

COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2010
AT SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS

Present: (non voting membership)

President	Jamie Scudamore
VP Community	Ben Wilcox
VP Education	Chris Marks
VP Sport	James Kerr
VP Welfare	Alice Marshall
Chair Scarborough	Darius Navickas
General Manager	Paul Tatton

(Voting membership)

Chair Campaigns & Democracy	Baz Mohammed
Chair Media	Will Langdale
Chair International Students Association	Line Kristensen

Nick Amato	Urslaan Kahn
Mary Cooksey	Aidan Marsh
Stephen Lee	James Nicholson
Heather Elliott	Tom Townend
Eustace Forjour	Matthew Barrow
Sam Hargreaves	Ashley Lord
Amy Harrop	Nicholas Chapman
Ruberik Sobey	Tom Wan
Pete Redford	Sinthuja Thurai Rajasingam
Kim Addlesee	Jiri Prochaska
Ryan Plant	

7350. **Apologies** Anne Joy, Aled Hack, Phil Pocknee, Mark McKeown, Aleeq Salik, Chris Goosey, Shaun Turkington, Kristel Tuul
7351. **Resignations** None
7352. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Agreed as a true record.
7353. **Matters Arising** None.

Reports (As displayed on www.hullstudent.com (follow link: Your Union, Council Information, UEC Reports))

a. Governance Zone

(i) Report by the President and any questions

The Christmas period has been a busy time for HUU. In December we entered the NUSSL Sound Impact Awards and expect to achieve a silver award after achieving a bronze last year. I have also been participating in the University's Student Residences Review Group, informing the strategy moving forward that is likely to include new halls of residence to be built on campus. Last week I attended the annual SUEI Conference in Birmingham with Union staff, which was useful in assessing what other unions are doing nationally and to share innovative practice. I also attended the NUS Strategy meeting in Manchester, where discussions were had concerning the direction of the national union and the future landscape for students and student unions.

In recent weeks I have been involved in the interview process for the new Pro Vice-Chancellors for Teaching & Learning and Engagement. Prof Glenn Burgess and John Leech have been appointed to the two positions respectively. I have also recently given the Union's annual speech to University Court outlining the year's activity and issues currently facing students – this is also available online at hullstudent.com/president

Key Events this Semester

* Higher Education funding debates – 15th February & 18th February – Wes Streeting, NUS President v Dan Randall, NUS Trustee. Different perspectives as to how higher education should be funded in the future with the fees review later this year (Referendum 2nd – 4th March).

* Governance Review if passed the new constitution will improve our democratic processes, enable policy making and charity registration (Referendum 2nd -4th March).

* Elections Week 5 Elections where all positions will be up for elections including six full-time positions and four part-time paid positions (Voting 2nd 4th March).

* SHAG week – the classic Sexual Health & Guidance Week – including a number of events including a world record attempt for Chlamydia testing (12th-16th April).

* 24 Hour Library Campaign – this has been talked about for years but now is the time for action! We will be running a campaign to get 24 hour library access on both the Hull and Scarborough campuses (19th-30th April).

* General Election – throughout the semester we will be pushing voter registration for the general election throughout the union (?).

* Healthy Body = Healthy Mind – an initiative to increase participation in Sport in the lead up to the end of semester exam period (10th-14th May).

(ii) Report by Chair Campaigns and Democracy and any questions

This semester I have been sorting out the zone meeting, general meetings and union council meetings. All councillors should have received a copy of the Union Meeting timetable. This timetable like last semester table shows all the meetings which will be taking place this semester. Governance zone meetings will take place on alternate weeks which will hopefully give more of you a chance to attend the meeting and get an overview of what is happening in all the zones. I have asked for the timetable to be put up on Hullstudent.com so you can

I am also putting together a timetable of UEC meeting will be seen out to all councillors and put on to Hullstudent.com once it is complete, again this will hopefully give more students to see how our union works.

An update with regards to the environmental campaign - a date has been booked for stalls to be set up in the Union the 24th February. Booking include the EST and Hull FOE.

This semester I will be helping in coordinating the elections. All information for the elections is available on Hullstudent.com. On Wednesday this week is the procedural meeting. I know some councillors are interested in standing for full time sabb positions, if you want to stand for one of these positions you must attend this meeting as a register will be taken. This meeting will give students more information on the positions available, what is expected and what to do next if you want to stand.

All important dates are in the back of the Student Election Handbook. There is a timetable which informs students of the events which will occur with regards to the elections. Publicity being produced includes A2 outdoor signs which will be placed in the paths leading to the union and adverts in 105, 106, 115 and Asylum buses.

b. Community Zone

(i) Report by Vice-President Community and any questions

Community

The University is seriously starting to take community issues seriously. With the appointment of a Pro-Vice Chancellor for Engagement and with Frances Owen attending a Ward Form on 28th January. At the same Ward Forum, the Union received praise as to all the Union is doing in the local community...first time ever!!

A special thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. I haven't finalised the total but it is approximately £800 raised to date.

On 22nd February Hull City Council is coming in to do a voter registration drive. We had a big win in getting this and getting the University to send off the names of students in their accommodation.

Volunteering

Older Person's Christmas Party was an amazing success on December 17th with over 60 older people attending. A massive thank you to Kirsty Scott, HUSSO's Older Person's Area Co-ordinator for organising it.

Diane, the Additional Needs Area Co-ordinator has resigned her position and we are in the process of finding someone to fill the gap.

I am starting a series of lecture shouts to promote volunteering through HUU; both locally and internationally.

A very special welcome back to Naomi, the Hull Community Volunteering Co-ordinator and Elaine in Scarborough after going to the dark side for a while!

RAG have been very active with loads of events coming up...

ISA

Report by Chair ISA. A very special thank you and congratulations for breaking the all time record for ISA members.

Societies

Over 40 people from societies are going on Tour. In the process of finalising paperwork.

A special thank you to Anne Joy for organising the society paintballing away day on 29th January. A lot of people didn't turn up so the societies concerned will be charged.

Media

Report by Chair Media. A big thank you to will for all his effort on the January and February editions of Hullfire.

Crime

Attended the first 12th January Partnership Working Group with Alice, which seems like a positive step for cohesive tackling of student problems.

Attended DIAG, which I wish to put into Standing Orders as mandatory to attend. It is a vital link to the local community and policing structures.

HUSAC is holding its first Bike Surgery outside the front of HUU on 11th February.

VP Community thanked everyone for the response to the Haiti Appeal raising over £1000.

No questions.

- (ii) Report by International Students Association and any questions
Chair ISA was pleased to announce that current membership stood at 1584, the most ever. She thanked the ISA Committee for all the help she had received. The socials for Semester 2 were now being organised with an ISA party on 29th January and over 200 at the Karaoke to welcome Erasmus students. Trips are planned for Cambridge, Newcastle, Amsterdam and Culture night.
- (iii) Report by Chair Media and any questions

Hullfire

Jan out and Feb editions now finalised. Will consider advisability of Jan edition as it is problematic with the exams. An election special is planned.

Tide

First issue now laid up awaiting printing.

Jam Radio

Union play out started today.

Basement Radio

Still some work to do before broadcasting can start.

c. Education Zone

- (i) Report by Vice-President Education and any questions

I hope Councillors had a good holiday break. This semester is packed full of campaigns, many if not most Education specific.

Clearly, not much has happened since last council. Committee season begins this week and will continue for about a fortnight. Today, Jamie, James and myself were in Manchester for University Challenge interviews, and therefore I was unable to attend PAMEC or Research Degrees Committee.

Along with other students from Hull I attended the National Convention against Fees and Cuts hosted by University College London Students' Union on Saturday. About 120 students attended representing roughly 40 institutions including the mass anti cuts campaigns at Leeds and Birmingham. Democratically organised, the meeting agreed on a statement.

It pledged support for the coming occupations and strikes against cuts, and support for students organising internationally, and for migrant workers organising on our campuses. The meeting voted to support the UCU's national demonstration on the 20th March.

The Convention also voted to call a national meeting to discuss running a united anti-cuts slate in the NUS, to strengthen to call for a real fight against cuts and fees in the student movement.

*HUU UEC supports students and officers of USSU who have been in occupation of Bamber House (University of Sussex Admin centre) as of 16.30 this afternoon, over university management admission of 400 job cuts.

Points of notification

University still failing on keeping Wednesday afternoons free. Please pass on any info to students having to attend classes at these times. Trying to get SMT to change the 'should' to 'must' in the University Code of Practice section governing timetabling.

University refuses to bring back Gender Studies. Had the audacity to rule talking about it out-of-order due to it not being on the agenda. Expect more course cuts. Guardian article reckons 300 jobs at Hull.

Upcoming Education Events

Higher Education funding Debate

Debate between JS (Graduate Tax) and CM (Free-Education)	15 th February
Debate between Wes Streeting (NUS President) and Dan Randal (NUS Trustee Board)	18 th February
HUU Higher Education Funding Referendum	22 nd February-5 th March

Student Conference – 24th February

100 student capacity event hosted by Hull University Union. Full agenda to follow but items to include:

Morning lead-offs by Kasia Pasik and myself.
Panel discussion chaired by myself with Jamie Scudamore, Calie Pistorius (Vice-Chancellor), Frances Owen (University Registrar) and Richard Heseltine (Head of Academic Services).
Open question and answer session during the debate.
Afternoon workshops on Student Issues.

Students need to e-mail Kasia or myself by this Friday to guarantee a place.

24hr Library Campaign

Direct action including occupation of part of the BJL is to go ahead anytime from the 19th April. The Education and Governance Zonal meetings will act as organising committees.

Feedback

No resources for January Assessments, but will commence campaign in May.

Course Cuts

Want to leave office with a contiguous anti-cuts campaign in place especially considering Mandleson's relentless cull of HEFCE funding. Education Zone will take the lead here. Please turn up and get involved.

Question from Andrew Barrett – which options will there be on the referendum concerning education funding. In response, President outlined the options.

Question – what will happen with the occupation of the library. VP Education outlined some of the plans.

d. Scarborough Campus

- (i) Report by Chair Scarborough and any questions.

Current:

BassMent! Radio in final steps before launching. Will be having live streaming from local clubs, chance for any students to have their own shows.

Scarborough Tide magazine is process of launching. Liaising with Media officer and helping out sorting the design, etc. The first issue should come out very soon.

Number of Red Sofa campaigns carried out. A lot of feedback received from 'Tell Us What You Want' flyers. You can now obtain, fill in and put it in the boxes near the SU Shop/VP Office.

A petition by the students have been initiated and over 90 signatures have been collected in favour of changing the current meal system and having lunch instead of early breakfast. Along with this two facebook groups for the same purpose have been created. All of this has been recorded and will be presented to Student Experience Committee which is to be held on Tuesday (9th, Feb) and the issue will be taken forward on.

Drink awareness campaign carried out. Drink spike protectors given out in Mansion club. More to be given out in the University later on to maintain awareness of dangers around.

Elections in progress. Consulting students willing to stand. We might have the highest number of candidates ever for VP Scarborough position this year.

Near Future:

Health campaign to be carried out. You will meet executive officers in the corridors giving out apples and other healthy food and advice on healthy lifestyle.

Student Lockers is still a question. A survey has been created and to be sent out to all students asking for their opinions on the topic. The possible place for the lockers to appear is The Loft.

In the next meeting with the University a question of installing speakers in university corridors will be raised. It would be used for any announcements, BassMent Radio stream, timetable changes, fire tests notifications, etc.

Getting ready for the Uni:On festival which is to be held in April. Exact date to be announced.

e. Sport Zone

(i) Report by Vice-President Sport and any questions

I firstly hope you all enjoyed the festive period and your time off from University. Furthermore, I hope that you were successful over the exam period and all your assignments are progressing well.

Personally, I found great satisfaction over the Christmas period when Ben and I stayed in Hull and cooked for 8 other students, mainly those from abroad. Luckily, the complaints about food poisoning have been minimal so I would deem it a huge success and a very rewarding way to spend the festive period.

Though only weeks have passed since our last Council meeting of the first Semester, much has been happening in HUU in regards to Sport. Most of my Operations plans are still ongoing though we do have a lot of updates on a big term for Sport at HUU.

TOUR – After an impressive collection of 593 deposits in total at the end of December for both AU teams and Societies, we were amazed that from this only 53 people in total dropped out meaning that Hull is taking 540 tourists to Spain this year for a week of Sport and fun in the sun. I would like to extend my thanks to all my exec for their dedication in collecting money, details and paperwork, along with Vicky and Kathryn in Scarborough for helping me through a very stressful couple of weeks.

Tour training was delivered last Friday to all Tour leaders and Sabbatical officers, which involved going over safety procedures, deadline and various bits of paperwork, along with a lengthy Q and A session.

Dodgeball - Has been organised for Friday 19th February with 10 teams competing in total, 9 from various AU clubs and the other a combined team from HullFire and Jam. The bar will be open all day from 11am to 4pm so if you are in the Union that day pop into Asylum for a great day of fancy dress, sporting excellence and a few casual drinks.

Kit – Meetings have taken place between myself and a variety of companies in regards to organising a new kit contract for the Athletic Union, as our contract with Errea expire at the end of this academic year. No decision have yet been made, however, the current plan is for the AU Executive committee to select the top three companies who will then deliver a pitch to AU council on the 16th March. AU council will then vote which company will ultimately receive the AU's kit contract.

Locker Space – I have met with Dave Windley over at the Sport Centre, who have agreed to repair all lockers and also re-design each locker to meet each club's needs so as of September each club will be more responsible for their locker space but will have a locker space that is better designed for their type of sport.

Trophy Presentation – The date has long been booked for the AU awards evening, which will be happening on Friday 23rd April at Staff House. Vicky and I are currently finalising the speaker for the event along with invitations to distinguished guests. With the success of AU Ball we want to make this event truly massive and with the small profit on the AU Ball, the event for the first time since I have been here should also break even.

New AU Exec Position – Due to the high levels of Admin imposed on Vicky and I this year, it has recently been agreed that a new position on the AU Exec Committee will be created to deal solely with trip packs and administration on Away matches. This

person will also be paid a small wage each week for their work. The role is not completely satisfactory as I feel that the Athletic Union requires another full time member of Administrative staff to deal with BUCS and Sport Safety. However, the position is currently being trailed by our current Communications and Events Officer.

Women's Participation in Sport update – We are currently still awaiting the results of the online survey carried out in January. However, the wheels are now in motion for projects for this semester, with the focus sports for women from the survey being used to provide taster sessions. So far, the one task by the end of the year was to establish a Women's Cricket team, so far a group has been established and 45 people showed interest at the Refreshers Fair so this is well and truly underway.

So as you can see a lot is going on and there is still much to achieve over the next Semester. It is scary to think that in a few weeks I will know who is taking over my job when it feels like I haven't even started yet. The AU has got much to do over this semester to set itself up next year, finances are steady, performance is up with greater dedication and participation is through the roof. However, to finish all of the previous points and make them successful would be the icing on the cake for a good year to date for the Athletic Union.

Question – what is the new admin post. Answer – it is a trip pack assistant to help with trip safety.

f. Welfare Zone

(i) Report by Vice-President Welfare and any questions

It's been a busy couple of months since the last council meeting and thus there is a fair bit to report.

Firstly we have had a massive win; the council has agreed to stop charging our summer school students council tax! A massive thanks to Chris Marks, Gina Rayment and Jenni Shannon who wrote the Hullfire article.

We have finally had our condom dispensation training from corner house so we can now get lots of free condoms. Plans for SHAG week are well underway. Guinness rejected my application for the world record attempt for most people Chlamydia tested in one day so sadly it will be an unofficial world record attempt. However all the relevant services are very excited about the event. It will begin at 10:30pm on the 14th of April in Asylum in Hull and hopefully Mansion in Scarborough and finish at 10:30om on the 15th. I have set up a new volunteering project with Conifer House which is aimed at encouraging people to get tested on campus. Any new recruits will hopefully be helping out on the day. Conifer house has also tracked down a giant condom suit and I will be auditioning condom fairies shortly!

I have started working with compass which is a local drug dependency support group and we are looking to see how we can best get students to engage with their services. I have also been speaking to student counselling and we are hoping to set up some self help groups around issues such as emotional eating, self confidence and drink related issues.

We ran the comfort zone during the exam period in conjunction with student support and some local mental health charities. A big thanks to everyone that helped out. We saw just under 30 people during that time. We are hoping to run it again in the next exam period but only at busy times as we didn't see enough people over the fortnight to justify 2 members of staff there all day.

I am holding a disabilities forum tomorrow at 3:30pm in meeting room 1 in Hull and in the board room in Scarborough. Hopefully this should be a really productive meeting.

We are currently applying for a breastfeeding friendly award.

We are currently trying to get some of the toilets in the union building labelled as gender neutral toilets but we are facing some opposition from the university. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.

I have also spent a fair bit of time flyering for elections and talking to students who are interested in standing for my position. If you know of anyone interested send them in my direction. More than happy to talk about the role to them.

Planning for a big student money day is underway. Hopefully we will have a clothes swap event and a balloon launch amongst other things.
The council is working on a gender equality scheme and I have organised 2 focus groups for them on the 17th. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to attend and be involved in shaping council policy in this area let me know.
As a result of our own equal ops meetings we have begun work on impact assessing all our policies. It's similar to risk assessment but for discrimination. Lots of fun!

Question from Amy Harrop regarding gender neutral toilets.

7354. **Reports of University Committees** Nothing to report.

7355. **Constitution**

The President outlined the proposal and explained that the summary and the new contribution had been on the web for consultation since December. There had been a few queries but no objections.

Question – will we be spending £1500 that was spent on the last constitution referendum. Answer – no – the use of the portal will make it much easier to reach a quorum.

Question – will there be opportunity to change in the future? Answer – yes but the way it is written means that most of the procedures and organisations will be in the Bye Laws which would not need a referendum to change.

Question – what if it fails? Answer – we will have to have another look at it.

Proposal to accept the revised constitution prior to the meeting: For = 26, Against = 1. Carried.

7356. **Elections**

GM gave a brief update on how the elections would be organised, and reminded everyone about the Procedural Meeting on Wednesday.

7357. **Motions**

(a) **Motions affecting the Constitution, Bye-laws or Standing Order**

Changes to the Standing Orders listed below for noting. (As displayed on the official notice board in the lobby area on the first floor of University House and on www.hullstudent.com (follow link: Your Union, Council Information, Agenda Documents))

(i) Standing Orders governing the Governance Zone
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns and Democracy
Seconded by: President
Taken by Assent

(ii) Standing Orders governing VP Community
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
Taken by Assent

(iii) Standing Orders governing VP Education
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded: President
Taken by assent

(iv) Standing Orders governing the Education Zone
Proposed by: Chair Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
Taken by assent

(v) Standing Orders governing VP Welfare
Proposed by: Chair Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President

Taken by assent

- (vi) Standing Orders governing the Welfare Zone
Proposed by: Chair Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
Taken by assent
- (vii) Standing Orders governing the Trustee Board
Proposed by: Chair Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
- (viii) Standing Orders governing Financial Procedure of AU Clubs
Proposed by: Chair Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
Taken by assent
- (ix) Standing Orders governing Financial Procedures of Societies
Proposed by: Chair Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
Question – does the VP Community need to authorise expenditure from Society Secondary Accounts? Answer – No. This will be made clearer with a revision.
Taken by assent
- (x) Standing Orders governing Financial Procedure
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
Taken by assent
- (xi) Standing Orders governing President
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President

7358. **Any Other Business**

- (i) Funding Debates
The first one will take place after the Zone Meetings on the 15th February. Only the President and VP Education will be speaking. Then on 18th Wes Streeting and D Randall.
Question – will this be advertised? President – Yes.
For the referendum there will be seven options and using STV to select the approved policy, VP Education invited everyone to the debates.
Question from Amy Harrop – will there be transport from Scarborough for the 18th or a debate in Scarborough? Answer – yes there will be transport. Question – will the debates be publicised? Answer – the promotion materials will be going out tomorrow (9th February).
- (ii) NUS Conference
The President informed the meeting of the procedure for making a decision on NUS policies.
- Through the Zones to Governance Zone
- or through UEC to Governance Zone
Policies for Women’s Conference should go through the relevant Zones.
- (iii) ‘No to Cuts’ Campaign
VP Education informed the meeting that a building occupation had taken place at Sussex University following the announcement of job cuts.
- (iv) Cultural Week
The Chair proposed that we should look at a cultural week to celebrate the diverse cultures of our members. VP Community said he would look into this.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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