

Sport Zone meeting, 15th November 2011 at 11am

In Meeting Room 2 in University House

1. Attendance:

Ashley Armitage (VP Sport), Victoria Winterton (Chair Sport Zone & Councillor of Scrutiny), Paul Harsent (AU Secretary), Tom Kharchi (AU Treasurer), Toby Carr-Brown (Communications Officer), Magid Mah (Events Officer), Clare Price (Kit Representative), Tom Downes (Tour Representative), Mark Weighill (Varsity Representative).

Sophie Reid (Minute Taker)

2. Apologies:

Jez Horsell

3. Reports

AU Secretary

- All Associate members passed.
- Chasing people who have not paid.
- Working on AU Council, which will involve colour recommendations.

AU Treasurer

- Majority of clubs out of debt, which is really good
- He showed the finance sheet to show how much money clubs have got in their accounts.

BUCS Representative

No report.

Communications Officer

- Have had one application from Badminton, for Team of the Month. Lacrosse should also be going for it.
- We have had no Player of the Month.
- Article about Ladies Hockey in Hullfire.
- Should have at least 5 articles for AU in the next edition of Hullfire.
- All is going well.

Events Officer

- Naked Calendar proofs came back and teams can decide which picture they would rather use. Have sent everything back, so just waiting on final product. Unsure of date of return.
- Riding won the competition, chosen by Paul Baker the photographer. They will receive a bottle of champagne each.
- AU Ball should be really good. Sold out tickets in under three hours. All the plans are going well. Is going into town tomorrow to buy decorations with VP Sport. Entertainment is all finalised. There will be a band, comedian and magician.
- There has been an issue with people selling their tickets and swapping seats. This caused problems with such things as meal ordering, if someone is vegetarian.
- It was asked if they needed any help on the day. This would be greatly appreciated if anyone can give some time to help setting up. There will be candles but no balloons.
- HUU:TV will be coming to the ball to film and Hullfire will be coming to take some pictures.

Kit Representative

- Things are getting better, with some changes made.
- You'll see some people walking around with the new kit on and it looks really good.
- Exec shirts have been re-ordered at no extra cost.

Varsity Representative

- Promoting Varsity on the website.
- Trying to push the social side of it, to try and get more people involved.
- Confirmed for the weekend of the 25th February 2012.
- Looking at BUCS fixtures with York, and looking at if it is possible to rearrange any matches to be played on that weekend.
- VP Sport suggested setting up a meeting with Adam Sheridan, the Student Activities Co-ordinator, for help to get people going.

Tour Representative

- The Tour themed Tower on Wednesday went really well.
- Only four shirts needed to be taped up.
- The video at Tower went down well, except for a couple of clubs who didn't respect it.
- Just shy of 195 signed up to go on Tour. 60 deposits have been paid and $\frac{3}{4}$ have paid in full.
- There has been a lot of interest from the ISA about going and a few Societies as well.
- Confident that they will reach their target of 550 people going.

- It was asked what societies are interested – Duke of Edinburgh and Dance have expressed a lot of interest.
- There are a few students who are on year out, who still want to go. Working on setting up a different package for these people, which wouldn't include flights.

Questions:

- It was asked who would be included in the competition. It would only be those who had paid a deposit.

VP Sport

- Had a meeting with the liberation Chairs. Really productive meeting and was able to iron out a couple of issues.
- Issue brought up that the Boat Club female Captain is a man. Spoke to the Boat Club, and this could not be avoided as no women wanted to go for the position. All the women in the Club are happy with it and they will try to get a female to go for it next year.
- Holding a session for Group Leaders for Tour. This will be on what they can and can't do. Will also be beneficial for Societies who haven't been before.
- AU Ball – as Events Officer said, sold out in under three hours, which smashes any previous record. Probably could of sold the tickets twice over. Due to this, going to look at bigger alternatives for Trophy pres.
- Launch night of Tour was good, but there was not a lot of clubs on socials. Feedback has been good, with comments that would was good having everyone is same fancy dress.
- Strategy Day – Vic Langer from the NUS was there and focused on retention of students at Hull. Tried to push the importance of student activities and sport. Came up with some good ideas.
- Working with the Sports Centre to try and make facilities better for certain clubs. Examples given were Fencing, Karate and American Football. Commented that an idea is have more floodlights on the training grids, which would benefit a lot of clubs.
- Having 2/3 weekly meetings with the Sports Development Manager, about NGB opportunities.
- Have got a regional BUCS event with 32 teams. Didn't really work last year and only a few teams turned up. Mainly being pushed by the Sports Centre, with our help. Student media will be going to get footage.
- Going to Scarborough on Thursday to sort out a few issues and do Presidents training, as it still has not happened.

Chair Sport

- Publicity for election should be ready for week 10.

- Slideshow suggested by Sport Zone, is going to happen.
- Student Activism – tickets still available from reception. Happening on Saturday 17th November, with bus leaving at 5am.
- Question asked by Sports Zone, where the money from the paid part-time Chairs would go. There is going to be a consultation and review and a paper will be put together. The budget will be redistributed in consultation with the incoming Sabbaticals.
- The timetable for Zero Tolerance Policy is going to UEC on the 25th November and then back to the Zones so it can be ready to go to Union Council on the 12th December.
- Referendums happening this year will be one on the no platform policy, one on a pledge made in Chair C&D's manifesto pledge and one that will be suggested by students.
- There will be changes made to the 'Your Union' part of the website, so any student can give ideas. This will be done next year, as Leigh Nicholson is going on Paternity leave shortly.
- There were concerns in Governance Zone that the percentage time Sabbaticals spent engaging with members was low. However, it was pointed out that the Sabbaticals at Hull have the highest engagement percentage across all Unions.
- Concerns about offensive shirts were brought into perspective when it was pointed out that it was only a small amount of people. President had pointed out that it is the responsibility of VP Sport.
- Academic Council is on the 8th February.
- University have committed to spending 20 million pounds on the redevelopment of the library. They have spent £100,000 over summer making some improvements.
- RAG organising trip to Ghana.
- VP Education working on the Student Led Teaching Awards.
- HUU:TV setting up a 'Bertie Cam'
- VP Community working on setting up a gaming event in the Union, in conjunction with GAME, using Xbox Kinect.
- Movember in full swing and being pushed by Adam Sheridan.
- Societies Executive – Finance Officer had resigned. EGM of Societies Council happening to elect new Finance Officer this evening (15th November).
- There have been issues with the Societies Executive, but have come up with teambuilding and training plans to try and overcome them.
- It was asked by Chair Welfare about Councillors of Scrutiny rotating Zones. This option is available, but only if people want to do it.

4. Changes to Standing Orders

4001 Sport - Sport Admin Assistant changed to Sports Co-ordinator.

Passed.

4002 Sport Zone -Add to voting membership for VP "(casting vote only for electing a Chair of the Zone)".

- Add positions in 8001 to voting membership of the zone

-Add positions in 8001 to duties and outline their duties as officers of the zone.

Passed.

5. Any Other Business

- Community Zone - Chair Sport forgot to mention in report that Media had been fined £500 for not letting VPC check Hullfire before it was printed. It was found that there was nothing in the Standing Orders to say that this had to be done this way. The fine has been lifted and Chair Media had been apologised to.

Meeting closed 12.15pm