for the Scarborough Executive Committee. The role will represent the minority groups mentioned above as well as international students.

**Proposer:** Simon Hernandez.

**Secunder:** Chuby Okide.



Title of motion: Removal of Advice Centre Chair and Committee.

### **HUU notes**

At present, the roles under the welfare zone consist of – Chair BAME, Chair LINKS, Chair Women’s Committee, Chair Disabled Students Committee, and Chair Advice Centre, all of which are soon to be changed to ‘Officer’. The role of Chair Advice Centre – as part of the Advice Centre Volunteer Committee (SO:5003) shall ‘have responsibility for the Committee and is a member of the Welfare and Community Zone’. The current Chair of the Advice Centre Committee has resigned due to conflicts of interest, so currently the position is vacant, and would be elected in the by-elections. Under the Chair Advice Centre there is Publicity Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Social Secretary, Fundraising Officer and Training Officer. These positions are all vacant, and would be filled at the by-elections.

### **HUU Believes**

At present there is no one on the Advice Centre Volunteer Committee. There should be a Publicity Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Social Secretary, Fundraising Officer, and Training Officer. These positions are not looking to be filled as – in accordance to SO:8008 ‘only trained volunteers (as judged by the Advice Centre Volunteer Coordinator) may stand for election, and only trained volunteers (as judged by the Advice Centre Volunteer Coordinator) may vote. As we have no volunteers currently from previous years – there is no one eligible to run, or vote. These positions should therefore be dissolved. As none of these positions are filled, the role of Advice Centre Chair would not be doing as the standing order states, as they have no one to be responsible for. The Advice Centre has changed the ways in which they run their volunteering programme, with volunteers no longer being trained in giving advice. Instead, Advice Centre volunteers will be the voice of the Advice Centre, making students aware of where the Advice Centre is, and what support it can provide to students. At this moment in time, there have been no volunteers come forward to do this. It is with this in mind, that the position of Chair of The Advice Centre Committee is not a valid position, alongside the roles within the committee.

### **HUU Resolves**

HUU resolves to dissolve the position of Advice Centre Chair, Publicity Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Social Secretary, Fundraising Officer and Training Officer, due to their relevance within the new structure of the Advice Centre. With no trained volunteers, and none being trained this year (due to the changing of the ways volunteers will work) these positions are no longer required.

**Proposer:** *Ashleigh Davies*

**Secunder:** *Matthew Evans*