

GOVERNANCE ZONE MEETING 26.11.10

1) ATTENDANCE

1. Apologies
Jonathan Chambers (Chair Campaigns & Democracy, Chair Governance Zone)
Sean Brawley (Chair Community)
Tom Townend (Chair Council)
2. Register
Aidan Mersh (President)
Victoria Winterton (Chair Education)
Kora-Lee Holmes (Chair Sport)
Peter Moffitt (Chair Environmental & Ethical)
Callum McLaughlin (Member of Welfare Zone Executive)

Sophie Reid (Democracy Co-ordinator)

2) MINUTES

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
Not discussed.
2. Matters arising
None
3. Previous points to action – results.
None

3) REPORTS

1. Report by President.

Instead of giving a report, presented outstanding drafts of the Governance Zone that have to go to UEC and Council. Everyone had been sent the drafts prior to the meeting so they could have a look through at the proposed changes.

SO 8003 Union Council Order Of Business, Annex A. The structure is changing so that the Chairs of each zone will give a report rather than the President and VP's. This is to encourage a more comprehensive view of what has been happening in all areas of each Zone. It will also help communication between VP and their Chairs. SO 8003 Annex A passed unopposed.

SO 1004 Environmental and Ethical Committee was then discussed. After talking through the different positions with the Chair Environmental and Ethical Committee, it was agreed that the roles of Energy Officer and Recycling Officer should be combined into one role

(Energy and Recycling Officer). It was also agreed that the role of Fundraising Officer will be removed and any fundraising will be the Treasurers responsibility. This Standing Order was passed unopposed.

SO 1002 Governance Zone. Discussed how the position of Chair Scarborough Executive will be removed from membership of the Governance Zone and it has been taken out that Governance Zone must have at least one meeting per academic year on the Scarborough Campus as the Scarborough Executive Committee is no longer part of the Governance Zone. The role of Democracy Co-ordinator has also been added to Ex-Officio members of Governance Zone. Passed unopposed.

SO 1002 Governance Zone, Annex A. Have taken out the Report by Chair Scarborough Executive Committee. Passed unopposed.

No questions.

2. Report by Chair Campaigns and Democracy.
Not present

3. Report by Chair, Council.
Not present

4. Report by Chair, Welfare.

A member of the Welfare Zone gave a report for the Chair on their behalf. Black History month was seen as a success and they are currently working on a video about black awareness and welfare. As part of awareness about individuals with disabilities, they are going to have someone in a wheelchair going around the Union building and talking to students and staff about the difficulties they face. Nightline have duties every night, which is really good although the call rate is slowing down. They are going to think of publicity ideas to get the numbers back. LINKS have assessed four people on the defibrillator and have 18 First-aiders. This means that they now have all areas of the Union, covered with LINKS members for first-aid support.

No questions.

5. Report by Chair, Education.
At the last meeting there were 414 course reps. We had 15 out of 65 attend the Scarborough Academic Council, which was seen as a success. Currently organising a family event before Christmas, which happened last year. This will be open to all part-time, postgraduate and mature students and any undergraduate students who have children. They are planning to have more publicity this year. There was a social for the course reps on Wednesday.

No questions.

6. Report by Chair, Sport.

All Sport Standing Orders have passed through the Sport Zone. The AU ball was last week was a huge success. People can now give in deposits for Tour and there has been lots of talk around fixtures.

No questions.

7. Report by Chair, Community.

Sean couldn't make it but had given Aidan a report before the meeting. The Community Zone have had a few proposals to do with the changing the structure of the committee. The first proposal is that the VP Community will not be the Chair HUSSO and this will become a separate role due to the appoint of projects and responsibility. Another proposal is that Chair HUSAC/walksafe will be removed and the duties will be put on to the VP Community. This role has not been filled in two or three years so it seems practical to remove it. There is also discussion happening regarding the Media structure in Community Zone and the different roles. We will probably discuss this further in the next meeting to get a clearer idea of what may be happening with that.

Question- What positions are paid? President responded with Chair ISA, Chair Media and Chair Campaigns and Democracy. Also discussed that if Chair Media was not paid then this money could maybe go towards the Committee.

President also discussed changes in the candidate packs and how the SO 8001 Elections will be changing to match the proposed changes. Also discussed the election of Student Trustees and how there will be different publicity and an Appointments committee to review nominee's suitability. Also discussed how candidates this year will have 250 characters to write a statement for online publicity to go with the photo.

Question- Asked whether photos were going to be used this year because they thought people then just judged you on whether people were good-looking. Responded that there will still be pictures used to be people could be identified.

8. Report by Chair Environmental and Ethical

They have had a really busy week with plenty of stuff happening. The Executive Committee met for the first time this week, where they discussed Go-Green week and 'Snap it Off'. 'Snap it off' publicity will include beer mats in sanctuary, t-shirts for bar staff and posters for the bars and the Union building. There will also be leaflets given out to students. Have had a meeting with the University about the 'Big Switch Off' and discussed a lot of ideas including double glazing and putting green roofs on the lawns and possibly in other areas. Also had a meeting with Jon, the Facilities Manager of the Union and discussed putting in new recycling bins in the Union as the current ones don't stand out very well. Have been given quotes for new bins and it will cost £70 for one, meaning that it would cost £1700 for the required 25 bins. Also talking about removing the outside heaters at Sanctuary as they use a lot of energy and this would be key in the Green Impact Movement.

Also been talking about putting clothes banks in parking spaces, which are not needed anymore. Have also been talking to the Head of Gardens about having a live bird feed in Spring and asked the President whether this could be shown in the Union building. The President thought that this shouldn't be a problem. Also getting a lot closer to getting student allotments where the old tennis courts were and this should hopefully be going ahead as soon as possible. We have also been allowed recycling bins for Christmas, although these will have to go outside the building as they are seen as a fire hazard. There is also now going to be a compost bin for the Union.

One member of the recycling team, Alex, received 'Employee of the Month' for his dedication during freshers and working really hard, to contribute towards an estimated 15 tonnes of rubbish recycled over this period.

4) PROPOSALS

Any proposals for action. none

5) MOTIONS

1. Motions of caution/ censure/ no confidence.
None
2. Questions to trustees.
None. The President announced that the next Trustee meeting will be on the 1st of February and that everyone should be thinking of any questions over Christmas that could be asked.
3. Questions for Council.
None. The President announced that the next Union Council will be on Tuesday, the 14th December 2010 at 6.30pm.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Any Other Business.
None