



**HUU Governance Zone Meeting  
Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2013 in Meeting Room 2**

Attendees: Chris Devine, Thom Rawlinson, Lizi Palmer, Richard Brooks, Elfie Brocklehurst, Nathan Gregory, Heather Smith, Richard Brooks and Jonathan Blades (as a representative of Activities Zone).

Note: Mayu Sriranjana submitted her resignation as Councilor of Scrutiny, Chair Activities and Chair Governance Zone. Governance Zone thanked her for contribution to Hull University Union.

**1. Election of Chair Governance Zone**

An Election was held to fill the vacant chair position. Two candidates ran:  
Thom Rawlinson  
Heather Smith

Heather Smith won by a simple majority.

Heather is now Chair of Governance Zone.

**2. Minutes Approval**

Minutes approved

**3. Report from President**

Attended big 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.

**4. Chair of Council report**

Council voted in favour of boycotting the Sun and had a very good debate with regards to the boycott. #HUUCouncil was trending 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kingston-Upon-Hull.

**5. Chair Sports Zone**

AU membership currently stands at 2238 paid up members, not including associate members where they're 43.

Tour as of Tuesday, there are 425 sign ups with 144 paid deposits. The deadline for paying the £70 deposit is next Friday.

Squash club won team of the month for November with Women's rugby union coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Canoe club coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The Bucs Representative Dan Hodgson has left university due to course reasons. Everyone on the AU exec will help out with sorting out bucs scorecards and putting results onto the bucs website. Is everyone ok with the AU exec not having an election to replace him?

## 6. Chair Welfare & Community

### VPWC

1. Boycotting the sun motion passed at Union Council
2. Attended university equality and diversity committee and University Council and contributed to the discussion about gender discrimination and the pay gap.
3. Had a meeting with university experience.
4. Attended reclaim the campus.
5. Had a few poverty meeting to discuss student housing.
6. VPWC received her 360 feedback which showed her biggest area to develop were to be less abrupt or aggressive.

### Chair Links

1. Begun to draw up and run a training package for the Life Skills (first aid) program to be run alongside VP WelfCom.
2. Interviewed 17 prospective members to join St. John Ambulance and train as first aiders.
3. 57 members
4. 119.5 Hours of Duty

### Chair LGBT +

1. Got 544 signatures for our education campaign
2. 7 events with average attendance of 20 people
3. LGBT history month organised

### Advice Centre

1. Volunteers stepped in during Pauline's illness taking on the reception role.
2. Existing volunteers conducted 6 interviews with clients in addition to helping out on reception.
3. Training sessions over the past two weeks covered Debt, Benefits, Finance and Academic Training
4. 12<sup>th</sup> November – 26<sup>th</sup> 134 hours

### BAME

1. Asian Culture on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December

### Women

2. Reclaim the campus (25<sup>th</sup> November) 30 people attending
3. Stall for hull rape crisis 4<sup>th</sup> December
4. International women's week 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March

## DSC

5. Prove posters for mental health event which is happening on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.
6. We are planning on selling wristbands during a mental health week, baking cakes and selling bulbs.
7. We have got permission to plant the bulbs in the community garden which are located on Salmon growers.

## Community Reps

1. Community reps have each been approbated a ward and the contact details for community partners being sought.
2. Meeting with bin lady with regards to our semester two waste campaign
3. First day of our voter registration initiative went well: in 1.5 hours spoke to 63 residents on two roads.
4. Help needed from Zone and council for next event.

## 7. Chair Education Report

Chair Education was unable to give a report due to zone not taking place until after this meeting.

## 8. Chair Activities Report

## Chair SEC

- New SEC member called Stephen.
- Planning a team meal next week
- Launched buskers project, this should result in better links with Hull at large.
- Launched Societies Award- although still need a bit of work on it.
- Collated and printed and handed out brand spanking new societies handbook. The ultimate guide! Given at last social council
- Few issues with some societies. There is a lot of mediation going on at the moment. There have been official complaints made by students either about the way they have been treated or the way their society has been run. JB and DS are trying to have sessions where grievances can be heard so further problems do not occur.
- Developed further plans for our refreshers/showcase/taking over HUU project

## Chair HUSSO

- At Viking fm today for Cash for kKds
- All projects going out as of last week
- One of the care homes having issues with timings but should be sorted soon
- University choir are doing a Carol service on Sunday and money going to HUSSO
- Christmas party being organised
- Social enterprise panel separate to HUSSO - more defined plans for next meeting
- Met with HUSSO Scarborough which went well

## Chair Media

- December issue proof read and went to print yesterday
- Social was cancelled but hopefully one before the end on the year (joint with all sections)
- Meeting tomorrow with all heads
- Planning media ball and thinking about making some changes - possibly less formal.
- Nathan Gregory wants to expand media alumni- need to discuss further with Jamie
- Working on the website - seems to going well

## Chair ISA

- Winter ball tickets on sale and advertising started. Plans going well. 86 sold so far.
- Football match this Sunday against Hull University Team
- Paris trip went well. Couple of issues with accommodation but was sorted out.
- Spoke to Scarborough International Officer after council on Monday

## Chair RAG

- LGBT have fundraised a lot recently. Had issue with the charities charity number.
- £563.63 raised for Children in Need
- Philippines - collection outside asylum £100 raised
- Amnesty did a vigil for Philippines also, £70 raised
- Kili members have started fundraising
- British Red Cross comedy night tonight in aid of World Aids Day on the 28th
- LGBT are selling red ribbons on the 28th - Terrance Higgins trust gets half
- Scarborough hosting first RAG event on 28th
- Sheridan helping plan to get TC to go over to Scarborough to help set up RAG over there

## VP Activities

- HUU strategy being renewed. Sabbatical Officers and Senior Management have looked at it before focus groups occurred. Survey going out based on the results of focus group
- Media Survey still going on and being sorted out and analysed by a member of staff  
Then start planning the media re-launch for January
- HUU on tour last week started - trying to reach out to the people that don't engage with HUU as much e.g. part time members. Great response so far.
- A lot of one-on-ones recently, mainly with a variety of societies
- Continuing work with culture week
- Another international welcome week which starts Wednesday of refreshers week
- Week 1 of Semester 2 is Activities and Sports week – looking at how important these are to the student experience. How the opportunities are offered with such little funding. How it helps with retention.

## AOB

- General discussion about how each committee is doing as this time of year can get hard on students. Some members of committee have had some personal problems and therefore we have looked into ways of helping with this. For example with SEC, training RAG and ISA to use the SEC “booking book” in case SEC are not on the desk. Also getting notes for people to write that can be passed onto SEC. Other general concerns will be carefully viewed over time.

## 9. Scarborough

### 10. Chair Campaigns and Democracy

No meetings held in the last two weeks

Bootcamps/workshops is in two weeks and everything is well underway

Women leadership week is next week.

Friday we are shooting a video in order to get individuals on board with the ‘snap it off’ campaign.

### 11. Chair Environment and Ethics Report

### Report 3 for environment and ethics

- Had a meeting with ccd and the president
- Had a meeting with ccd about snap it off campaign
- Started making a promotional video for snap it off
- Had a meeting to discuss green impact

#### Aims for next week:

- Finish the snap it off video
- Meet with the committee
- Meet with Chris king
- Get evidence for green impact award for Richard

### 12. Any other Business