

MINUTES OF A UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 10 am on Friday 21 October 2011 at University House

Present: President (in the Chair)
Vice-President Education Vice-President Welfare
Vice-President Community Vice-President Sport
Vice-President Scarborough

Attending: Paul Tatton, Chief Executive
James Brooks, Director, Commercial Services & Marketing
Laura Curtis, Manager, Membership Services & HR
Wayne Cullen, Scarborough Union Manager
Jamie Lawrence, Scarborough Education Officer

ACTION

1 **Apologies** - none

2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - agreed

3 **Matters Arising**

- Detailed report on Hall Wars outstanding.
- Zero tolerance policy to be sent out and should be signposted.

VPS
VPW

4 **Community Zone**

- a) Achievements & Progress
- VPC attended Hull City Council's Cabinet meeting and spoke about HMO. Positive reaction although the Council is divided. A decision will be made next week. VPC has been lobbying Councillors all week.
 - Favourable comments have been received from Councillors about Street Reps and meetings have already been held. An application for funding has been sent.
 - Good volunteer and zone meetings have been held.
 - VPC thanked everyone who helped make the IKEA and Hull Fair trips successful.
 - A date is being set for the HUU Awards – this will be in week 10, semester 2.

5 **Education Zone**

- a) Achievements & Progress
- VPE attended the student led teaching awards conference in Edinburgh and found the advice very useful on how to set the awards up and ensure criteria is well defined.
 - Student Conference programme has been finalised and will be taken to Academic Council for student feedback.
 - 300 Course Rep nominations were received and training starts this weekend.
 - The Education Zone away day is being held next Thursday – an action plan will be produced and there will be a brainstorming session for the SLT awards.

6 **Governance Zone**

- a) Achievements & Progress
- Transport to London has been arranged for the demo on 9 November. CE cautioned that NUS may be withdrawing their support on safety grounds and he will advise UEC when decision is made. Agreed that HUU would withdraw if this is the case.

CE

- Transport has also been arranged for student activism training on 19 November and details will be sent out – places will be on a first come, first served basis.
- Panel debate on HE White Paper next Tuesday – President asked for this to be publicised across societies, ISA, sport and course reps if possible.
- President met with Simon Allison to work on the Student Charter. See student charter under Education folder on the T-Directory.

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b) CE Update

- CE reported that the NE CE/GMs meeting went well and thanked those who had contributed to the presentation.
- CE attended a Planning and Budgeting seminar which was interesting, particularly regarding student numbers.
- The NUS Critical Friends meeting threw up a number of issues including income streams and the introduction of a new CRM system which would provide information on value for money from fees. The use of the word activism was discussed as it can be an issue from an external point of view. Response to the White Paper was discussed and sharing practice on widening participation.

7 **Sport Zone**

a) Achievements & Progress

- VPS attended the official launch of Sport Makers – a volunteering project. A large percentage of attendees were students.
- After the first BUCS Wednesday we are placed 10th in the north region. VPS said everything went smoothly and thanked Vicky Dean.
- VPS met with David Thompson from Facilities to discuss improvements at the Sport & Fitness Centre. Following a recent incident there will be some investment in new cricket facilities.
- The Naked Calendar will be shot next Friday and the AU Ball is being planned for 17 November.

b) Credit Card

- VPS asked for approval for the AU Treasurer to use the company credit card in his absence. Concern was expressed about accountability and the request was not approved.

8 **Welfare Zone**

a) Achievements & Progress

- The Funk 'n Soul night was a success and VPW hopes to repeat it and will thank everyone concerned.
- Advice Centre training was received well by enthusiastic volunteers.
- The date has been sent for the Liberation away day and a number of events have been organised for next week including Love your Body.
- Nightline is out of service. CE will be visiting the building to check it is viable. President said that resumption of service should be a priority.

CE/VPW

9 **Scarborough**

a) Achievements & Progress

- VPSc met 100 students at Yorkshire Coast College – good visit.
- The Sabb sofa was reasonably well attended and VPSc was able to follow up one student's issues.

- VPSc is writing a paper on Social Space and Commercial Services development to address sports development on campus and potential for funds to refurbish cafeteria.
- The periodic review went well. A date for Academic Council has been arranged and publicity is being produced.
- There are now 6 AU teams at Scarborough with 46 paid up members and 4 societies waiting for ratification with 82 members.
- Jamie Lawrence reported on a very successful trip to Alton Towers – the biggest ever organised at Scarborough – and they broke even.

10 **Any Other Business**

a) Society Dormant Accounts

- President proposed that funds laying dormant in the society accounts could be used to pay off the Psychology Society debts and the remainder be passed for GIAG use. Community Zone had agreed. This was approved.

b) Calendars September

- President reminded UEC that time marked on calendars for measurement should only relate to term time. Calendars must be kept up to date and any events or meetings that were not attended should be deleted.

c) Society/Club Concourse Booking Policy

- Approved.

d) Society/Club Room Booking Policy

- Approved.

e) Cause for Concern Safety Scheme

- This is a scheme to encourage students to communicate concerns about other students. The format of the leaflet was discussed and amendments were suggested. VPW to report back at next meeting on the final version and how to facilitate this on hullstudent.

VPW

f) First Floor contract dates

- CE said the plan has now been finalised and will start the first week in March, finishing by the end of July. Agreed to ensure that the work starts after election week.

11 **Reserved Business** - discussed separately

12 **Next Meeting** – Friday 4 November 2011 at 11 am.