

Community Zone Meeting, 4th October 2011, 1.15pm

Meeting Room 3, University House

1) ATTENDANCE

Register

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

Sophie Reid – Democracy & Equality Co-ordinator (Minute-taker)

Kora-Lee Holmes – Chair Campaigns & Democracy

Election of Chair

Jonathan Chambers & Pippa Eveleigh were nominated.

They were both given the opportunity to make a speech.

Voting was a simple majority vote.

Pippa Eveleigh was elected.

From this point, Pippa chaired the meeting.

2) REPORTS

1. Report by Chair Media

- First edition of The Hullfire was printed successfully. There were issues with the printers, after finding out that we owed them £2100. Managed to come to agreement and are sorting the financial situation out. The next edition will be out in the first Monday of November.
- It is the JAM launch party tonight.
- Also found that JAM are also £1000 in debt. The debt was originally £1500 but £500 has been paid and they have given an extension to pay the rest. The deadline for repayment is the 31st of this month.
- Tom Peel explained that this was because two years ago they did not pay money to go to the Student Radio Conference.
- HUU:TV are meeting at 4pm today. There was a lot of interest at the Volunteering/Societies fair, with 90 people signing up. ?
- The new media home will be in the old Volunteering Hub. JAM will stay where it is but HUU:TV will have the office at the back of the Volunteering Hub and Hullfire will have a nice big open space to work in.

2. Report by VP Community

- There has been a lot of change within the Community Zone with moving. Benefit is that there is a lot more face-time with students
- The biggest thing that VPC has been working over the Summer, is the council suggesting to impose Article 4 Directions on Houses of Multiple Occupancy in the Newland Avenue area of Hull. They are considering whether to impose strict planning control on Newland Avenue which would stop houses being turned into Student Homes, after they received complaints from some local residences. A petition has been created to try and stop this happening. Working with Kora-Lee Holmes to meet local councillors and with landlords around the area on this issue. Good Media coverage on Look North, The Hull Daily Mail and on local radio stations.
- Street Reps has been launched. This involves students representing out in the community. There will be 8 areas, with 2 reps per area. Currently working on recruitment, and we've had over 17 nominations already. We will be choosing them next Monday and training will be over the 11th, 12th and 14th October, with a November start.
- Have been blogging over the Summer.
- Hall Wars happening at the Lawns this Saturday. This is aimed to have a fun and competitive nature for students to get involved with sport. This is being done with Ashley Armitage, VP Sport.
- Aiming to hold an event every Semester, which will be something fun for students to do. Currently thinking about an event end of Semester 1, maybe something like guitar hero/rockband. Possible water fight at the end of Semester 2.
- VP Community gave a big thank you to all the volunteers from Community Zone, for all the hard work they have put in so far.

Questions

- Laura Anderson asked what would be involved in the water fight. It would take part during the day and would be split into teams. Hopefully we could get sponsorship for the event.
- Pippa Eveleigh asked if Thwaite and Needler could get involved with Hall Wars. Yes they can.
- Ben Croft questioned the name 'Hall Wars'. VPC thought it was an exciting name and didn't believe that it would be interpreted in the wrong way.

3. Report by Chair RAG

- The Freshers Fair was a big success, with 180 people interested. So there is lots of e-mails.
- Nearly have full Committee
- The website [www,hullrag.com](http://www.hullrag.com) has had about 100 hits a day
- Organising a trip to Ghana with a company who can do it for approx £1000 per person. There would be about 30 places available, with 10 people already interested.
- Have got lots of plans for the upcoming year, for example tug-of-war. Planning that half the money could go to charity and half go to Societies who are having financial difficulty.
- First raid is on the 29th November
- Hoping to do Jailbreak again, which seemed to be the biggest selling point on Welcome Week
- Trying to organise a Skydive, but not sure if this will go ahead
- Also working on a possible event called 'Lost', where you are blindfolded, taken somewhere and you have to find your way back. Not sure if this would be allowed or possible yet, but it is an idea.

Questions.

- VPC asked if the RAG website had been linked with hullstudent. This is going to be looked into.
- VPC also asked about the possibility of a parade on Newland. They haven't thought of it but are open to looking into it. VPC suggested talking to the Newland Traders Association and getting involved with the Newland Christmas lights.
- VPC asked what percentage of money raised is going to local charities. They have a couple of charities in mind for the first raid.
- There was a discussion of if we can raise money for other charities if we are a charity.
- VPC asked a wider question about Tour and whether people think their Executives would like to go. There was a discussion about this amongst all members and agreed that each Zone member would take the idea to their Executive and give feedback at the next Zone meeting.

4. Report by Chair HUSSO

- Freshers Fair went really well, with 203 names on e-mail and 28 forms given on the day. There have been over 30 since then, which is really good.
- The deadline for forms is the 7th October and the deadline for Project Co-ordinators is the 12th October.
- From the 17th, there will be Volunteer training, sorting out CRB's and teambuilding.
- Unfortunately the all the Executive positions have not been filled yet.
- Projects will start to go out from the 24th October, hopefully.
- Thinking about reorganising some of the Projects, and maybe even the possibility of adding some additional ones. Prison projects were very popular last year, so could be worth trying to push for additional projects there.
- The Elderly projects aren't so popular, so maybe look at ways of getting more people involved.
- There has been a big improvement from different departments that typically don't get involved with Volunteering. For example, the Business School.
- Going to target Social Societies and Children's Inter-professional Studies.
- Will hopefully have 10 regular projects running, depending on applications and if we can re-shuffle some projects.
- Chair Community suggested getting involved with Drama, as they are looking into doing theatre based projects with children. Agreed to pass on contact details and more information.

Questions.

5. Report by Chair ISA;

- ISA is doing well, with 822 coming to the Welcome Party.
- Foam Party was a success.
- The first trip happened to York. There was an issue with a bus not showing up, which made people angry. Managed to get it sorted in the end, and by the end of the day everyone seemed in good spirits.
- Next trip is to Liverpool.
- ISA Elections are happening next week, with a party afterwards.
- The ISA is not particularly stable at the minute due to a lot of changes, such as the online membership.
- VPC asked how the ISA were finding the online membership. Chair Media found it good and bad. VPC prompted them to talk to Leigh Nicholson or James Brooks about any difficulties they are experiencing.
- Hoping to create an event called ISA Culture Spot, which would be an event happening every other week that got different Societies involved. For example, the Greek Society. This would create awareness of different countries.
- VPC asked how many paid for the welcome party. They made a profit of £176.

6. Report by Chair Societies Executive Committee;

- Societies bizarre went really well.

- They have 588 signed up to a society so far, with the Law Society having the biggest membership (71). Picking up on a few societies that need re-established.
- Ideas to merge some societies.
- Laura is looking into holding some events and she is keen to push Tour to Societies.
- Sam has managed to get £1500 of sponsorship from East Yorkshire, and this will be finalised next week.
- Chair Soc highlighted issues with the online membership. VPC prompted him to speak to James Brooks about problems they are experiencing.
- The first Society Council is tonight at 6.30pm
- VPC gave a big thanks to the Societies Executive Committee for their hard work over Welcome Week. He pointed out that the Executive was restructured and it really seems to be working.

Questions.

Chair Community asked everyone how they have found the move into the Student Activities Centre. There have been a few issues with space and accessibility to computers, and it was agreed that VPC would follow up on getting shelving removed to make more space. It was explained that Facilities have been incredibly busy over Welcome Week. Agreed that the physical presence of everybody has been beneficial and that any issues will try to be resolved.

Meeting closed 2.30pm