

# **Governance Zone meeting Agenda**

## **29<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 2pm**

### **1) ATTENDANCE**

1. Apologies. Tom Towend and Daniel Miele

2. Register.

Aidan Mersh (President)

Ash Lord (VP Sport)

Matthew Barrow (VP Education)

Jonathan Chambers (Chair Campaigns & Democracy)

Sean Brawley (Chair Community)

Peter Moffitt (Chair Environmental & Ethical)

Sophie Reid (Democracy Coordinator)

### **2) MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. None.

2. Matters arising. None

3. Previous points to action – results. None

### **3) REPORTS**

1. Report by President.

Mentioned that the Governance Zone needs to keep an eye on things that are coming up such as NUS proposals so that we can agree and move forward if there is anything we should be getting involved in. Also said that it would be useful if we questions for the trustees were developed and then this can be put on agendas. If there are any questions to council then these should be given to Tom Towend.

Hasn't been much else happening that is different from the report that I gave at Council so described what's been happening over the last couple of weeks.

Just been working solidly on HUU in the City and the National Demo that is happening in London on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. Really happy with the publicity that has been happening.

Design a Banner, which happened yesterday went well and we did better than Leeds and hopefully keep that going as we have plenty of paint left. HUU in the City should have a healthy turnout as everyone who said they would go has confirmed. We are going to take the Mobile Students Union (MSU) and the Dance Society are going to do a workshop with JAM also getting involved. Other sports teams can disperse around the area and those who want to talk or listen to speeches can do so but we are not allowed to amplify anything. For the demo, we have 235 places and managed to get the coaches for £3500, which is a lot better than other universities. I've spoken to couple of people to make sure that the company are reputable and it seems to be. As an executive decision, myself (President), Matthew Barrow (VP Education), Tom Peel (VP Community) and Ash Lord (VP Sport) unanimously decided to choose this bus company before this meeting. The tickets are selling well and we've taken e-mail addresses and phone number to follow people up and make sure they have info about times and locations. Hope to leave the Union at 6.15am and be at the Lawns for 6.45am so we can be on the motorway for 7am.

Question: Can people drink on the bus? President responded by saying that it depended on the bus company.

AU Ball will be coming up soon. Next Zone meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, which will be a bit of a debrief after the demo and HUU in the city and then hopefully after that it will quiet down a bit. Also added that Learning Teaching have been notified about the Demo and if students let their departments that they won't be in then this can be an authorised absence. 'We are Hull' t-shirts have also been confirmed and currently speaking to Sandra about putting them in the shop and also putting stickers on the sandwiches. T-shirts should hopefully should be ready for the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

2. Report by Chair Campaigns and Democracy.

Nothing too different to what was said at Council meeting and Aidan. Basically been working solidly on Funding Our Future, Publicity for HUU in the City and the National Demo.

No Questions.

3. Report by Chair Scarborough Executive Committee.

Not present.

4. Report by Chair, Council.

Not present

5. Report by Chair, Welfare.

Not present

6. Report by Chair, Education.

Report given by VP Education because the Education Zone was not quorate so they could not elect a Chair yet. Electing two more for Education Zone next week.

As of today we have 391 Course Reps which is fantastic, as last year they had 401 already so we are well on track on smashing that record. Training for Course reps has been taking place all week. 180 people signed up for that already, although not all of these showed up we still have a good number trained now. More training will be given in about two week to catch those who didn't make it this week. Also running a refresher training course for course reps from last year just to keep them up to date and that is all going really well.

We have wristbands ordered for the Course Reps and are in the process of getting hoodies organised. The company that do the AU kits have agreed to do that and the University seem happy enough to let that happen. They cost £14 each but we are thinking about charging £20 as the Education Zone budget is small and we could do with the extra funds.

We will be electing Faculty Reps at the first Academic Council and that is o.k as the Standing Orders says that can happen. We have Senate reps except for Postgraduate but they have no interest in having any so it would be pointless to push it any further. We've contacted them several times and haven't had anyone come forward interested.

Education Zone is now pretty much fully elected although pity that not everyone has turned up at this present meeting. We need two more to sit on Education Zone to be quorate.

Currently arranging more publicity on Course Reps, so the plan is to get pictures done with course reps holding up there arm that says "I'm a course rep". Pretty cheesy but should be affective. Planning on e-mailing out departments with contacts of course reps. We were going to do pictures but the admin on it would be ridiculous so we'll leave that part out.

Have a library campaign going and as part of that I went to visit Sheffield University library last week and took some footage. Going to Visit Warwick sometime in the near future after reports that they have a very good library so hopefully get some good ideas.

Also working on Collaborative Vision Audit, which the University have asked the Union to get involved in. They have asked the Student Written Submission, which Lee Fallin (Education & Representation coordinator) is hopefully finishing today.

Working with Learning Teaching Support Unit (LTSU), with Shirley Bennet. Developing a virtual University for students before they actually go to University so that they can get a good idea of how University life will be and ask questions. She has mentioned a possible conference in Berlin, which I have been invited to and there could be possibility that the Education Zone could go.

Currently writing new code of practices as the current ones are out-of-date. So working with the quality office to get the Representation one and the Assessment Feedback one up to scratch. University also looking at setting up focus groups.

Academic Council is on Monday and I'm also going to a conference in Manchester, which Aaron Porter (NUS) will be at and the University is paying for that, which is good.

No Questions.

7. Report by Chair, Sport.

Sport Zone have not been able to meet yet so there has been no Chair elected yet so VP Sport gave a report instead.

As of yesterday, we had 1753 signed up to AU teams so really happy with that. Don't have the exact figure from this time last year but think we're at least a couple of hundred ahead of what we were at last year. Also really happy with the new system and it seems to be running really smoothly.

Naked Calendar has been happening all day and they will cost £5. Everyone who is involved is really keen to buy one ASAP so that's gone really well.

The AU ball is happening on 18<sup>th</sup> November and the plans are well on track. The tickets will go on sale on the 8<sup>th</sup> and will cost £25, which included a three course meal at staff house.

Also been helping with the demo planning and generally have been doing a lot of admin work. Also working on the Zebra crossing campaign but am going to wait a while until we can get more people involved.

No Questions

8. Report by Chair, Community.

Recently has Societies Council. RAG seem to be both Raising and giving which is good. JAM also seems to be going well. Hullfire are currently working on a making the fund app. HUUTV is going spectacularly awful but we need more people to get involved with that, at the minute we are barely in double figures.

9. Report by Chair Environmental and Ethical

Big event happening on Tuesday with the Union and University working together on the 'Big Switch off'. Been doing a lot of publicity on facebook and the marketing department have got really involved so we are expecting a lot of people to get involved. Soon to create an Executive Committee. Also working with Susan Nash on a 'Snapping Off' campaign. It will be 'Go Green' campaign in February and hopefully get societies involved and have some events happening in the Union.

No Questions.

#### **4) PROPOSALS**

Any proposals for action.

None

#### **5) MOTIONS**

1. Motions of caution/ censure/ no confidence.

None

2. Questions to trustees.

None

3. Questions for Council.

None

#### **6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Any Other Business

Question from Ash Lord: Do we sit at front of Council? President explained that the agenda for council is going to change so that Chairs give reports and then Sabbs will answer questions but sabbs will sit up at the front. This should hopefully get the Sabbs and Chairs to work together.

P.O.A:

-Elect Chair

-Numbers and budget of demo

-Talk about Council that will happen in week 12 of Semester 1.

Question from VP Education: Am I ok to hold zone meetings in the evening as a lot of the members are part-time? President said that this was fine.

President asked would everyone be happy to keep Governance Zone meetings on a Friday. Everyone agreed and said that 2pm was a suitable time. Also explained that Scarborough was now off the Governance Zone.

Question: When is the next Council? Chair Campaigns and Democracy responded by saying week 12.

President announced that the next Governance Zone meeting would be on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Closed 14.40