



UNION COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 17th November 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+	
Soniya	Limbu	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 introduces and sets ground rules. Asks to move agenda point 4 after 5.

2. Matters Arising

a. Gender Neutral Toilets Motion Update

President updates Union Council.

3. Approval of Minutes

VP Education asks that answers be recorded as well as questions.

VP Education requests that the minutes be more formal.

4. Trials

Chair introduces and explains trial process.

- a. Chair RAG present trial. PASSED by assent.

5. Motions

- a. Scarborough Social Space

Proposed by Scarborough Education Officer.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EA) (wheelchair access).

Answer from Scarborough Education Officer.

Clarification from Scarborough International Officer.

Clarification from Scarborough Education Officer.

- Question from Chair Environment and Ethics (budget).

Clarification from VP Scarborough.

Answer from Scarborough Education Officer.

- Question from President (resolutions).

Answer from Scarborough Education Officer.

Clarification from VP Scarborough.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Result:

90% FOR

3% AGAINST

7% ABSTAIN

Motion passes.

- b. Financial Help for Part-Time Students

Proposed by Chair Mature Students.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EL) (clarification wanted).

Answer from Chair Mature Students.

- Clarification from Chair Advice Centre Volunteers (campaign surrounding access to learning fund).

- Question from Chair SEC (where will money come from?).

Answer from Chair Mature Students.

- Clarification from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (cost of text books and reading lists).

- Question from VP Welfare and Community (who lobbies?).

Answer from Chair Mature Students.

- Clarification from student (comparison to full-time provision).

- Question from Chair (how did you consult?).

Answer from Chair Mature Students.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Result:

59% FOR

19% AGAINST

22% ABSTAIN

Motion passes.

c. Legal Highs in the Licensing Areas Policy

Proposed by VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EL) (occurrence and precedence).

Clarification from President.

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from Chair RAG (training for staff).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from Chair SEC (information for students).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

- VP Welfare and Community actioned to give clear, public definitions of what classed as a 'legal high'.

- Question from student (who defines?).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

Question from student.

Clarification from President.

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from Chair SEC (enforcement).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from Scarborough Sport Officer (enforcement).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from Chair Environment and Ethics (legal action).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from student.

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

Clarification from VP Activities.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EL) (enforcement and punishment).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

Clarification from President.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EA) (problems of definition).

Answer and Clarification from VP Welfare and Community.

- Question from Chair SEC (possession or effect?).

Answer from VP Welfare and Community.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Result:

50% FOR

38% AGAINST

12% ABSTAIN

Motion does not pass.

d. Wednesday Lectures Should End At 12:05

Proposed by AU Secretary and Varsity Representative.

- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (where will the hour of teaching go?).

Answer from AU Secretary and Varsity Representative.

Clarification from VP Education.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (LF) (BUCS).

Answer from AU Secretary and Varsity Representative.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (TV) (when do matches start?).

Answer from AU Secretary and Varsity Representative.

- Question from Chair SEC (applies to societies too).

Answer from AU Secretary and Varsity Representative.

Clarification from VP Education.

- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EA) (short-term and long-term goals).

Answer from AU Secretary and Varsity Representative.

Clarification from VP Education.

- Question from Chair Advice Centre Volunteers (office hours).

Answer from VP Education.

- VP Education actioned to research into office hours – accessibility and curriculum 2016.

- Clarification from Councillor for Scrutiny (EL) (all encompassing?).

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Result:

81% FOR

15% AGAINST

4% ABSTAIN

Motion passes.

5 minute break.

e. UCU Marking Boycott

Proposed by President.

- Clarification from Chair Environment and Ethics (progress of talks and problems with evidence).
- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (USS).

Answer from President.

Clarification from Chair Environment and Ethics.

- Question from Scarborough Sport Officer (use of funds).

Answer from President.

No speech against.

No speech in abstention.

Result:

69% FOR

14% AGAINST

17% ABSTAIN

Motion passes.

6. Discussion and Consultation

a. Cost of Life and Associate Membership

Brought by President.

- Introduced by President.
- Clarification from Adam Sheridan (staff) (who qualifies).
- Chair asks everyone to raise their hands if they know a Life or Associate member as part of a club or society.
- President explains difference for the Athletic Union.
- Clarification from Adam Sheridan (staff) (difference for sport clubs).

Attendees split into 6 groups. Groups asked to discuss prices, pick a spokesperson and eventually present prices for Life and Associate Membership.

Groups feedback:

- Group 1: Associate Membership should rise with inflation = £35. Life Membership should be the equivalent to 3 years, but they felt they needed more statistics = £75.
- Group 2: Associate and Life Membership should rise with inflation. They felt they needed more information. They suggested a 3rd option just for societies.
- Group 3: Associate Membership = £25. Life Membership = £100 (or more), should be available in monthly instalments so recent graduates can afford it. Life Membership should be automatic after 4 years of Associate Membership.

- Group 4: Associate Membership = £25. Life Membership = £50, no one really uses it, it's not good as one payment. HUU makes money from commercial activity of Associate and Life Members. Options need better publicity – more subscribers means more money.
- President actioned to get statistics and detail.
- Group 5: Associate Membership should rise with inflation. Life Membership should increase. Asked that HUU looks at other student unions and consider the costs incurred by Life and Associate Members. Though both could be more accessible and not scare people.
- Group 6: Associate Membership if it had risen with inflation would now be at £34.50, they rounded up to £35. Life Membership = £100, they felt they needed more information. Suggested that Life Membership is potentially 50 times as good as Associate Membership. They thought both were useful for clubs and societies.
- Question from Councillor for Scrutiny (EA) (is inflation appropriate?).
- Question from Scarborough Sport Officer (could it be free for ex-presidents of clubs and societies?).
- President actioned to find out information surrounding: how long do people stay in Hull after graduating?

Clarification from VP Activities (responses from University Alumni).

Attendees asked to line-up across the room.

Associate Membership: 3 people stood above £50, 12 people stood below £35, everyone else stood between £35 and £50.

Life Membership: 1 person stood at £400, 4 people stood above £200, 3 people stood between £100 and £200, 30 people stood between £75 and £100, 12 people stood between £50 and £75.

7. Ratification of Societies

- Question from Faculty Co-ordinator Science and Engineering (Amnesty society blank constitution).

Answer from Chair SEC.

- Chair SEC actioned to make sure Amnesty society constitution ready and good for next Union Council.

All societies are ratified, apart from Amnesty society which is tabled until next Union Council.

8. Officer and Zone Updates

a. Governance Zone

"We have had 3 Gov zone meeting since the last Union Council they are going well. We aim to integrate each zone report into the minutes and circulate them to the chairs for everyone's attention. This is still being worked out and hopefully by the next meeting we will

be in a position to send everything out to ensure that each of us are as accountable as possible.

From our first meeting Richard has told us he wanted to increase the amount of motion coming forward so the members of Gov Zone with consultation with other zones and students have proposed 4 different motions for your attention today. This consultation with gov zone we feel has been productive and has made the process easier. We currently have at least 3 more under consideration for December.

The motion passed last time out for gender neutral toilets in Wilberforce is currently being worked out with faculties by Jeni and Richard and Richard wanted me to say that progress is being made. Separately we in gov zone will be ensuring that progress is being made.

UCU Strike – Within gov zone I asked all chairs to consult with their membership about the strike and the motion proposed today by myself and Richard we feel most accurately describes the combined position. That of sympathising with the strikers but of concern that the strike will adversely affect students and their education. We look forward to your feedback later

City of Culture – Richard has met with organisers to ensure the Union is engaged in the process and that we are working with partners so students are a big part of the 2017 celebrations. As progress is made it will be made available in the president report that will be part of the circulated minutes I mentioned earlier.

NUS Zone Conference – Richard and Gareth attended and played an active role. It will be an agenda point on the next Gov Zone meeting for us to see what he got up to in more depth

Scarborough – I'm sure Si will tell you more but the feedback from Richard is that he and Tom done a good job in securing an agreement upto 2017 on what students can expect. The details are still a work in progress and we await more details. Again it will be an agenda topic in the next Gov Zone

By-Election – Around 1157 votes were cast for 20 candidates 12 of whom were elected. I'd like to take this opportunity to mention the changes which are coming to the governance and democratic structures of the union. The president is currently putting together something to be taken to zones for your consideration, safe to say the changes that are coming could revolutionise the processes as we know them so your consultation will be key

Chair E&E – The students union will be going for green impact silver award. The student switch off campaign has had 350 sign ups from 1st years and we are actively seeking to increase participation. We have had 2 visits from NUS so far with another scheduled for the 25th. The campaign is to encourage students to save energy and has been paid for by the University through the Sustainability steering group. The group is made up of key stake holders from the University including the CFO, Richard and myself. As a side note I have asked the chair of the Green society to sit as an observer. As chair E&E I currently have several projects in the pipeline and I look forward to seeing them enacted.

Elections – Our chair CCD is working toward getting a Polling Station at the Lawns, involving the union with a campaign called bite the ballot and others to increase voter ID. These are parts of a wider effort to increase student participation in the run up to the general election including events such as debates"

b. Education Zone

"VP EDUCATION

- Course Rep training has been going really well – as of 11/11/2014 there are 302 Course Reps in Hull and about 50 in Scarborough. Of which, 64% have been trained (which is about 165 trained Course Reps). This has been one of the most successful drives for course reps for years.
- Launch date for the SLTA will be 24th November for Hull and the 25th for Scarborough, with nominations open until 13 March 2014 for the ceremony to be held on Tuesday 5th of May 2015.
- Held the 1st Academic Council of the year which saw 93 Course Reps attend. Major discussion points were regarding feedback and the library.
- Attended NUS Zones Conference in Harrogate, as a representative of HUU.
- Travelled over to Bishop Burton and got the opportunity to deliver training to their Course Reps

- Met June Pym, from the University of Cape Town, to discuss the work she has been doing with regards to the BME attainment and retention gap and what HUU and the university do to currently help this.
- Held University Challenge trials, which saw over 40 turn up, and the team shall be contacted tomorrow.
- Currently in the Process of meeting with all Education Zone volunteers to discuss their objectives for the year.
- Ongoing work regarding Placement Learning, with Focus Groups to be held in both Hull and Scarborough

MATURE STUDENTS

- Continuing to encourage mature students to join the mature student society and is holding regular socials.
- Careers Event has been arranged for mature students on 3rd December 2014 at 1.30pm

PART TIME STUDENTS

- Part-time time table now available online through the iHull app.
- Social science part-time students are now proactive about taking part in the academic council.

ISA EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE

- International students have been praising the skills team who have been extremely helpful for international students.
- Trips and Events have been really successful so far.

FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR BUSINESS SCHOOL

- Progress is being made with personal supervision and it has been included in the LTAC meeting (Learning, Teaching and Assessment Committee)

FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

- Wendy is working towards protected time within which exam results need to be delivered to students.

FACULTY FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

- Invited to attend School of Biological Biomedical and Environmental Science's Workshop for the next stage of Curriculum 2016 Development (after development consent panels have been happening over previous weeks) – It's really positive that the university are actively seeking student representation on this.
- Involved in the student Journey 2 project delivery leadership group to give student representation/voice/opinion on change with the university relating to the student experience programme.
- Planning with Gareth for the first faculty forum. Aim is to have the biggest turn out of all faculties from all departments.

FINAL POINT

New education zone members have recently been elected –

- Faculty Coordinator for HYMS *Saumil Shah*
- Academic Council Representatives - *Niall Devine and Elizabeth Barraclough.*"

c. Welfare and Community Zone

Union Council Report (Welfcomm)

- VPWC went to Scarborough for stress awareness liaising with Kora about student citizens stress awareness video was released.
- Welfare officer, Scarborough aims to hold an event every month done three in October and planned three for this month sent out questionnaires on student campaigns.
- BAME black history month in October and that went well liaising with LGBT+ on standing orders.

- Advice centre committee introduced to volunteers shifts have started high demand for food packages this month.
- LGBT+ workshops were held successfully in October LGBT & Faith theme this month coffee mornings going well this week.
- LINKS pathway started new events lead appointed (previous pr and social) egm will be held to appoint pr and fundraising lead.
- All doing their things fabulously!

d. Sport Zone

e. Activities Zone

f. Scarborough Executive Committee

Scarborough Zone Update (17/11/14)

1. Sabbatical Update (VPSc)

Began focus groups for Future of Scarborough campaign.

Meeting with Chris Turnock regarding Virtual Learning Environment (ebridge) and ideas going forward.

Service Level Agreement (document that holds the University's commitment to Scarborough) accepted on principle with amendments.

2. Zone Update

a. Officer Updates

Education Officer (SEd)

Co-hosted course rep training sessions with Course Rep Advisor.

Had first Course Rep Forum, which had the highest turnout in recent years.

Promoted Postgraduate Fair.

Made petition for a Social Space on campus.

Welfare Officer (SWe)

Have four events planned for the next month.

Questionnaire is being circulated on what we can do next in terms of welfare events.

Following up questions from World Mental Health Day, where students were invited to post questions in a box about what they thought about mental health.

Community Officer (SCo)

Made contact with Mencap in regards to running a disabled football team service at Uni, coming this Friday to discuss.

Physically planned out the garden with Estates and ready to move onto budgeting.

Made some really good contacts at our Volunteering Fair, getting people on board our HUSSO projects.

International Officer (SIn)

Held events for Black History Month, which were a success.

Met with Global Ambassadors and International Coordinator to plan future events, including Chinese New Year and an International Cultural Event.

Sports Officer (SSp)

We now have a newly elected Sports Officer. Has just been trained and is currently talking with sports teams, offering Union support. Has discussed the idea of better publicising game results on campus.

Campaigns Officer (SCa)

VACANT.

b. What we've done as a Zone

Reviving a mentor scheme for our Zone members.

Helping out with Future of Scarborough focus groups.

Held a RAG event for Children in Need, raising nearly £300.

Discussing options of appointing non-voting members for ScEC to fulfil SCa duties, due to lack of candidates. Currently have two students supporting campaigns on Campus.

9. Any Other Business

Chair advises Zone Chairs on keeping reports short and direct.

Chair advises and encourages councillors to give speeches against motions in the future.

10. Date, Time, Location of Next Meeting

6pm, Monday 15th December 2014, Meeting Room 1

Approved by Union Council: 15/12/14