

MINUTES OF A UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
AT 10.0am ON TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2010, IN MEETING ROOM 1

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

Attending: Paul Tatton, General Manager
Wayne Cullen, Scarborough Union Manager
James Brooks, Commercial & Marketing Manager
Julie Watson, Human Resources Manager
Jane Haddlesey, Minute Secretary

Action

519 Apologies. Chair Scarborough.

520 Minutes of Previous Meeting. Agreed.

521 Matters Arising. Minute 518(h). VPW asked if everyone had seen the letter re Sussex University, all agreed were happy for it to be sent.

522 Community Zone

(a) Achievements and Progress

- Has spent a lot of time volunteering.
- Has almost finished proposals for Disbursement Fund. It was agreed that a deadline for proposals be set at 12noon on Thursday.
- Had meeting with Environmental Health which went well.
- Working on a couple of proposals.
- Congratulated the Netball Team.

(b) Society Overspend

VPC advised that a Society had overspent by £800 however the Society were organising fundraising events in order to try and repay the money.

(c) Charges for Middleton Hall

Gilbert & Sullivan Society had been charged an extra £400 for the use of Middleton Hall, and had not been advised of this increase in charge by the University. VPC going to speak to the University about this. It was suggested that Societies be reminded to get quotes before actually booking the venue so they are aware of any increased charges beforehand.

(d) **Volunteering Proposal**

President read through the suggested changes VPC had made to Standing Orders of HUSSO Student Community Action.

Following changes noted:-

G(h) - To be re-worded and included in job description.

M – To replace Chair HUSSO with 'the Sabbatical Officer responsible for HUSSO'.

O(1) – Week 11 or 12 of Semester 2, instead of Semester 2.

523 **Education Zone**

(e) **Achievements and Progress**

- Academic Council yesterday. Elected 2 reps for Education Zone.
- Following a meeting, it seems hopeful that the University will trial the 24 hour library
- Feedback on written exams will be available from next Semester
- Culture Night was very good.
- Netball final was a good day.
- Organising things around anti-cuts campaign and the 24 hour opening of the library.
- Anti-course cuts demonstration set for Senate on 21st April.
- Had Camp for 24 meeting with VPS on Monday.

524 **Governance Zone**

(a) **Achievements and Progress**

- Attended the Founders Day service last week.
- Went to Scarborough Campus on Weds, met with the Dean and saw plans of the extension to the library and discussed the location of the Union.
- Netball final was a good day.
- Attended Open Day on Saturday.
- Culture Night was a good event.

(b) **GM's Update**

- Has made good progress with updating the lease.
- Visited Scarborough Campus last Thursday.
- Working on the proposal re website development.
- Still a few Standing Orders to bring up to date.
- Working on an issue regarding pensions.

(c) **Nomination of Returning Officer**

President suggested that the same format be used for Week 11 Elections, as was used with Week 5 Elections. All agreed, although need to check with Kathryn Docherty, Regional Organiser (North East) at NUS.

(d) **Ground Rules of UEC**

President reminded everyone of the ground rules for UEC meetings.

(e) **Breakdown of Voters in Elections Final**

C&MM went through the analysis. 4104 members voted which is a turnout of 24.55%. C&MM explained that he is running a survey on the website asking why students did/didn't vote. Discussion took place regarding the low percentage of votes from Health & Social Care. VPE stated he would contact the reps within that area for their opinions and then we would look at a course of action. C&MM also said it would be useful to wait for the results from the survey.

(f) **Standing Order 8001**

VPE had put forward some suggested changes to Standing Order 8001. Discussion took place regarding 'creating allowances for slates'. Following vote taken:-

Who was in favour of removing rules regarding banning slates?

Votes For: 2 (VPW, VPE)

Votes Against: 1 (VPC)

Votes Abstained: 1 (VPS)

Post meeting note - this fell as it did not meet the two thirds majority needed.

It was agreed that the other suggested changes would be looked at and brought to the next UEC.

525 **Sport Zone**

(a) **Achievements and Progress**

- Netball Final was a fantastic day.
- Working on Trophy Presentation, tickets should be on sale after Easter.
- Good feedback from parents at the Open Day on Saturday; very impressed with what we offer at HUU.

- Busy working on allocation of buses and accommodation for Tour. Emergency contact details are slowly being provided.
- Deadline for Tour name changes tomorrow.
- Camp for 24 meeting with VPC.
- AU AGM tonight.
- 3 clubs in debt.
- Golf and rugby union finals next week.
- Meeting with Sports & Fitness Centre on Wednesday.
- AU Exec and Sports Zone night out on Thursday.
- Sports Development Steering Group meeting on Monday.

(b) **Boat Club Incident – Transport Insurance Cover**

- (i) VPS advised that a member of the Boat Club had crashed a minibus into some fencing; this resulted in a £1000 insurance excess payment. The Boat Club were funding half of this cost.
- (ii) VPS stated that, following advice from Endsleigh Insurance, a letter had been sent to all Clubs and Societies advising that if they use their own vehicles for Club/Society events, then they must check that they are covered for this on their own insurance policy and if not pay any additional payment that the insurance company may stipulate. Endsleigh had also advised that the student must be the named driver on the insurance policy. VPS said that this had caused a lot of issues as it was expensive for students to be the named driver and a lot of Clubs can only self drive to their events. VPS is going to contact other Unions to see if they are aware of this and what practice they have in place. President advised that they would look at covering any additional cost if this was a major implication for any Club/Society.

526 **Welfare Zone**

(a) **Achievements and Progress**

- Impacts Assessment Steering Group today.
- Money Doctors were in yesterday.
- Meeting with Student Support re GP registration
- Meeting with Action 4 Change who are involved with alcohol awareness. They are going to have a stall in Reception every Thursday after Easter and are also going to be present at the AU AGM.
- Welfare Zone busy going through Standing Orders.
- Working on items for Disbursement Fund.
- Went through events planned for SHAG Week.

527 **Scarborough**

(a) **Achievements and Progress**

- Scarborough Graduation will be at the Futurist Theatre with a reception afterwards at the Spa.
- Can now organise Graduation Ball.
- Meeting on Tuesday with the Dean regarding the move, this should hopefully happen within the next 12 months.
- Working on consultation paper re changes. This will be presented to UEC when ready.
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(b) **The Future of Scarborough Social Events**

Scarborough Union Manager advised that the quality of events in Scarborough were poor compared to those in Hull and they couldn't compete with local bars/clubs. Two options were put forward:-

- (i) No HUU events to be held in Scarborough
- (ii) Approach the University to ask them to help fund HUU events.

It was agreed that we should approach the University, however Scarborough Union Manager should draw up some options to discuss at next week's UEC first.

528 **Appointments for the Week**

President – Away on Monday at NUS Union Development Zone Committee Meeting.

VPW – Scarborough campus on Thursday.

VPE – away at Newcastle speaking at an anti-cuts conference.

VPC – meeting at the prison on Friday morning.

GM – Visit from Chief Executive at Leeds University on Tuesday.

529 **Staff Issues**

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530 **Any Other Business**

(a) **Liberal Democrats Society**

C&MM advised that they had received a request for an event stall in reception, where students would have the opportunity to meet Mr D Healey, candidate for North Hull. After discussion, it was decided that the Society should not be allowed to have a stall.

C&MM also said that he had been asked by Lincoln University if they could advertise their post-grad courses on our website. This was declined.

(b) **Volunteering Awards**

It was agreed that a date needed to be set in order to move forward on this. Meeting to be arranged.

GM reminded UEC that there was an £150 Volunteer of the Year Award which was agreed last year from the John Franks Memorial Fund.

(c) **Demonstration**

VPE stated that they were taking a minibus to Bolton at the weekend in order to demonstrate against the planned BNP march. VPE will ask for donations towards the cost of the minibus and any additional costs would come out of the Education Zone. GM stated that this was ultra vires. As a result a vote was taken to fund transport:-

Votes For: 4 (VPW, VPE, VPS, VPC)

Votes Against: 0

Votes Abstained: 0

Carried

Hot Topic. None.

Meeting closed.