

COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2009
AT 6.30 PM IN THE 3RD FLOOR LOBBY OF UNIVERSITY HOUSE

Present:	(non voting membership)	
	President	Jamie Scudamore
	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
	Chair of Council	Phil Pocknee
	Chair Walk Safe/HUSAC	Jack Story
	Chair Societies Exec	Anne Joy
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Sam Hargreaves
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Ateeq Salik
	Chair part-time Education	Liam Stowell
	Chair Postgrade	Pete Redford
	Member of Academic Council	Kristel Tuul
	Member of Academic Council	Charlotte Bartle
	Member of Academic Council	Phil Roberts
	ISA Rep	Tom Wan
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Urslaan Khan
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Sinead Coogan-Jones
	AU BUCS Rep	Ash Lord
	AU Treasurer	Laura Jane Heath
	AU Communication and Events Rep	Matthew Barrow
	AU Secretary	Aidan Marsh
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Mary Cooksey
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Thomas Peel
	Chair Black Student	Phil Pocknee
	Chair Disabled	Stephen Lee
	Chair Women	Heather Elliot
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Nick Amato
	Councillors for Scrutiny	Aled Hack
	Scarborough ISA	Jiri 'George' Prochazka
	Scarborough Volunteer	James Nicholson
	Scarborough Welfare	Eustace Forjour
	Scarborough Media	Michael Porter
	Scarborough Education	Ben Ruddy
	Faculty of Science	Mounota M Natasha
	FASS	Kaveh Azarhoosh
	FASS	Andrew Barrett
	HUBS	Matthew Wade
	Post Graduate	<i>Pete Redford</i>

7339. **Election of Chair/Deputy Chair/Deputy Secretary**

Chair: Mathew Wade – Elected unopposed

7340. **Apologies** Andy Chapman, Mark McKeown and Ben Wilcox

7341. **Resignations** Dmitrijs Ledkovs, Ellen Hinsley and James Rogers

7342. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Agreed as a true record.

7343. **Matters Arising** None.

7344. **Reports**

a. **Governance Zone**

(i) **Report by the President.** The President gave his report as follows:-

This semester has been an extremely busy one for all officers & staff at HUU. It began with the success of Welcome week and is ending with the drafting of new governing documents. I will give a brief overview of the events of the past three months.

With BBC Radio 5 live broadcasting a number of shows in Hull for 'Octoberfest,' HUU were scheduled to host the Richard Bacon Show on Thursday 22nd October. After a number of discussions with the BBC, it became clear that they wanted to do a 'BNP themed' show and as such, were unable to use our venue because of our 'No Platform' policy passed last year. During October, I also attended a workshop on how to interpret the results of the National Student Survey; which is the most comprehensive survey in assessing what issues are affecting Students both in Hull and nationally. At the first meeting of the Trustee board, a number of issues were discussed and our plans for the year got their final approval. A number of changes were made to our strategy going forward and our mission has changed to being to 'Develop, inform and improve the student experience at the University of Hull'. I also attended 2 NUS zone conferences (Society & Citizenship and Union Development) in Manchester. These were useful to see the work by the national union and unions across the country in order to share best practice and help HUU to improve in various areas. I also was elected to the national union development committee which will ensure HUU has a voice in formulating policy of NUS.

Some of the Key Achievements this Semester

- In November, we were reaccredited as Investors in People. This involved a cross-section of staff, part-time & full-time, being interviewed by the assessor. We were also informed that we have improved considerably since the last assessment.
'I've been witness to a fair few IIP reports, and this has to be the most positive I have seen ever seen...as 'role models' for an organisation, few would rival HUU' 1st December 2009
- After persistent lobbying of EYMS, and after a successful trial, there are now bus services that run from Asylum to the Halls of Residences on Wednesday & Saturday nights when Asylum closes. This will mean that students will save money and be guaranteed to be able to get home safely at the end of the night, regardless of whether they are in a group or on their own.
- 2nd Floor Redevelopment – Plans are now complete for the Union building's 2nd Floor. There will be 7 new meeting rooms for societies as well as new student services. 'The Square' will close and student finance and admin will move on to the floor. The Accommodation office will also move into the Union building.
- Commercially the Union is improving, meeting ambitious budgets in order to fill the deficits of last year. Events have been consistently busier and we are getting a larger number of customers during the day. This has been achieved through the relocation of the shop, a better standard of service and more innovative marketing.
- After a number of conversations with the VC and members of University staff, we are now in the position to submit a proposal about how the Union is best placed to provide quality assurance when it comes to housing. We have persisted in assisting the Scheme for a number of years now but it is still not delivering for Students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all officers, staff and volunteers for their hard work this semester and the outstanding level of commitment shown to improving the student experience in Hull. I also wish them all a merry (but restful) Christmas, and a happy new year.

Questions

- S Lee, S Greenwood and S Wood

The President informed Council that in Semester 2 there would be a debate regarding student funding and before then a decision about who would be speaking for and against a range of options.

Chair Societies, A Joy, asked the President to ensure changes to UEC meeting times were advertised to ensure members could attend.

S Greenwood suggested that a screen in reception could be used to advertise all Union meetings as well as UEC.

(ii) Report by Chair Campaigns & Democracy. Chair Campaigns & Democracy gave his report as follows:-

This semester started of many vacancies in union Council. A lot of the position were vacant including all the positions on the Senate and various vacancies are in different zones. During the volunteering bazaar we tried to get as many students as possible to stand for the vacant positions. During the course of this semester and we ran election to fill the vacancies. All the position and Senate are now filled by one and all other positions advertised are now filled. It was good to see that most elections were contested, and many students who did not know about the democratic process of the union were standing for positions.

The positions in Scarborough which were vacant at the start of the year have now also been filled. There were several vacancies and Scarborough have carried out elections to fill them, which now means they have a full Scarborough Exec committee.

This year was the first year to adopt the new zone structure. Most of them are now complete there are however you vacancies on some of the zones which are being filled internally. Their meetings are a good opportunity for everyone involved in that particular zone to share any plans they have and to discuss any relevant points. I feel they have worked well this semester. As we have run than once we can work on making them more convenient for certain zones this includes ideas such as the timing so that all members of the zone can attend.

During the first councils of this semester many positive changes took place for the union including several important standing orders being passed and the site is being ratified eventually. During this council will also be several standing orders some to do with the elections in semester two weeks 5-which are of course very important. I can see a new agenda that will give more detail on this later on.

Shaun the chair of the environment and ethical committee and I have been working on an environmental campaign. We now have a copy of age of stupid which is a movie which we want to show to students to highlight the dangers of human activity in terms of global warming. We also plan to talk to students in particularly Taylor court and the lawns to give them publicity and advice on how they can reduce not only their own bills but also the damage to the environment.

For next semester we plan to make their meetings at times which will be better for all zones so that all their members can attend and politically relevant to the welfare zone. There is also planning for the elections in semester two which I will talk about further as you can see in your agenda.

Questions.

- Chair Societies and S Greenwood regarding publicity for elections.
- S Wood questioned whether a debate after showing the film 'Age of Stupid' would be desirable to get other points of view.
- A Harrop asked if we could look into the 8th position on Scarborough Executive.
- J Nicholson asked about how publicity would be printed for Scarborough candidates.
- Comments were passed on an error on page 13 of the Candidate's Handbook
- S Wood questioned the suitability of the President automatically leading the delegation to NUS conference.

b) (i) Community Zone. VP Community's report as follows:-

HUSSO

- Problems with HUSSO; Exec and Chair position. Chair HUSSO should be a part-time paid position.
- Older Persons Christmas Party on 17th December. 58 Confirmed.
- A massive thanks to all their help this semester.

Community Volunteering

- CRB Surgery successful when Naomi came back in. Becky has been doing all the other ones so a massive thank you to her.

- Most successful volunteer sign up over both volunteering, mainly down to e-mentoring.
- Harri is leaving on 23rd December so a massive thank you to him for all his hard work this semester.

RAG

- Raised £1,150 so far, with loads more money to still come in from various events.
- Christmas Party on Friday 4th December, interlinked with Crystal Clear.
- Big Fun was a success.
- Sponsored sleep out a success.
- Full and active Exec.

ISA

- Line's Report.
- The University's Buddy's Scheme took a trip of 90 international students to York, which I was asked to help oversee with Joe Bishop. A successful trip.

Societies

- Tour sign up with 42 Society members handing in deposits.
- Newland Avenue Christmas Lights a success for HUU, societies and the community.
- Inter-society events frequent, showing an increase in HUU community communication.
- 89 societies with 8 in Scarborough (some to be ratified at Council), and more interest shown for the starting of others.
- Societies Council is a big success with only one President attempting to be antagonistic and purposely hard to work with. May I say a massive thank you to all the other presidents this year. They've done an amazing job with some really amazing events.

HUSAC and Crime

- Attended a number of the D Division Independent Advisory Groups.
- Jack is setting dates for bike surgeries.
- SMT and myself are due to have a midnight walk around University to seriously consider street lighting renewals on campus.

Media

- Firstly, both Hullfire and Jam have been growing in membership by a rough average of two members a week. Both were also in attendance at the Newland Avenue Christmas lights ceremony.
- Hullfire has produced a November and December issue, and January is in the works. I hope council have noted the political-centred articles and debates we've been running. Hullfire has distributed around two boxes a month (200 copies) down Newland Avenue, and thusfar we have distributed all of our copies every month. Community zone has been monitoring our output so that we know that we're not over or underproducing. Hullfire has also elected an Online editor, and so we're looking to expand the content of our website. Council is being blogged [in the verbal report this was by TP – altering this in the written report bearing in mind the debate we had] by Steve Woods and Rory Stobo, and we're looking to start a Twitter account so that Hullfire can report on-the-fly about live events – something that only Jam can currently do.
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- Jam has axed three shows (one for quality, two for no-shows), and given show of the week awards to seven. [At time of report this wasn't true] Jam has also successfully tested ployout in the Concourse lounge. We've also seen the launch of JamMan, a built-from-scratch backend online database for Jam's minutes, show cataloguing and scheduling.
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- The main report from Jam that council needs to hear about, however, is the changes we're making to the schedule. Currently, people pitch their show ideas to the Programme Controller and he fits them into a schedule, loosely fitting them into "mainstream" or "specialist" shows to determine what time of day they'll be on. Beginning with Jam's relaunch for the second semester (currently February 1st) shows will all be "reverse pitched" - the Jam exec will come up with a schedule that students pitch to present or produce. The reason for this is mainly quality, and secondly that this is how most radio stations do it. If

you listen to Radio 1 in the morning in five years' time, it will still be a breakfast show that aims to achieve what Chris Moyles' does at the moment. If council recalls, I previously estimated that we'd have Union payout by the end of the week after last council. This was not as easy as I had hoped. Now that Concourse payout has been achieved we're launching it at the same time as this new schedule. In this way, students in the Concourse lounge will hear a breakfast show in the morning, mainstream shows during the day, a "drive-time" show at around 5pm, and more specialist shows until 10pm.

- Full details are here: <http://jam-radio.hull.ac.uk/JamMan/jammandata/minutes/af23a2.pdf>

Student Recruitment Committee

- The Lawns has been identified as needing improve both in accommodation and student experience. I had a meeting with Pro-Vice Chancellor Barry Winn, and then Reece Andrews and Mark Mullaney at The Lawns. They identified gaps in welfare and students experience.
- Focused on the importance of international markets and the issues that surround this.
- For the first time, support voiced over the University having a cohesive Community Strategy, of which they lack at present.

The Scheme Executive Committee

- Support show for the work done by the Community Zone surrounding current and foreseen community issues.
- Accommodation issues raised; quality and the lack of University accommodation. 600 extra students were placed into the private sector compared to last year. This is not seen to dramatically increase but has further highlighted a massive problem.

Community

- UEC had a breakfast meeting with the VC on Wednesday 9th December.
- Letters have been sent from myself to specific houses that have continued to cause problems in the local community. Had a very positive response from all concerned.
- A mass Ward Forum is being organised by myself in the Union to incorporate all wards affected by student's habitation.
- In conjunction with Commercial Services and the Community Zone, we have started to implement a SSHH (Silent Students = Happy Homes) Campaign. The biggest break through is the beginnings of implementing a "Street Angels" like project on and around campus on Wednesday and Saturday nights.
- Newland Avenue Christmas Lights was a massive success, with lots of compliments from the local community concerning student participation, and a massive thanks from the Traders Association. While not tangible, I have positive reasons to feel esteem for the student community in the local permanent resident community is on the rise; albeit a slight one.
- I had a second meeting with Susan De Val, Head of Legal and Democratic Services for Hull City Council and they have agreed to help with a voter registration campaign in the New Year, and will provide funds if at all possible. However, they will help with whatever they can. Voter registration in Hull runs at 92.5% across the board, 80%+ in the Newland Avenue Area, but only 67% in the University Ward (Auckland and Crambrook Avenues), and I have questioned the University as to why their information hasn't been forthcoming to the council to raise this number. With greater voting registration and voting, I feel that more emphasis will be highlighted on student ownership of the local community.
- I met with Mark Cornall of HCC concerning a wide variety of social issues surrounding students and he and numerous other departments seem excited to work with us.
- I met with Frances Owen concerning various issues, but mainly about the forced resignation of Dr David De Verry. I wish to officially minute thanks to him for all his hard work over his time here, and wish to say that his cause shall be continued to be fought long after he has left.
- I have consistently attended ward forums and represented the students view. It has been very trying!

And I'd also highlight the Union's six aside football success!

Questions

- A number of questions were raised regarding the departure of David Deverny, Anglican Chaplain

(ii) **Report by Chair ISA**

- Attended Senate Induction and Senate on 21st October.
- Attended Senate Away Day on 2nd December.

Together with the ISA Executive committee

- Signed up 1452 members (8th December 2009 – 111 members away from all-time record).
- Elected the other half of the ISA Committee on the 9th October, approximately 160 members voted.
- Organized ISA Party in Asylum on the 6th November, approximately 500.
- Organized football tournament in 12th October, 50 students.
- Organized trip to York on the 17th October, 98 students.
- Organized Go-Karting on the 24th October, 30 students.
- Organized ISA Party in Asylum on the 6th November, approximately 500.
- Organized trip to Oxford on the 15th and 28th November, 176 students (all-time record on an ISA record).
- Organized trip to Paris on the 19th-23rd November, 98 students.
- Organized football tournament on the 28th November, 50 students.
- Organized ISA Winter Ball in Asylum, 400 students (sold-out).
- Planned trip to Manchester on 12th December, 86 students.
- Has outlined all activities for 2nd semester.

Together with ISA Scarborough Representative

- 77 members (7th December 2009 – all-time record).
- Establishing a committee – 2 members already elected.
- Organized first trip specifically for Scarborough students – York (13 students-minibus) sold out in 2 working days.
- Organized an ISA night at Zest Bar, 27 students.

Questions. No questions

(iii) **End of Semester Report by Chair Media**
(*get written report*)

- Following questions a debate took place regarding the suitability of Thomas Peel doing a blog on behalf of Hull Fire. VP Education insisted this was a potential conflict of interest and was everybody happy with this.
- A view was expressed that we should elect somebody who is not a councillor to report regarding Hull Fire. In conclusion Thomas Peel asked everyone to comment on his online blog as it was open to all.
- S Lee asked regarding the scale of the print runs for Hull Fire.

b. **Education Zone.** VP Education gave his report as follows:-

Course Reps

This year we have taken part ownership of the course rep system. In practise this amounts to nearly complete ownership, the only things we are not wholly responsible for being the physical elections of reps.

We produced and handed out over 20,000 leaflets explaining the roles of course reps as well as encouraging students to stand. One was included in every HUU welcome pack and there were volunteers giving out leaflets, t-shirts, role descriptions and nomination forms throughout welcome week and week 2. Most of this material was paid for by the university through us securing a grant of £1200 from the Quality Office.

This year has been the most successful in memory for course rep recruitment and training. We have had the most applications for reps which translated at the beginning of the semester to the most contested elections for rep positions across both campuses.

As of the beginning of the week the following statistics for reps is correct:

Recruited Course Reps:

Scarborough: 66

Hull: 267

Total: 333

Trained Course Reps:

Scarborough: 33

Hull: 147

Total: 180

Some departments have not handed to us their rep information, although are believed to have recruited full cohorts, although these figures don't accept that presumption.

Six training sessions of 4 hours each have been given, with a session on Saturday for students on full-week courses.

There are reps that haven't had training asking for it, so the number trained will increase over the first weeks of the second semester where more sessions are planned.

In terms of the training, Feedback was excellent as some councillors will certainly testify. Most credit for the delivery of this must go to Kasia – our Representation coordinator. The following statistics are from all feedback forms collected at the end of each training session.

Scarborough

- In answer to the question, 'how satisfied were you with the training?' 97% responded either 'satisfied' or 'strongly satisfied'.
- Out of the 33 reps trained in Scarborough, the top 5 words chosen to describe the training were (in order) Positive, interactive, enjoyable and constructive
- Out of the 33 reps trained in Scarborough the average response to the question 'out of 10 how useful did you find the training?' was 7.5/10
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Hull

- Out of the 147 reps trained at Hull, 122 (88%) responded 'strongly satisfied' to the question 'how satisfied are you with the training.'
- Out of the 147 reps trained at Hull, the top 5 words chosen to describe the training were (in order) interesting, interactive, constructive, enjoyable and fun.
- Out of the 147 reps trained in Hull the average response to the question 'out of 10 how useful did you find the training?' was 8.34/10.

Overall

- NONE of the 180 reps trained considered the words, 'boring', 'uninteresting', 'waste of time' or 'dull' to describe the training.

Senate Reps

Senate Reps were elected finally in week 8. We had contested elections for FASS, Science, HUBS and postgraduate – a recent record. Congratulations to the winners and congratulations to Laura the Senate rep for FHSC – our first rep from that faculty for a long time. We are still on the lookout for representation from HYMS.

I am currently creating training for Senate reps which will take place next week.

Education Zone

All positions on the Education Zone are now filled with the election of 3 reps from Academic Council last week. We have now had a couple of quorate meetings. Minutes for these are available on the Education Zone section of hullstudent.com as are details of the membership of the Zone. At various points these meetings have been attended by various elected student reps which is exactly what should be happening.

Academic Council

The first meeting of Academic Council was held last week. The meeting originally timetabled for 90mins went on for over 2 hours. Much was discussed and many action points raised. Minutes will be available on hullstudent.com this week. Attendance was however quite poor, I put this down to my absence from work in the preceding fortnight.

ANTI-CUTS

The union will be running an anti-cuts campaign in the new year combating cuts that are happening currently – the slashing of Gender Studies – and gearing up for the inevitable barrage of cuts that are

spreading through other universities in the region. This was supposed to occur this semester, but due to my absence has been pushed back to Semester 2.

HE funding

Jamie Scudamore has promised me a debate on HE funding in the New Year, this will be complemented by a debate between NUS President Wes Streeting (the first time he's visited Hull) and NUS trustee board member Daniel Randall. Following this there will be a referendum on which position HUU should take. Other campaigns are in their embryonic stages, just waiting for the starting pistol from UEC/Chair Campaigns.

If councillors require any of the documents alluded to in this report (training presentations, data collection spreadsheets etc) I am more than happy to forward them to you.

I'd like to thank the rest of the sabbatical team, who although on the whole I have significant political disagreements with are incredibly good at what they do and have made a positive impact on HUU and have hopefully restored some of the confidence of students in their union that was destroyed by the incompetence of previous Executive teams.

Questions

- Scarborough Executive asked why there was no video conference available for the most recent Education Zone meeting. VP Education apologised but explained it was owing to the unavailability of the video conference facility in Hull.
- Urslan Khan questioned VP Education regarding his views on Palestine's situation and said that it required discussion with all students not just in UEC.

c. **Scarborough Campus**. Chair Scarborough gave his report as follows:-

To start with, I'd like to say that it's been a great pleasure and a great experience working for the Students' Union for 6 months now and I am sure it will remain to be so until the end of the year.

- At the beginning of the year, Adopt a Fresher Campaign was launched and carried out very successfully with good feedback received from students afterwards. Special care taken of international students by helping them move in, taking them to town, showing around and even making a huge poster saying "Welcome... from the Students' Union" in many different languages, which was put above the entrance.
- International and Welcome weeks were successful, students got to know the Students' Union from the events and presentations.
- Open Days carried out successfully, shouts given, talked to potential students face to face;
- Course Reps were elected and all positions filled with high interest of involvement; Executives elected;
- After negotiations with the University, condom machines were put in toilets;
- BassMent! Radio was re-launched;
- Scarborough Tide is coming out right after Christmas holidays and will be a separate Scarborough publication with students writing for it (we already have writers writing articles at the moment);
- Liaised with the University and looking to expand free elective module options;
- Number of Red-Sofa campaigns carried out; Had few issues when students wanted to leave the Uni due to accommodation and wellbeing issues, which they had with the Uni, but none left as we managed to solve everything.
- From the red-sofa campaigns we have identified two biggest issues amongst students: library opening times during the weekends and prices of food at the Uni. Library hours have now been extended on Sundays and we're liaising with Calvino's to run a research on value for money;
- Monday and Wednesday HUU student nights open. Monday one is very successful, Wednesday one was recently changed to another place and renamed "Skiint", hopefully it's more successful;

- Liaised with Scarborough Borough Council, will give out spikey drink protectors this Wednesday in a local club and Uni corridors; Drink aware campaign carried out including drunk driving theme;
- HUU Shop reconstructed and is now bigger;
- Executive Meetings room created for every week meetings in the HUU area rather than using University facilities;
- We were actively involved in the new Scarborough Build project and had numerous discussions with the Dean explaining students' interests;
- HUU relocation plans are in progress (moving downstairs). Research carried out and footfall identified to be 4 times bigger, so HUU will be more visited after the relocation;
- To sum up with, I am maintaining active work with the Executives team (raising money for local charities, running various campaigns, talking to students; organising trips (ISA));

Questions. No questions.

d. **Sport Zone.** VP Sport gave his report as follows:-

1. **What have we done?**

- **Fresher's Week** – Highest rated Bazaar following the welcome week survey for ease of sign up and quality, over 300 students through the bazaar on that day – Bernard Mendy from Hull City came to sign autographs, the Rugby League Challenge Cup was also on display.
- **'Give it a Go Week'** – ran after Fresher's week, open displays and taster sessions in anything from Basketball to Squash. Proved hugely successful, well received by teams and membership levels in the AU are testament to such participation events.
- **Membership** – 1800+ in Hull and 120+ in Scarborough, last year's membership was 1800 students, so the introduction of new sports plus participation programs in Hull and Scarborough have been hugely successful.
- **BUCS** – So far, 145 competitive matches have been played by teams based at the Hull campus.
 Won – 62
 Lost – 73
 Drawn – 9
 Walkovers Conceded – 1
 Unbeaten teams –
 1. Badminton Men's 1sts
 2. Basketball Women's 1sts
 3. Fencing 1sts
 4. Netball 1sts
 5. Squash Men's 1sts.

Improvement in turn out (key to participation programs) but performance continues to worsen as funds are cut further.

- **AU Ball** – Huge success, completely sold out several days before with 200 attending. (Never been achieved before). Night included fundraising for the AU and for Children in Need, £100 donated from the raffle plus bucket donations throughout the night.
- **Easter sport Tour to Salou** – Biggest AU event of the year. This year allowing societies also to participate. Deposits close on Friday (4th December) with 450 students already paid up. Currently

taking 27 different clubs and societies, huge participation event and competitive 2 days of sport, spread across a week of fun in sunny Spain.

- **Women's Participation in Sport** – Addressed at BUCS conference.

1. Women's participation at Hull Campus in AU teams – 35%
2. Women's participation at Scarborough campus in AU teams – 31.5%

Survey has been written by one of the Councillor's for Scrutiny in the Sport Zone, Mary Cooksey in collaboration with HUU and NUS' women's committees. This survey is due on the Hullstudent website this week for two weeks to find out why female students at Hull and Scarborough do not participate.

Aim to run a female orientated participation program in second semester.

- **Athletic Union/Sport Centre relations** – Transition has been smooth and for the most part, in conjunction with the agreed policy in August 2009, relations are as good as they have always been. Weekly meetings with Dave Varley and monthly between DV, JK, SC and PT.

- **Scarborough** – Membership: 137 students

BUCS matches played – 31

Won – 9

Lost – 21

Drawn – 1

16 people from the Scarborough campus are attending Tour.

Participation events – 38 people in Intramural football, 20 people part of the Get Active scheme and 15 people attending Sports Day on the Beach.

2. What does the rest of the year hold for Sport in HUU?

- **Dodgeball** – Will be running soon after the end of January exams. Used as another mechanism for participation in Sport and also as an AU teambuilding exercise.
- **Women's 'Give it a Go'** – The idea behind this program is still vague though it is likely that a program similar to the give it a go week will be run, however, the priority will be on female and mixed sports.
- **Team Photos** – giving the student's an opportunity to remember how sport enhanced their student experience, with all team's given the opportunity to have their team picture taken throughout the day. This year, the photographer will also be covering teams across the Scarborough campus.
- **Tour to Salou** – the biggest participation event of the year for students who are part of the Athletic Union. 600 students representing HUU travel to Spain for a week of sport with other students and other activities for those whose sport is not catered for. The feedback every year about how this trip enhances the student experience is incredible.
- **End of BUCS divisional competitions** – all leagues wrap up by the middle of March apart from for the Cricket team and a few summer individual competitions so we should have an idea on our final league position by April.
- **Trophy Presentation** – this year is scheduled for Friday 23rd April. This is the highlight of the year for many as students' sporting endeavours are rewarded with a night of entertainment, trophies and good

food. This is a great opportunity to explain our sporting work in the community, as the Lord Mayor is usually in attendance.

3. Where can we improve?

- **Direction** – Dave Varley and I have briefly assessed the University sport strategy and there simply is no concise direction of sport and the impact that the University of Hull wants sport to have on the student experience. As a matter of urgency, the place of sport in the life of students at the University of Hull needs to be addressed. Is sport to become an integral part of the University strategy? Is sport simply to impact on health and wellbeing? Are we to become a sporting institution?

HUU has both a 1 year and 3 year plan for sport with the focus largely on participation and student involvement, as the funding simply isn't there, even for the focus sports, to impact regionally as a sporting institution in the BUCS divisions and individual championships.

- **Funding** – Where do the extra resources need to go to impact performance and participation? The perception of most students is that sport is becoming too expensive for students to participate in both competitively and for recreational purposes. With this in mind, the funding would best impact on performance if we look to pump money into coaches for the top 9 sports as outlined in the HUU sport strategy. (RL, Football, Volleyball, Cricket, Riding, Clay Shooting, Basketball, Squash, Hockey). Participation also has the flaw of the cost, with further cuts in sport; most students are unable to fund themselves to away matches or even home matches in some cases. Thus, other funding would be required to be pumped into transport provision to matches and training sites that are off campus.
- **Equipment** – Most clubs lack the quality equipment of our regional counterparts. Equipment is essential for good performance, participation levels and safety. So this is another area where extra funds would be required. We have a duty to students to ensure a better student experience along with a safe which covers all our sporting priorities, participation, performance and welfare.
- - Ryan Plant was thanked by VP Sport for his work in Scarborough. VP Sport also thanked the staff in Hull for their support.
 - S Greenwood challenged the UEC to a game of 5-a-side football.
 - Chair Women's Committee expressed her support for the Women in Sport initiative and asked to be involved if at all possible.
 - Chair Black Students Committee asked about including disability issues in sport for the disabled in any review of the sports strategy.

e. **Welfare Zone.** VP Welfare gave her report as follows:-

Duties

Particular duties shall include:

- a) Monitor and propose updates on HUU equality policy;

Equal ops meeting was cancelled due to staff sickness has been rescheduled for the new year. Will be reviewing it there and bringing it to first welfare zone meeting for approval/changes. Will be making several changes to our staff equal ops monitoring forms according to latest guidance from the NUS/stonewall

- b) Promote and campaign for equal opportunities within the University, HUU and the wider community;

Reports on university committees to follow in relevant section.

Supporting the work of the liberation campaigns. Well done and thanks to the chairs for all their work this semester.

I am helping organise a disabilities conference to be held at Huddersfield university.

- c) Liaising with national, regional and local organisations on issues of equality and student welfare;

The saga of international students on summer courses and council tax is ongoing. There is a meeting in January between the university and the council which we will hopefully be attending. The university are unwilling to count the English course as part of the degree on the exemption certificates. Chris Marks is pressuring them to do this as it would solve the problem without having to change the law. Our MPs Diana and Alan Johnson have responded to my complaints and have forward it on to relevant bodies. The NUS are yet to take up the cause.

There is an NUS on violence experienced by female students whilst at university. There is a link to it on Hull student.

- d) Work actively with local and regional bodies on matters affecting student health;
- e) Lobby and campaign to ensure sufficient provision is available for student general, sexual and mental health;

The health fair event was reasonably successful with lots of health organisations invited. We will be holding it in freshers week next year in the gazebo. It will hopefully tie in with GP registration which the university is trying to revamp for next year.

I am yet to get any free condoms out of corner house and supplies are running low! They have agreed to give myself and anyone else interested some contraceptive dispensation training but are being slow to organise it.

A lot of people signed up for the sexual health kiosk, which is fantastic on the odd occasion that it works! Thanks to Kate in teh advice centre for all her work in keeping it running.

I am working with Sue Oxtan from conifer house to set up a volunteering project aimed at improving the sexual health of university students.

I have a meeting with the people responsible for sexual health in North Yorkshire about Scarborough Campus and my plans for SHAG week.

The mental health event went really well lots of local mental health charities were involved as well as the university and the bbc. I also ran a smaller scale event in Scarborough which was also successful.

I am supporting a campaign put forward by Rowan Cutts to encourage students to sign up for the HC1 (help with health costs) form and to lobby for free prescriptions for students. We are hoping that the NHS will send some staff down to help promote it.

- f) Lobby and campaign to ensure sufficient provision is available for financial and debt management;

The advice centre has been busier than ever because of the student loans crisis. We have plastered the campus with posters encouraging people to get in touch if they are struggling.

Next semester there will be an event in the union encouraging people to budget. It will involve balloons.

- g) Spend a minimum of one afternoon per week in the Advice Centre during vacations and attend as many Wednesday afternoon training sessions as possible;

I enjoyed helping with the interviews for the volunteers who have been fantastic. There are so many of them that we don't need to recruit any more this semester. I have been attending the committee meetings. We are planning to fund raise for food parcels on Wednesday night outside asylum.

- h) Liaise with the Advice Centre Co-ordinator with regard to support, advice and information dissemination.

I've continued to work closely with the advice centre. They often flag up issues for me to chase up.

Questions

- L Heath said about the difficulty in signing in for the Sexual Health kiosk.
- K Azarhoosh asked about whether it would be useful to provide a template for letters of complaint to be sent to Hull City Council to support international students and council tax.

7345. Reports of University Committees

Collaborative Provision Committee	9 Oct	VPE
Health Sub-Committee	12 Oct	VPW/VPS
Assessment Committee	12 Oct	Dmitrijs Ledkovs
HYMS Joint Senate Committee	15 Oct	President
Student Experience Committee	15 Oct	VPE
Widening Participation Committee	16 Oct	VPC
Estates and Environment Committee	16 Oct	President
Learning and Teaching Enhancement Committee	19 Oct	VPE
Race, Religion and Belief Committee	20 Oct	VPW
Disabilities Committee	22 Oct	VPW
Programme Approvals Monitoring and Enhancement Cttee	29 Oct	VPE
Gender, Transgender and Sexuality Committee	29 Oct	VPW
Staff Committee	2 Nov	President
Educational Partnerships Committee	5 Nov	VPE
Student Recruitment Committee	9 Nov	VPC
Quality and Standards Committee	11 Nov	VPE
Collaborative Programme Approvals Committee	12 Nov	VPE
Ferens Fine Art Committee	17 Nov	Chair Media
Student Experience Committee	19 Nov	VPE
Information Services Committee	19 Nov	VPE
Equality and Diversity Committee	20 Nov	VPW
Learning and Teaching Enhancement Committee	23 Nov	VPE
Learning and Teaching Spaces Effectiveness Committee	26 Nov	VPE
HYMS Joint Learning and Teaching Committee	26 Nov	VPE
Widening Participation Committee	27 Nov	VPC
Assessment Committee	30 Nov	Dmitrijs Ledkovs
Research Degrees Committee	7 Dec	VPE

Noted

7346. Conferences

VP Education reported back on his attendance at the NUS HE Conference. In his opinion the two days had been a poor use of his time and the Agenda was not appropriate.

S Wood then brought up our attendance at the Zone Conferences and this led on to a short debate whether or not we should be affiliated with NUS. S Greenwood proposed that there should be a financial review first to help with any decision making and Chair Societies asked how we were going to ensure the membership was given an unbiased view if this was something we were serious about. K Azarhoosh commented that he felt we should keep politics and finances separate.

7347. Societies Ratification The Societies Officer introduced the list of societies for ratification:

Dance Society Hull
Dance Society Scarborough
Poker Society

Devil's Advocate

All were ratified.

7348. **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 Elections
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
- (ii) Standing Orders governing Complaints against HUU or against HUU, The Charity
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
- (iii) Standing Orders Union Council - Order of Business
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
- (iv) Standing Orders governing Urgency Powers
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded: President
- (v) Standing Orders governing Council Meetings
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
- (vi) Standing Orders governing a Referendum
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President
- (vii) Standing Orders governing Union General Meetings
Proposed by: Chair, Campaigns & Democracy
Seconded by: President

7339. **Any Other Business**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

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