



UNION COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Meeting Room 1, 6:00pm

MINUTES

Attendance

ATTENDING	ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES	ABSENT
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Governance Zone			
Richard	Brooks	President	
Adam	Allnutt	Chair Environment and Ethics	
Dehenna	Davison	Chair Campaigns and Democracy	
Welfare and Community Zone			
Jennifer	Day	VP Welfare and Community	
Angela	Suriyakumaran	Chair LINKS	
Michael	O'Donnell	Chair Advice Centre Volunteers	
Adil	Qureshi	Chair LGBT+	
VACANT	VACANT	Chair Community Reps	
Enoch	Osae	Chair Black BAME	
Emily	Bolt	Chair Women's Committee	
Daryl	Jones	Chair Disabled Students	
Elto	Alexandrov	Councillor for Scrutiny	
Timothy	Veal	Councillor for Scrutiny	
Education Zone			
Gareth	Ikin	VP Education	
Nicola	Marsden	Chair Mature Students	
Moipone	Mokone	Chair Part-time students	
VACANT	VACANT	Chair Postgraduate Association	
Saumil	Shah	Faculty Co-ordinator Hull York Medical School	
Matthew	Evans	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Science and Engineering	
Thomas	Wardman	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	
Wendy	Drake	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Health and Social Care	
VACANT	VACANT	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Education	
Gemma	Naylor	Faculty Co-ordinator Hull University Business School	

Niall	Devine	Academic Council Rep	
Elizabeth	Barraclough	Academic Council Rep	
Ayesha	Mazumder	Councillor for Scrutiny	
Daniel	Walker	Councillor for Scrutiny	
Activities Zone			
Victoria	Cliffe	VP Activities	
Kathleen	Brook	Chair SEC	
Chuby	Okide	Chair ISA	
VACANT	VACANT	Chair HUSSO	
Sarah	Barradell	Chair Media	
Simon	Bagg	Chair RAG	
Leon	French	Councillor for Scrutiny	
Abbie	Edwards	Councillor for Scrutiny	
Scarborough Executive Committee			
Tom	Swainson	VP Scarborough	
Aimee	Clancy	Scarborough Community Officer	
Frank	Tupling	Scarborough Sports Officer	
Emily	West	Scarborough Welfare Officer	
Simon	Hernandez	Scarborough Education Officer	
Jacob	Jagger	Scarborough Campus - International Officer	
VACANT	VACANT	Scarborough Campaigns Officer	
Sports Zone			
Nichola	Jackson	VP Sport	
William	Tinney	Tour Rep	
Laura-Anna	Huntenburg	Kit & Equipment Rep	
Gurmok	Sanghera	BUCS Rep	
Elisa	Battersby	Events Officer	
David	Gamble	Communication Rep	
Laura	Hutch	Secretary and Varsity Rep	
Huayling	Lyle	Councillor for Scrutiny	
Emma	Latham	Councillor for Scrutiny	

## 1. Apologies

Chair Women's Committee, Councillor for Scrutiny (TV), Chair BAME Committee, AU Events Officer, AU Tour Representative

## 2. Matters Arising

### a. Scarborough Social Space

VP Scarborough Updates – HUU-owned common space and 24 hour space in library.

#### 4. Motions

##### a. Motion of Caution against VP Activities

Proposed by Chair SEC, with Chair RAG in support.

- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (what will happen?)

Answer from Chair SEC.

Answer from Chair RAG.

Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (why haven't we heard about this before?)

Answer from Chair SEC.

Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (manipulation of Standing Orders in the motion)

Answer from Chair SEC.

- Question from AU Communications Officer (who cares?)

Answer from Chair SEC.

- Question from Chair Mature Students (complaints procedure)

Clarification from Adam Sheridan (staff).

- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Arts and Social Sciences (last minuteness of supporting statements)

Answer from Chair RAG.

Clarification from President.

- Question from AU BUCS Representative (what do you want to achieve? / Sabbatical workload)

Answer from Chair RAG.

- Question from Academic Council Representative (EB) (what do acronyms mean?)

Answer from Chair RAG and Chair SEC.

- Question from Chair Environment and Ethics (level of severity)

Clarification from Adam Sheridan (staff).

- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (not had enough time to read supporting statements)

Answer from Chair.

- Question from Scarborough Sport Officer (is publicity the fault of VP Activities?)

Answer from Chair SEC.

Question from Scarborough Sport Officer (what have you done before now?)

Answer from Chair.

Opposed by VP Activities.

- Question? (missed)
- Question from Scarborough Sport Officer (have you done too much?)

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EL) (your views on the statements regarding 'undermining')

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from Chair Disabled Students Committee (When was your last Zone meeting?)

Answer from VP Activities.

Question from Chair Disabled Students Committee (why has this not gone to Zone?)

Answer from VP Activities.

Clarification from Frank Longdon (staff).

- Question from student (VP Activities taking credit for 'wins')

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from student (not a personal issue, professional)

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from Chair RAG (apologises for statement)

- Question from Chair Disabled Students Committee (how did email get circulated?)

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from Chair ISA (no proof of ISA funds and costs)

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EL) (miscommunication the issue)

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from AU Secretary and Varsity Representative (does the motion matter?)

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator HYMS (why does personal stuff matter?)

Answer from VP Activities.

- Question from AU Communications Officer (are they expecting too much?)

Answer from VP Activities.

Amber Jenkins speaks in support of the motion.

VP Activities speaks against the motion.

Chair LINKS speaks in abstention of the motion.

Vote:

29 votes cast.

FOR: 21%

AGAINST: 38%

ABSTAIN: 41%

Motion falls.

#### b. Condition of the AstroTurf

Proposed by Chloe Douthett.

- Question from Chair Disabled Students Committee (costs?)

Answer from Chloe Douthett.

- Question from Chair Environment and Ethics (what is the short-term option?)

Answer from Chloe Douthett.

Question from Chair Environment and Ethics (costs?)

Answer from Chloe Douthett.

- Question from AU Kit and Equipment Representative (have you had to cancel fixtures?)

Answer from Chloe Douthett.

- Clarification from AU Communications Officer (university money, not union's)

- Question from AU BUCS Representative (effects other clubs)

Clarification from President.

Clarification from VP Sport.

Answer from Chloe Douthett.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Vote:

24 votes cast.

FOR: 83%

AGAINST: 4%

ABSTAIN: 13%

Motion passes.

c. Timeliness of Union Council Papers

Proposed by Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EA) (contradictions between Standing Orders and Bye Laws)

Answer from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EA) (deadline for submission of motions)

Answer from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering.

Clarification from President.

- Question from Scarborough International Officer (some don't have Standing Orders)

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EL) (time for submission)

- Question from Scarborough Sport Officer (emergency motions)

Clarification from Frank Longdon (staff).

- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Health and Social Care (terms and days)

Answer from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Vote:

24 votes cast.

FOR: 92%

AGAINST: 4%

ABSTAIN: 4%

Motion passes.

d. Bye-Laws and 8001 Standing Orders Governing Elections

To be discussed and voted on in parts:

SO8001 Standing Orders Governing Elections

Proposed by President.

- Question from Chair RAG (what happens if it doesn't pass?)

Clarification from Adam Sheridan (staff).

Answer from President.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Vote:

FOR: 96%

AGAINST: 4%

ABSTAIN: 0%

Motion passes.

Bye-Laws

Proposed by President.

- Question from Scarborough International Officer (quotas effecting the ability to get the best candidates)

Answer from President.

Clarification from VP Scarborough.

- Question from Scarborough Education Officer (name change, 'Union Council' to 'Student Council', more accessible for students)

- Answer from President.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Vote:

25 votes cast.

FOR: 84%

AGAINST: 16%

ABSTAIN: 0%

Motion passes.

## 2. Matters Arising

### b. Financial Help for Part-Time Students

Update from VP Education.

President apologises for inaction.

### c. Wednesday Lectures Should End At 12:05

Pro Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is on-board.

To be incorporated in curriculum 2016.

### d. UCU Marking Boycott

Update from President.

UCU Marking Boycott has ended, for now. Talks have resumed.

Chair Environment and Ethics states that it is scheduled to restart in the new year.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

No problems.

Minutes approved.

## 5. Discussion and Consultation

### a. Legal Highs

Introduced by VP Welfare and Community

Attendees break into 4 groups, each has a question to discuss.

#### 1) How could we support staff and students on legal highs?

“Making sure we have the right facts and information regarding legal highs.

Same access for both staff and students to education.



Drug Awareness Day? Legal and Illegal.

Club in Manchester has technology to check what a substance is on the spot from club goers, and is able to pass info onto police."

2) Do we need to hold a campaign raising awareness of legal highs and how?

"Yes Yes Yes!

Distinction of what differentiates legal vs illegal – legal vs common

Definition of legal highs – what are? "shopping list"

Not leaflet/poster/booklet based! – No way Jose!

Legal high simulation

Email/website – short and sweet – like Jeni ☺

Social media/VLE presence

Accessible campaign

Campus wide"

3) What info/advice on legal highs do we need to supply and how?

"Advice:

- Implications and dangers
- How addictive can they be?
- What a legal high is...
- What damage is it doing to your body..?
- Impact
  - Chemistry of drugs
  - Dosage/strength

Supply to Students:

- Commercial venues – toilet cubicles
- Social media
- Email
- "Bertie says no to legal highs!" – picture with pig
- Giving out advice/marketing when drunk people get water outside Asylum – on their way home"

4) What disciplinary action should there be?

"1 – Differentiate? Treat – less stringent – welfare.

2 – Differently – mixed – dealing an illegal

3 – Legal highs? More dangerous – more support and increased awareness. Dealing?

Punishment and Disciplinary:

- Given a meeting with Advice Centre.
- 1 – Treat as a drug
  - 2 – Treat like no one's doing drugs.
- How?
- What do we do if find student with legal highs?
- Temporary"

## 6. Ratification of Societies

All society's passed.

Chair Environment and Ethics (Chair Governance Zone) informs council that Governance Zone did not meet quora and could not pass more society constitutions to Union Council.

## 7. Officer and Zone Updates

### a. Governance Zone

Presented by Chair Governance Zone

### b. Education Zone

Presented by Chair Education Zone

### c. Welfare and Community Zone

Presented by Chair Welfare and Community Zone

### d. Sport Zone

Presented by AU BUCS Representative on-behalf of Chair Sport Zone.

### e. Activities Zone

Presented by VP Activities on-behalf of Chair Activities Zone.

### f. Scarborough Executive Committee

Presented by Chair Scarborough Executive Committee.

## 8. Any Other Business

President thanks everyone for their hard work.

Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering asks about the format of the Union Council papers.

9. Date, Time, Location of Next Meeting

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015, 6pm, WO27 in Scarborough

Approved by Union Council: Due to the meeting on Monday 23rd February 2015 not meeting quoracy, these minutes will be formally approved on Monday 13th April 2015.