

Community Zone Meeting, 15th November 2011 at 1.30pm

Meeting Room 4 in University House

1. Attendance:

Pippa Eveleigh (Chair Community & Councillor of Scrutiny), Tom Peel (VP Community), Jonathan Chambers (Councillor of Scrutiny), Mark Tatton (Chair RAG), Laura Anderson (Chair HUSSO), Ben Croft (Chair Societies), Komal Tariq (Chair ISA).

Sophie Reid (Minute taker)

2. Matters Arising

- £900 to GIAG – in last meeting the amount that is being given to GIAG was £900. However, it has been clarified that there is actually £1364 left. Suggested a quick discussion whether all this money should to GIAG or whether the extra money should be used for other purposes. There was discussion about this and three options were taken to vote:
 1. To give GIAG all of the money
 2. Give GIAG £1000 and put the remaining money into the Societies Grant
 3. Give GIAG £1000 and distribute the rest around Community Zone Chairs to be used for Campaigns.

Option 2 passed by majority vote. VPC to follow up.

3. Reports

(a) Chair HUSSO

- Had three groups go out last week, 5 this week and should have a lot more next week.
- For the UCAS & GCSE project, still waiting on CRB's to come back.
- Had a cake sale and made £165.72
- Got money back from the ISA party
- Have got a concert tonight for the elderly.

Questions

- Jonathan Chambers asked what the concert was. It is the Warsaw Philharmonic Concert.

(b) Chair Media

- First editorial social went really well
- There is a house party for editors and writers on Friday
- Life Editor stepped down and Rosalind Moody has been elected. Chair Community pointed out that this had been mentioned at the previous meeting.
- Have had difficulties with the Online Editor and asked for advice on how to deal with this. This will be discussed separately and followed up by VPC.

At this point Chair Community wanted to bring up a couple of issues as Chair Media and Chair HUSSO had to leave early:

- £500 fine for Media – As discussed in last meeting, it was found that there was nothing in the Standing Orders about having to get VPC to check Hullfire before it went to print. The fine will no longer go ahead. Apologies from Community Zone for this. When the role of Chair Media is being reviewed, this can be added to the Standing Orders.
- VP Community asked if Community Zone members could start to record statistics of how many people come in to see them, as it is good proof. Jonathan Chambers requested that VPC send out statistic sheets so people know what they are supposed to do. VPC to follow up.
- At this point Chair Media & Chair HUSSO left the meeting.
- IDA London trip - Chair Community asked if ISA had got the £200 deposit back from the London Trip. They had not been able to get through to them until the day previously and were told it was not possible. VPC and Chair ISA to follow up.
- ISA Sport activities – Chair Community asked if the ISA had approached VP Sport about getting involved in more activities. Chair Media had commented that they had approached VP Sport in August and set up meetings, but nothing ever happened. Due to this, they are working with the Sports Centre. Chair Community urged them to approach VP Sport again, as he would of been very busy in August and still finding his feet with the role.
- ISA Computer – Chair Community asked if Chair ISA had managed to find out if they had paid for a computer. She had seen the Finance Manager, and apparently this information is very difficult to obtain. VPC has said that there is a computer available for them.

(c) Chair ISA

- The HUSSO, RAG and ISA party was good but not as many people came as would of liked. They made £947 on the door and this will be divided between ISA, RAG and HUSSO.
- 50 People are signed up for the Paris trip.
- Winter Ball is organised, with posters going up today and tickets on sale from tomorrow.
- American Rep – looking into how we can fill this position. Have asked Committee members to see who is interested and get them to come and see her informally to talk about what the role will involve. There was a concern that a election is not being held but the issue had been followed up by the Chief Executive, who said that the Executive can co-opt someone into the position without voting rights on the Executive. This is because there was an election originally but the position was not filled.

Questions & comments:

- VPC asked the Chair ISA to have a meeting with the Executive and review why the party wasn't such a big success as hoped. This will mean that the next one can improve. Chair ISA to follow up.
- VPC asked if a mediation meeting had been booked, as there were problems within the ISA. Yes.
- Jonathan Chambers asked if the numbers for the party were less than an ISA party alone. Yes they were, and Chair ISA is unsure why. The positive thing was that there were more British people there.
- Jonathan Chambers asked Chair ISA to clarify their policy on refunds for the Paris trip. He had a friend who was meant to go but had to cancel and could not get his refund back,

even though they were still selling tickets. Chair ISA explained that the company they book through don't give refunds. She will make sure that there are signs put up about refunds and make sure people are told when they are buying tickets. They also help people sell their tickets. Chair ISA commented that this had always been a problem.

(d) Chair RAG

- £58 for Movember so far
- Going to have Charity of the Month. Going to have buckets outside bars and shops. Won't bring in a lot but it will be something.
- The Africa trip will be £1340. The deposit will be £200, with no refund as when they pay the deposit the airline will be paid straight away.
- Flashmob happening on the 10th December. Permission from Council given. Should hopefully have Diana Johnson showing up and the BBC.
- Had a Committee meeting and talking about if the Union could pay for a Just Give account as it has to be a charity account. VPC asked why they didn't use Virgin Money Giving, which is free. Chair Community asked that this is discussed afterwards.
- Amnesty Ball – tickets will be £10 and looking for any volunteers.
- Movember Catwalk Event on the 26th November. There will be different categories. Adam Sheridan is sorting the prizes and girls will be wearing moustaches.

Questions & comments:

- Chair Community commented that there were questions at Governance Zone about what the Africa trip will involve and is it for an actual charity. The money covers the cost of going to Africa and carrying out volunteering work of manual labour. The money doesn't actually go to a charity. Chair RAG commented that the company was not a Charity Chair Community asked that Chair RAG confirm whether they could still do the trip if it was not a charity.

(e) Chair Societies:

- 1811 registered to Societies so far.
- 43 Societies ratified and 9 going to Governance next week.
- Altogether have 105 Societies.
- The Finance Officer of the Societies Executive had resigned so holding an EGM to fill the position.
- Executive want to make it more clear on the grant form, that Societies should only be applying for it in exceptional circumstances and not as an easy option instead of fundraising. VPC commented that the money was there to be spent, so they shouldn't be too tight. This was agreed.
- Executive think all the Society documents should all be in one document, to make it easier and clearer.
- There is a lot of interest to do first aid training.
- GIAG trip to Big Fun seems to be going down really well.

- Last Executive meeting they talked about doing some sort of Winter Ball, but it was concluded that there was too many that happened anyway. They are looking into the possibility of maybe doing a Valentines Ball. VPC suggested an end of year ball.
- Had Council last Monday and some showed interest in Tour after VP Sport's presentation. However, some have given feedback that Council is a waste of time. Executive going to try and come up with ways to make it more engaging.

(f) VP Community

- Have been asked to sit on the Trustee Neighbourhood Network. This is a really good opportunity to represent students. Have been appointed the Chair.
- Street reps are holding a bin tagging event on the 27th November. Making a really positive impact in the Community, Having fortnightly meetings. Handbook is printed and handed out. Funding of £1200.£1300 has come through – waiting to hear about the rest. They will be involved with Xmas lights and looking to do a Burglary awareness Campaign.
- Xmas lights – 30th November. Road will be closed from 4pm-8pm and switch on will be at 6pm. Street Reps helping out. Sent an e-mail to Presidents of Societies and clubs and sent design off. Looking at performers and bands to play.
- Met the new Community Officer in Scarborough. Sending up plans of Street Reps and helping her with other stuff.
- Societies Executive mediation meeting – actioned to put on training with Naomi., going on team building event, and created a Societies Executive Charter. Finance Officer stood down and seconding someone tonight until Council can elect someone. Good news is they have a lot of candidates.
- Dealing with a few society issues with Amnesty and Business.
- Drove American Football on Sunday.
- Met James Ward from Waste Planning. Got some good stuff going on in terms of educating students – holding some focus groups.
- Attended the New Zealand Vs England match with ladies hockey and street reps.
- Met with PC Wilson.
- Had Board of Trustees meeting
- Drove GIAG to Go-karting.
- Held Societies Council and engaged with Presidents after.
- Chair Media now has a computer sorted and formalised working agreement with him for December issue.
- Sat with Chair HUSSO to budget HUSSOs new projects as funds may be available. She's getting back to him with event costs.
- Attending Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra on that evening to show off students to friends of the Union.

Questions & comments:

- Chair Community and Chair Media asked where the money was coming from for the bin tagging. There is £150 coming from VPC's budget and the Council has said they will give 50%. The funding of £3000 is for branding. He needs to confirm if the Council would give 50% of the £150 or match the cost.

- Jonathan Chambers asked whether VPC would explain to Societies Council that they are not actually electing someone, but seconding them into the Finance role. Yes he would explain this.
- Jonathan Chambers asked why it was decided that it would not be elected at Societies Council. VPC had come across it in the Standing Orders when he was checking how many days notice they needed to give.
- Jonathan Chambers asked about Amnesty Society problem of a report of harassment and what would be done, especially as Council are currently looking at the Zero Tolerance Policy. This was the President's issue and would be going to a disciplinary panel. The Facilities Manger has been asked that the person accused will not be allowed into the Amnesty Ball.
- Jonathan Chambers asked if Standing Orders would be taken to Zone meeting, like the President had commented. The D&E Co-ordinator was unaware of this, but was happy to do this in future.

4. Any Other Business

- Union Council – Chair Community asked that if anyone wanted to bring something to Council, it would need to come to the next Community meeting.
- Student Activisim – tickets on sale from reception. They cost £10 and the event is on the 17th November with bus leaving at 5am.

Meeting closed at 2.30pm