

MINUTES OF A UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
AT 10.30am ON TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2010, IN MEETING ROOM 1

Present: President (in the Chair)
Vice-President Sport
Vice-President Welfare
Vice-President Education
Chair Scarborough

Attending: Wayne Cullen, Scarborough Union Manager
Jane Haddlesey, Minute Secretary

Action

472 Apologies. VPC and GM.

473 Minutes of Previous Meeting. VPW and VPE commented about the questions regarding Boycott of the NSS (Minute 464). After discussion, the following wording was agreed:-

Proposed to organise a pro-active campaign to boycott the NSS in Hull?

Proposed to meet the Vice Chancellor to seek assurances that there would be no course cuts and that the current staff/student ratio would be maintained? If assurances were not met then we would not assist the University in the marketing the NSS.

474 Matters Arising. None.

475 Community Zone.
VPC absent.

476 Education Zone

(a) Achievements and Progress

- Planning campaigns and working with Governance and Sports Zones.

477 Governance Zone

(a) Achievements and Progress

- Elections Procedural meeting was well attended last week.
- SUEI 2 day was very useful, went through the new criteria and setting out how we will be assessed.
- HE Funding Debate was well attended.

(b) GM's Update

GM absent.

478 Sport Zone

(a) Achievements and Progress

- Had a meeting with Dave Varley from the Sports & Fitness Centre regarding Women's Rugby Union, sorted out a few issues and the relationship between the two is now good. VPS has told Women's Rugby Union to contact him direct if they have any more problems.
- Teamwear meeting went well.
- 3 candidates for VPS position from the Procedural Meeting.
- Decision to be made next week regarding kits.
- Meeting with Frances Owen yesterday.
- Chaired HE Funding Debate.
- Dodgeball on Friday.
- Team photos today.
- Sports Zone meeting yesterday.
- Mentor meeting tomorrow.
- I Love Tour training day at Bucks University on Sunday.

479 Welfare Zone

(a) Achievements and Progress

- Has attended a number of Committees. The Student Progress Committee was very useful and things seem to be moving forward regarding disability tutors.
- 6-7 candidates running for the position of VPW following the Procedural meeting.
- Meeting with the 'money doctors' regarding Free Your Money day on 20/4/10.
- Nightline Fun Day today.

480 Scarborough

(a) Achievements and Progress

- Procedural Meeting went fairly well, about 7-8 turned up, 4 candidates for Vice President Scarborough and one for President. President said a nomination for VP Scarborough had also been received in Hull.
- 90 signatures on petition regarding changing the student experience. Will monitor for updates to achieve this result.
- Has contacted local suppliers regarding the bike project, is waiting for replies and will visit suppliers if necessary

(b) Changes to RAG Week posters

Chair Scarborough stated that James Nicholson was not happy with posters going out with VPC's face on it, as it looked as if VPC had organised it. Chair Scarborough asked if they could do the posters themselves, all agreed.

481 **Staff Issues**
Confidential

482 **Any Other Business**

(a) **Hullfire's advertising of education events/debates**

- VPE stated there were some items from the Education Zone that hadn't been published in Hullfire, ie Student Conference. President then read out an email from VPC in which VPC apologised for his oversight regarding material not being published.
- The Education Funding debate article didn't reflect what the debate was supposed to be about, it was more about how to pay for your education, rather than free education. VPE didn't feel that the editorial was 100% neutral. President stated that a decision only needed to be made regarding this matter if it became a recurring issue.

(b) **Defend Assed Baig**

VPE explained that Assed Baig, President at Staffs University, who focuses on anti-racist issues, had been having problems with right-wing groups and racist comments and symbols had been painted on his door. Due to various things that had happened, there had been a Referendum of no confidence in Assed and they very nearly got the two thirds they needed. President suggested that a letter be written to Assed stating that he had been treated unfairly and that UEC supported his cause. Agreed.

(c) **2nd Floor, University House**

President advised that dates and times had been received for the 2nd floor development and demolition would start in May 2010.

Hot Topic

How should HE be funded.

Meeting closed.