

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20/4/10 AT 6.30pm
ON THE 3RD FLOOR, UNIVERSITY HOUSE

Present:	Chair Council	Matthew Wade
	President	Jamie Scudamore
	VP Education	Chris Marks
	VP Community	Ben Wilcox
	VP Sport	James Kerr
	VP Welfare	Alice Marshall
	Chair Scarborough	Darius Navickas
	Chair Campaigns & Democracy	Basit Mohammed
	Chair, ISA	Line Kristensen
	Chair, Media	Will Langdale
	HUSSO	Chris Goosey
	Chair Societies	Anne Joy
	Academic Council	Charlotte Bartle
	ISA Rep	Tom Wan
	AU Secretary	Aidan Mersh
	AU BUCS Rep	Ash Lord
	AU Council Rep	Tom Townsend
	AU Council Rep	Susie Walker
	Chair Black Students	Phil Pocknee
	Chair LGBT	Robert ????
	Chair, Women's	Heather Elliott
	Director of Nightline	????
	Chair Links	Andy Chapman
	Scarborough Exec	Amy Harrop
	Scarborough Exec	Michael Parker
	Senate Rep	Kaveh Azaroosh
	Faculty Rep	Pete Radford
) Nick Amato
) Sinaed Coogan-Jobes
) Mary Cooksey
	Cross Campus Elected Councillors)	Alec Hack
) Sam Hargreaves
) Urslaan Khan
) Tom Peel
) Ateeq Salik

In attendance: Paul Tatton, General Manager

1. Chairman's opening remarks

Chair Council explained how the meeting would operate and the rules he proposed to enforce.

He then informed the meeting that the motions would be taken in the order that they were on the Agenda and that the proposer and seconder of the motion of NC against TP VPC Elect had been amended to one of a motion of censure.

2. Proposed Motion of No Confidence against VPC, Ben Wilcox

Council Notes

1. Ben Wilcox has failed to fulfil his role as a responsible sabbatical officer for the Athletic Union tour of Salou and uphold the UEC Code of Conduct by allowing himself to be filmed under the influence of alcohol. His failures in this area include:
 - i. Failing to look after the welfare of Hull University students by being under the influence of alcohol, as seen in bullet point 3 the Sabb officer responsibilities presented to the Board of Trustees 2nd February 2010.
 - ii. Failing to conduct himself in an appropriate manner, in respects to the UEC code of conduct, Section 8 point b.

Council Believes

1. That these actions have been detrimental to the respect of the position of VP Community
2. That being under the influence has detracted from the position of being a point of authority whilst on the trip
3. That being under the influence of alcohol has also detracted from the ability to look after the welfare of the Hull students attending this trip.

Council Resolves

1. Council has No Confidence in Ben Wilcox.

Proposed: Amy Harrop

Seconded: Ben Ruddy

The Chair explained to Council that VPC had received a motion of censure for his behaviour involving staff members of HUU in November. At the time this was given by the UEC, it was agreed that should motions against UEC members be brought at Council, then those passed at UEC would be published.

Speech for: Amy Harrop.

Amy explained her reasons for the motion and outlined her disappointment in the behaviour of BW in the video clip on Sky News.

- Q. Amy was asked whether she had been on the Tour and how she was aware that VPC was under the influence of alcohol?
- A. Amy was not on the Tour and used the video clip to make her judgement.

Q. Why do you think this behaviour warrants a motion of No Confidence rather than one of Caution?

A. Amy felt that VPC was in a senior position within the Union and had a member of staff behaved like he had they would have been disciplined for it.

Q. How do you deem a motion of No Confidence necessary from a 30 second piece of video?

A. Amy in response said that it was possible to judge from that short clip what was going on.

Point of Order:

Stephen Lee asked why the video was not being shown at the meeting. In response the Chair apologised but assumed everyone had seen the video.

Amendments:

A move to amend the motion to one of motion of caution was made by (Andy Chapman? Chair Links).

Speech for the amendment: Andy Chapman.

Point of Clarification from Stephen Lee:

Was it correct that the Sabb Officers had been allowed subsidised places on the Tour? VPS explained how the free places from the Tour Company had been allocated.

Speech against the amendment: VPC, Ben Wilcox

VPC outlined his request for the full motion to be heard.

Speech in abstention: none

Speech in summation: none

Votes for the amendment: 11

Against: 13

Motion to amend the motion fell

Speech against the main motion VPC, Ben Wilcox:

He explained that he was not under the influence of alcohol and gave statistics of the low number of issues he had dealt with when on duty as the Hull contingent had behaved responsibly and that there had been no more incidents than in the past. He read out an email from elsewhere outlining the work he had been involved with as VPC. He felt the motion of no confidence had been politically and personally motivated and there was no evidence to present.

As a result the proposer withdrew the motion.

3. Proposed Motion of no confidence against Chris Marks, VPE

Council Notes

1. Chris Marks has failed to fulfil his role as a responsible sabbatical officer for the Athletic Union tour of Salou and uphold the UEC Code of Conduct, by allowing himself to be filmed under the influence of alcohol. His failures in this area include:
 - i. Failing to look after the welfare of the Hull University students by being under the influence of alcohol, as seen in bullet point 3 of the SAB officer responsibilities presented to the Board of Trustees 2nd February.
 - ii. Failing to conduct himself in an appropriate manner, in respects to the UEC code of conduct, Section 8 point b, by allowing to be filmed whilst under the influence of alcohol.
 - iii. Failing to conduct himself in an appropriate manner, in respects to the UEC code of conduct, Section 8 point b, by swearing whilst being filmed.

Council Believes

1. That these actions have been detrimental to the respect of the position of VP
2. That being under the influence has detracted from the position of being a point of authority whilst on the trip
3. That being under the influence of alcohol has also detracted from the ability to look after the welfare of the Hull students attending this trip.

Council Resolves

1. Council has No Confidence in Chris Marks

Proposed: Amy Harrop

Seconded: Mike Porter

The Chair read out that the VPE had received a motion of caution by UEC in February for breaking election rules. In response to a question the Pres explained the background to this situation.

Speech for the Motion: Amy Harrop

Amy explained the reasons for her proposing this motion, particularly that VPE had appeared on the video clip under the influence of alcohol and swearing.

Following the speech a discussion took place with questions regarding the level of the profanity used by VPE. The level of research by the proposer was also questioned.

Amendment proposed by Andy Chapman:

Proposed that the motion be amended to a motion of caution.

No questions.

Speech against VPE, CM: In response VPE agreed that he had been a 'tit' on camera but as he was not working at the time he felt that no punishment was appropriate. In response to questions he agreed that swearing had beeped out and that he had sworn to camera. He was asked whether he felt there was a distinction between enjoying yourself as an employee and a student. Again VPE wished to have the main motion debated and therefore asked everyone to vote against this amendment.

Amendment falls.

Speech against main motion: VPE. VPE's main points were that he didn't drink on duty and everything that took place was in his own time. He did not believe his actions had brought the Union into disrepute. There were no questions or speeches.

Speech in abstention: none

Speech in summation: none

Votes for: 2

Motion falls

4. Motion of Censure against Tom Peel, VP Community (Elect)

Council Notes

1. Tom Peel has failed to uphold the UEC Code of Conduct for a VP Elect. His failures in this area include:
 - i. Allowing himself to be filmed by an international media group under the influence of alcohol and downing a can of beer, therefore going against the UEC code of conduct section 8 point b.
 - ii. Allowing himself to be filmed by an international media group under the influence of alcohol whilst wearing an HUU Logo, therefore going against the UEC Code of conduct section 8 point b.

Council Believes

1. That the aforementioned action has led to the doubting of the suitability of Tom Peel becoming VP Community for 2010/2011
2. That the aforementioned action has gone against the Unions approach and attitudes towards the promotion of safe drinking.
3. That as an ambassador/VP Elect for the Union, the display of the HUU logo on the video could be potentially very damaging to the representation of HUU members as well as the University itself on a local, national and international level.

Council Resolves

1. Tom Peel be censured for his inappropriate behaviour.

Proposed: Amy Harrop

Seconded: Mike Porter

Speech for: Amy Harrop

In speaking to the motion, Amy emphasised the fact that VPC Elect actions were detrimental to HUU particularly as he was wearing a HUU top. Questions were asked regarding the video evidence and information was provided by a Tour participant that only two sips were taken from the can rather than drinking it in one go.

Speech Against: VPC Elect

In response he apologised to council for what he felt was their time being wasted and refuted the allegations in the proposal. He said there had been no media attention or bad publicity following the broadcast on Sky News. He was not on duty at the time, nor being paid for his attendance on Tour. A number of questions were being asked regarding the squashing of the can on his forehead as shown on the video.

Speech in Abstention: none.

Speech in Summation: VPC, Ben Wilcox

Votes for: 2

Motion falls

5. Any Other Business

The President Elect reminded Council that there were still a number of vacant positions for next year's Council, particularly representation at Senate. He informed the meeting that all nominations should be to the ARO Paul Taton by 12noon Tuesday 27 April 2010.