



HUU Governance Zone  
Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 19 December 2013 in Meeting Room 2

Attendees: Simon Hernandez, Aurias (International officer, Scarborough campus), Emily and Amy (Scarborough HUSSO), Elfie Brocklehurst, Nathan Gregory, Jonathan Blades, Chris Devine, Thom Rawlinson, Heather Smith and Richard Brooks.

Apologies: Elizabeth Palmer

1. Minutes Approval

Minutes approved aside from error as title, SR to change from "Union Council" to "Governance Zone".

2. Report from 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.

### 3. Chair Campaigns and Democracy report

Looking to the next semester

- Bootcamps have been postponed until early next semester
- Women leadership week
- Voter registration

### 4. Chair Environment and Ethics

In the past week Chair E and E activity:

1. Had a meeting with Chris King and sustrands to discuss the hub, recycling plans, fairtrade fortnight, aranging visitors, biodiversity survey for the university.
2. Had a meeting with the president and chair campains and democracy
3. Had a meeting to go over green impact award, and review our progress.
4. Had a meeting with the committee , reviewed the progress with the cycling initiative,made contacts with the warren and YWT.
5. Fundraising ideas
6. Created a fb and twitter

#### Aims for next week

- meet with biodiversity officer who missed the meeting and go over biodiversity projects .
- plan fairtrade fortnight
- email back garden center
- create a promotional vidio for snap it off.
- Meet with green society
- Get green impact evidence for richard

### 5. Chair Welfare & Community

#### 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.

## Links

- Second round of interviews for St John Ambulance
- 2 like Skills Demonstrations
- Duties continued with 120 hours completed to date

## Advice Centre

- Student volunteering 111 hours to date
- Assistance on Make a Smart Move campaign and SHAG day
- Training continuing including role play sessions

## LGBT+

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

## Women's Committee

- Raised money for Hull Rape Crisis
- Organising a social to Big Fun
- Collecting bras for the Bra Bin is now complete

## 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

## 6. Chair Education Report

EP was not present so report was given by ERC from Union Council update

## 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 102 on the Launch Day in Scarborough.
- The uni email system are finally being updated, and will start on the 21<sup>st</sup> December

## 7. Chair 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

## **8. Chair Council**

Chair Council referred to the last Union Council as "Uncontraversal", all motions were passed with vast majority. Voting pads were used affectively again and the session was well attended.

The president raised a question with regards to whether Governance Zone worked correctly. The current structure means that reports from Union Council are repeated at Governance Zone, furthermore there is no staff support in this specific area.

## **9. Chair Sports Zone**

Tour, after weeks of being able to sign up and pay the £70 deposits students are unable to do so now. Hull had 622 signed up last Friday and then the deadline was extended to midday yesterday. Now there are 650 deposits paid for tour. This will be a record if everybody pays the reminder of the cost at the beginning of the second semester.

With new kit suppliers, Roxy has met with a couple of kit suppliers and is due to meet a couple more soon. She's met with Surrudge and Zoo, so far and is due to meet with Canterbury tomorrow and is going to arrange a meeting with Samurai.

In Bucs, Hull is currently on 115 wins, 80 losses and 13 draws up to the 4/12/13.

Bucs rep by-election is happening in second semester now. It was felt that the election was rushed and now it gives time to those who may have not known about the election happening, time to decide if they want to run for the role.

We have a national champion in Clay Pigeon shooting, Tim Webster retained his title of 'undergraduate men's' title that he won at the Bucs Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships last year by storming to the top of the leader board by scoring 96 points.

Different clubs have done fundraisers for charity, 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 had a cross-code match where one half was rugby and the other half was football. Boxing Club are doing 'the rucksack project', where they are wanting clubs to donate a rucksack full of clothes and unwanted items which will be given to homeless people for Christmas.

10.Any other Business