

Community Zone Meeting held on 29th November 2011 at 1.30pm

In University House

Present:

VP Community, Tom Peel
Councillor of Scrutiny, Jonathan Chambers
Chair RAG, Mark Tatton
Chair ISA, Komal Tariq
Chair HUSSO, Laura Anderson

Attending:

Sophie Reid, Minute taker
Phil Pocknee, VP Welfare

ACTION

1. Apologies

Chair Societies Executive, Ben Croft
Chair Community & Councillor of Scrutiny, Pippa Eveleigh

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed as a true record.

3. Reports:

(a) Chair RAG

- Selling Amnesty Ball tickets. Have about 20 prizes to give away.
- Have organised a pool tournament, which is currently being advertised. 50% will go towards prize fund and 50% will go to a shelter. Entry will be £5.
- Jail Break is looking to go ahead on the 16th March, which will be one of RAGs biggest events.
- Issue at last CZ meeting about whether the Africa Trip was for charity – The Ghana school and orphanage has a Ghana charity number, which is of no use to RAG. However, he stressed that the work they would be carrying out is charitable. Everyone agreed that this was ok. Chair HUSSO clarified that HUSSO do nothing abroad, so it would not be taking over their role and they were happy for RAG to go ahead with the trip.
- RAG had a meeting and got some new people there, with some interesting new ideas.
- Altogether over the last couple of months, RAG have raised approximately £7000. Huge credit to the Islamic society who has raised £2906.91 for charity. VPC asked

what they could do to show recognition of this. Thinking of presenting with a big cheque.

(b) Chair ISA

- Winter ball tickets are on sale. The full Asylum will be open this time, rather than just half like it is usually. They are spending more on the ball this year and this is why the ticket prices are a little more.
- Paris – went really well. There were a few delays but the reports were really good when they all returned.
- At the last zone meeting it was asked that Chair ISA spoke to Committee about why there were less people at the last party. They came to conclusion that it was not promoted enough. So, going to increase flyers and posters. Have already put this into action for the Winter ball.

Questions & comments:

- JC asked for clarity over the issue brought up at the last meeting about refunding ISA tickets. The person involved managed to sell their ticket, but made a 20% loss. Chair ISA commented that she was unaware how much the ticket had re-sold for. JC commented that it was bad that a student had lost money. Chair ISA is going to speak to her Committee about the possibility of a guest list place for the Winter ball for the person involved. CHAIR ISA

(c) Chair HUSSO

- Everything is going really well.
- Projects that went out last week were: Trekkers, Ready Trek, Flintstones, Funday Wednesday, Saturday Larkin, Pub lunches and Primary reading.
- Had about 7-8 on each project.
- Prison projects have not gone out yet. Problems with numbers and how many people they are allowed to take. There is only 12 places altogether, with a lot more people than that who were told they could go.
- Befriending project – there is a meeting today (29th Nov). Hopefully will be able to go out next week. Moving to a new care home and working with people with dementia.
- GCSE project – still waiting on CRB's to come back before this can go ahead.
- Having a meeting with Project Co-ordinators to see how semester 1 has gone and get some feedback on how they can improve.
- Stats – HUSSO only were able to record 8 as the desk is not manned a lot. However, Colleen in the Student Activities Centre recorded 115 HUSSO enquiries.
- HUSSO going to the Carol Service on the 4th December. They are kindly giving HUSSO the proceeds from the collection.

- Having a HUSSO Exec meal and inviting Laura Franklin and a minibus driver, Alex Riches to say thank you for their support and hard work. This will be on the 13th December.
- HUSSO social on the 8th December, which will be a pub crawl. Will be good to get out together.
- Still having transport issues, with a lack of minibus drivers. There is a suggestion to get Council minibuses, which are free. They can provide drivers. Talking to Jonathan Hall about any health & safety issues and insurance.
- Finance is going well. James Reckitt Charity going to give them around £3000.

(d) Chair Societies

Chair Societies sent apologies but had sent a written report, which VPC read out. It was as follows:

- Societies Executive alongside Pippa and Jon have taken a look at what could be done to improve societies council following feedback that many felt it was beyond its use. After discussion it was agreed that Council now run on an agenda of three points:
 - Agenda for council on Monday 5th December will go: Advertisement of events (both by the Societies Executive and Societies).
 - Discussion about refreshers fare, presidents will be posed with the questions: What did you think of last year? – Where you even there; What would you like to get out of re-fresher's fair? ; How would you like to go about it?
 - To make this more interactive we will be splitting presidents off into groups and they will feed back their ideas for refreshers.
 - A recap and help on finance as many still don't seem to understand financial procedure for Societies
- 1930 signed up to societies with 1693 unique memberships
- All documents for societies are now available on hullstudent as requested by the societies executive.
- Seconded a new Finance Officer, Mike Miller, who is doing a very good job
- It was felt that both myself and TP could have organised the EGM better, and as a result there was a low turnout.
- Society of the Month has been launched and deadline for nomination forms is this Friday. Forms have been emailed out to all presidents and are also available in the SAC.

(e) VP Community

- Working on Houses of Multiple Occupancy strategy. Union will work on events to raise awareness and getting the University to push with their influence in the

Community. Currently finishing the report and having a meeting with John Leach.

- Took Societies Executive Committee to a teambuilding event, however the Chair couldn't attend. However, it was good and the SEC seems to be working together better.
- Inducted the new Finance Officer, Mike Millar.
- Children In Need went really well. VPC wasn't sure how much they made but Chair RAG was able to comment that they made approximately £765 altogether.
- Had a meeting with Chair HUSSO, Paul Tatton & Graham Jackson about securing more money for HUSSO from their beneficiary.
- Movember has been going really well, with loads of lovely moustaches being grown. Have also been selling fake moustaches.
- Went Bin Tagging with the Street Rep team on Saturday. Went down Newland Avenue and the streets coming off it. Tagged over 300 bins and spoke to 260 residents.
- Met with the ISA Committee for a mediation meeting. Also came up with some questions from ISA members directed towards the University.
- Wednesday will be the Newland Avenue Christmas lights switch on. The road will be shut between 4pm and 8pm. Lights switch on is at 6pm. VPC encouraged everyone to go.

Questions & Comments

- Chair HUSSO asked if it was ok for them to take stats for HUSSO enquiries from Colleen. This is fine with VPC, commenting that they should add them to the numbers they have recorded.

Any Other Business

- **Zero Tolerance** – VPW came into the meeting and handed out a few copies of the policy that he has rewritten. Jonathan Chambers was concerned that they hadn't had enough time to look through it and discuss. It was agreed that VPW would send it out electronically so people had the chance to look through it and make any comments or suggestions. It was asked that the D&E Co-ordinator could send out the Bullying & Harassment Policy. This was agreed. **VPW & D&E CO-ORD**
- **Standing Orders -**
Changes proposed by Chair Societies to SO 2005 (Societies Council Meetings) & SO Annex B 9001 (Financial Procedures Governing Recognised Societies). These were agreed with a few minor changes to reflect previous changes. Jonathan Chambers asked for clarity on two Standing Orders that contradict each other, which are the SO governing Chair Societies and SO governing Societies Council. SO governing Chair Societies says that they chair Council, and the other one says

that VPC chairs it. This is being changed to Chair Societies chairing. VPC commented that Chair Societies will be given guidance on how to do this confidently.

Jonathan Chambers asked whether the review of the part-time paid chairs had been done and when would the new Standing Orders be ready to look at. VPC to chase this up.

VPC

Meeting closed 2.40pm