
Meeting: Governance Zone

Date and Time: Friday 14th October 2011 at 2:15pm

Venue: University House Meeting room 2

Name	Membership Category	14/10/2011		
Aidan Mersh	President	✓		
Kora-Lee Holmes	Chair Campaigns and Democracy	✓		
Victoria Winterton	Councillor of Scrutiny – Sports Zone	✓		
Sean Brawley	Councillor of Scrutiny – Community Zone	✓		
	Councillor of Scrutiny – Education Zone	Vacancy		
Pippa Eveleigh	Councillor of Scrutiny – Welfare Zone	Apologies		
Joseph Brownridge	Chair, Environmental and Ethical Committee	✓		
	Chair, Union Council	Vacancy		
Sophie Reid	Secretary – Governance Zone	Apologies		
Lee Fallin	Acting Secretary – Governance Zone	✓		

Item

Action

+* Welcome

All members were welcomed to the first meeting of Governance Zone for the 2011-12 Academic Year

1 Attendance

1.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from PE and SR

1.2 Register

See above for full Governance Zone register

+ Election of Chair**

As the meeting was quorate, there was the option to elect a Chair. There was debate as to whether it would be best to wait for the first full meeting, but in aid of having a

Chair in time to report to Union Council it was decided to hold the election. KLH stood for the position as Chair, giving a speech (see attached).

KLH was unanimously elected as Chair by the voting members of the Governance Zone with no objections.

KLH took over as Chair of the meeting.

3 Reports

3.1 Report by President

AM gave an oral report to the zone, summarizing summer and the run-up to Welcome Week.

- Over welcome week there was only one ambulance and one arrest. The arrest involved friends fighting before entering a club.
- The partnership approach taken to Welcome Week by HUU and UoH was a success. There was a good turn-out of volunteers for Adopt a Fresher, who did a brilliant job – Especially those working in Ferens and Downs.
- Comfort Zone went well.
- Commercially, Welcome Week was very successful.
- There was an issue with VAT as a new officer at HMRC did not like the present arrangements. This should now be sorted. Johnny Mac and Sanctuary are now classified as restaurants during the day as the majority of trade at this time is food
- HUU had budgeted a 90k loss for this academic year. The University gave £40k towards this shortfall and it is hoped the VAT changes will cover the rest.
- HUU had secured a loan of £250,000 from the UoH to cover capital expenditure plans for the redevelopment of the first floor of University House. The UoH has decided to gift this to HUU due to the recent accreditation of HUU with SUEI gold.
- PT and AM are currently in subvention negotiations with the UoH. It is currently looking very positive and decisions should be made by Christmas. This will enable HUU to do long-term financial forecasts.
- Week 4 elections are all filled apart from the Faculty Co-ordinators for HYMS and PGMI. All filled positions are contested apart from the HUBS Faculty Co-ordinator.
- HUU did some targeted email campaigns and there has been good feedback with 800% increase in interest for Part-time & Post-grad positions
- Looking to move the election of two Councilors of Scrutiny to semester 1 to give first years a chance.
- The University Foundation Award (UFA) is a HEFCE funded part-time award at the UoH. To get the UFA, students need to complete five x 10 credit modules then finish a short dissertation. All the HEFCE funding is gone now. Previously it generated around £150k for the UoH while costing £1.5 million to run. It could only run through HEFCE funding.
In September HUU was made aware that the UoH wants to end the UFA and had to generate a response by early October. AM worked on the response. HUU and students were not happy with the consolation period and AM is pushing a delay on the decision to February. AM is pushing the UoH to allow completion for all students on UFA programmes as they have a moral obligation to do this. AM is using Leeds University as an example of good practice as they supported all students through to completion when they

ended similar programmes. HUU wants the UoH to look at other funding models to sustain it. The current Access Agreement offers 20 full fee waivers. HUU is pushing the University to use this capital for community adult learning.

- AM to circulate UEC response to UFA.

3.1. **QQ** When will the move of two Councilors of Scrutiny elections take place?
q From March this academic year

QQ What is HEFCE?
Higher Education Funding Council for England

QQ Is HUU against full fee waivers?
UEC was unanimously against full fee waivers. Over the course of a degree they cost £27k each. Offering 20 in total is over a £500,000 cost. This money would be much better spent on community adult learning and retention. Currently the UoH is planning on initially overspending on retention, which is good – but much of this is unallocated. MB and PP will be looking into a campaign on this.

3.2 **Report by Chair Campaigns and Democracy**

KLH gave an oral report to the zone.

- HUU did Union Council training went well. SR and KLH wanted to help induct members of Council more to open it up to them, teach them how to do motions and to ensure they are active.
- Four people came to Chair/Deputy training for Council and two in Scarborough.
- Monday 17th is the first Union Council of the academic year. It is being held in Scarborough. Transport is provided at 5pm outside of Asylum.
- New handbooks have been produced for those who sit on Union Council.
- The council is looking to impose Article 4 Directions on Houses of Multiple Occupancy in the Newland Avenue area of Hull. Students are standing against this and there has been a lot of media interest. KLH is talking to Hull City Council next Thursday. Following the petition they have been granted a 5 minute slot to speak. The issue is being tabled for cabinet on the 24th.
- For a future campaign, one on broadband is being considered. It is hoped that utilizing Hull City Centre they can gain public interest too – provisionally on the 29th October. The campaign would lobby OFCOM to look into the Kcom monopoly. There will be publicity out on the 21st and a stall in HUU on the 27th.
- There is a panel debate on the 25th in Johnny Mac with AM, Daniel Vulliamy from the UCU, hopefully also a UCU regional rep and Toni Pierce from the NUS. (Usman Ali is now representing NUS)

3.2. No questions
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3.3 **Report by Chair, Council**
Item skipped - To be elected

3.3. N/A questions
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3.4 Report by Chair, Welfare

SB gave an oral report to the zone.

- Phil working on Black History Month
- All liberation campaigns are working on their yearly campaigns.
 - o Mental health for Disabilities Students Committee
 - o SHAG week for LGBT Committee
 - o Hate crimes for Black Students Committee
 - o Women's Committee had not met before Welfare Zone. SB was unable to provide an update but KLH contributed the following: *Love your body on 9th October, National feminist conference, a feminist online publication, Run a give it a go, Pole dancing was considered but seen as a terrible idea, Rape crisis, Funding for HE, Sexual harassment, Zero tolerance (training bar staff and bouncers) and Campaign video.*

3.4. No questions

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3.5 Report by Chair, Education

Item skipped - To be elected

3.5. N/A questions

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3.6 Report by Chair, Sport

VW gave an oral report to the zone.

- Ash updated the website
- No budget from last year for some clubs – ash has allocated this now
- Full-time Co-ordinator now that is making a big difference in the zone.
- Tour is back in Salou and back with the ilovetour company – much more activities and it is all backed by Thompson. Tour is going up by £10 to create a contingency fund and to cover Tour shirts.
- Exec trained for the first time and Presidents training went well.
- No BUCS news yet
- 1100 Club members and a higher volume of queries than last year
- Halls Wars went very well with 200 people involved at one point.
- Asylum sponsors 18 clubs – first two Wednesday's have been records
- Some clubs in the red, but they are awaiting members
- Tour themed Tower to promote Tour

3.6. QQ How did Tour go last year?

q People were a little disappointed as some clubs had no one to play against and there were less activities at the resort

3.7 Report by Chair, Community

PE was absent but sent in a report. KLH read this to the zone (attached).

3.7. N/A – No present

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3.8 Report by Chair Environmental and Ethical

- Freshers stall went well, but only 5 students attended the first meeting

- Strong environmental movement in Green Soc
- Energy saving competition at the Lawns. 50% of all savings to be invested back into facilities
- Recycling waste to electricity
- Motion to the Zone next meeting to look at bottled water and water fountains

3.8. **QQ** What motion?

q To only stock bottled water in the shop from local sources like Keld and Harrogate as opposed to Evian from France.

+ AM announced governance Zone now pre-approves Society and AU constitutions**

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Governance Zone approved:

Afro-Caribbean Society 2011/12 (48)

Anime Society 2011/12 (19)

Archaeology Society 2011/12 (17)

Bright Futures 2011/12 (19)

Computer Society 2011/12 (41)

Crystal Clear 2011/12 (43)

Dance Society 2011/12 (80)

Darts Society 2011/12 (16)

Debating Society 2011/12 (43)

Drama Society 2011/12 (25)

Duke of Edinburgh Society 2011/12 (20)

English Society 2011/12 (50)

Film Society 2011/12 (45)

Geography Society 2011/12 (66)

Hong Kong Society 2011/12 (34)

Hull University Amnesty International 2011/12 (32)

Hull University Business Society 2011/12 (63)

Hull University Finance Society 2011/12 (21)

Hull University Go-karting Society 2011/12 (29)

Hull University Labour Club 2011/12 (25)

Hull University Music Society 2011/12 (34)

Hull University Performing Arts Society 2011/12 (18)

Hull University Physics Society 2011/12 (18)

Hull University Politics Society 2011/12 (45)

Language Society 2011/12 (45)

Law Society 2011/12 (97)

LOVE Soc 2011/12 (17) - approved following discussion

Nigerian Society 2011/12 (23)

Photography Society 2011/12 (32)

Pokemon Society 2011/12 (24) - approved following discussion

Real Ale Society 2011/12 (15) - approved following discussion

Sci-fi and Fantasy 2011/12 (31)

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Society 2011/12 (22)

The Rock Society 2011/12 (25)

Video Games Development Society 2011/12 (17)

The following Society Constitutions were sent back for review:

Crim Soc - short by two committee members

Wargames and Role Playing Society - Incomplete contact details

Hull students against fees and cuts - short by one committee member
Dodgeball - perhaps more of a AU club, refer to AA
Human Rights Action - one committee member is not a student

AA

4 **Proposals**

No proposals for action

5 **Motions**

5.1 No motions of caution/censure/no confidence

5.2 No questions for the trustees

5.3 No questions for Council

6 **Any other business**

SB noted the lower number of periodicals for sale in the shop and suggested the library stock these now as part of the collection. AM to follow up.

AM

KLH said the dates of the meetings would be determined when there was a full zone

KLH