

Union Council on the 5th of April 2011 at 7pm on the Scarborough Campus in Quad 1

Administration

1. Apologies: Jamie Lawrence, Susie Whitaker, Basak Onal, Henry Mitchell, Matthew Smith and Ekram Aidaros
2. Resignations: None
3. Minutes of the previous meeting. Agreed as a true record
4. Matters arising. Jonathan Chambers clarified that the referendum regarding the Occupation of Staff House had been dropped, after an e-mail vote to do so through Council members was done.
5. Ratification of Union Societies
 - Malaysian Students Association
 - Deviant Arts Society
 - Lithuanian Society
 - Finance Society
 - Archaeology Society
 - HU Television Society
 - Jewish Society
 - HU Christian Union
 - Nigerian Society
 - Conservative Future Society
 - Karaoke Appreciation Society
 - Human Rights Action Society
 - Debating Society
 - Islamic Society
 - HU Politics Society
 - Labour Club Society

All passed.

Procedural Motions

1. Motions affecting the Constitution, Bye-laws or Standing Orders:

8001 Elections
4003 The Athletic Union
1001 President
2001 VP Community
3001 VP Education
4001 VP Sport
5001 VP Welfare
2004 Societies Executive Committee

All passed.

The President also asked if Councillors agree that it should be stated in Standing Orders governing President and Vice-Presidents, that 25% of their time should be spent contacting with members. This will be measured by UEC. There was no objections from Council and therefore this will occur if the Trustee Board agrees at the next meeting.

REPORTS

1. Governance Zone

(a) Report by Chair of Governance Zone

We had our meeting last week. Aidan said a big thank you to everyone who put in a lot of hard work for the SUEI audit day, which was a very successful day. We won't know until July probably whether we have achieved gold but we have done everything we can. The NUS Conference is coming up next week, so looking forward to that. We has a very successful stall set up to publicise that we are going and give students the chance to ask questions and follow the conference. Thank-you to Phil Pocknee for organising that. We are trying to get Chair Environmental & Ethical there as an observer as we have submitted a motion in relation to his area and it would be good for him to be there and see it. He has had plenty to keep him busy recently. We have got our Green Impact award and we got a soliver and are working towards hopefully scoring highly on the Planet Green League. Also working on the allotment scheme, which is coming along nicely.

The Democracy Co-ordinator, Sophie Reid, has changed roles slightly and will now be the Democracy & Equality Co-ordinator. This will mean that there will be a key person to focus on pushing the value of equality and diversity throughout all areas of the union.

(b) Questions: The Governance Zone asked for any feedback from Union Council for the HUU's Strategy (2011-2014) that has been proposed. This can be viewed via

http://www.hullstudent.com/union/news/index.php?page=article&news_id=237943

No questions or feedback given. Chair Campaigns & Democracy encouraged Councillors to get in contact with him if they had any feedback about the strategy.

2. Community Zone

(a) Report by Chair Community Zone

The Media Committee has now been elected for next year and so has the Societies Executive Committee. We have 20% more members than last year, which is really good to see. RAG has raised £600 more than last year and everything else seems to be going really well, with encouraging results

across the Community Zone. The Media Awards will be on the 14th May and you are all welcome to purchase a ticket and come along, it should be a really good night. The Volunteering Awards will also be happening on the 5th May. Tables are free and it should be a really vibrant evening, so please all come along. Also if you have anyone that you would like to nominate for a volunteering award, the deadline is the 8th April, so there is still time if you would like to nominate anyone. You can pick nominations forms up from the union in the Student Activities Centre.

No questions.

3. Education Zone

(a) Report by Chair Education Zone

The Library paper has been gone down really well and it has been described as 'the best thing to come out of the Union'. Richard Heseltine has written a list of recommendations based on what came from the Library paper. Over Summer, we will see more computers being available downstairs as short loan will move in to the photocopying area and therefore there will be a new computer suite where short loan is at currently. There will also be new furniture to accommodate social learning space, which allows those who want to talk a space to do so. There will also hopefully be a 'zone system', which means that there will be clear indication of where students get make noise or not. Also been looking at the Representation Code of Practice, with relevance to Faculty Reps and Senate Reps. Also been working on the HUU Feedback charter, which says that feedback should be within four weeks and legible. Could everyone please fill in the Education survey and encourage friends to do so. There is £400 worth of Tesco vouchers up for grabs and an Amazon Kindle, so it's well worth doing. We were able to meet the 50% threshold for the National Student Survey, so we've stopped pushing that. The Referendum saw 'Teaching Quality' as the highest priority issue for students. Like said before, the HUU Volunteer awards are coming up and there are three awards for Education, so please put in any nominations before the 8th April.

Sean Brawelly asked if the referendum results could go online. This was agreed.

Ashley Armitage and Aaron Speer asked to what would be happening in the library and this was clarified by Matthew Barrow.

4. Scarborough Campus

(a) Report by Chair of Scarborough Executive Committee.

VP Scarborough was absent and there was no report given. The President therefore gave an overview for Scarborough. Panda is going to stay on to the 1st July. The rest of the current Committee have stepped down, so the elects for next year have taken over. Through the Scarborough forum, we were able to see that Scarborough students really value a social space were

they can hang out. Panda put together a petition that was signed by 200 students, which was made to get an area at the back of the canteen. Before the services moved downstairs, Scarborough had a attic area called 'the loft' which had a tv, microwave and comfy sofas. This was given up and we want this sort of space recreated at the back of the canteen. This would have an external door so that students don't have to walk through the canteen. We are currently going through negotiations with the university. Part of the University's Strategic plan is to invest in better Sports facilities in Scarborough, which is a huge step in the right direction. Hopefully they can get a changing room and more equipment and other things that are really needed in Scarborough.

No questions.

5. Sport Zone

(a) Report by Chair Sport Zone

The AU Allstars were able to raise £381 for Comic Relief by playing Netball. They have now been challenged by go-karting, so we'll see how that goes. Well done to the Ladies Basketball team who got the final of the Northern Conference, however unfortunately they didn't win. The Men's fencing did win their trophy though so well done to them. Ash is looking at the AU Constitution and seeing how it can be improved. We've had quite a few problems with our kit supplier this year, with kit either being sent in drips and drabs or being wrong. Ash is currently looking at a few options to change supplier. This was discussed with AU Council and everyone seems happy enough for Ash to make a decision shortly about who will be taking over as our kit supplier. We had a good pitch from Kitlocker and we are meeting another one shortly. The trophies have been sent out to the shop so that they can get engraved for this year, so hopefully they'll be back in place for everyone returning after Easter. Now that BUCS tournaments have finished, we are thinking of other ways to feel up Wednesdays for sports teams. We had Dodgeball last week, which was a really good event with 72 showing up for it. This week, there will be Sports at the Lawns, which should be a really good, fun day out. Ash and Vicky have been sorting out coached and rooms for Tour, so hopefully this should be finished soon. Football are no longer allowed to come on tour and Sportsparty are only offering a 25% refund, so AU may have to make up the rest, which could be a big hit to the funds. Again, the volunteering Awards are coming up and sports have four awards so please vote for anybody who you think deserves to be nominated.

Aaron Speer asked if there has been any improvement in Kit? Ash Lord responded by saying that they haven't had an easy year with kit and this has been all year. It's been really difficult to get in contact with them and I think Scarborough have also had problems. There will be more information about what will happen in the first week back after Easter.

Peter Moffitt asked if there was any consideration for Fair-trade when looking for Kit. Ash responded that he hasn't but something he is very interested to consider and asked that they could meet to discuss further.

No question asked.

6. Welfare Zone

(a) Report by Chair Welfare Zone

Hull Black History Month is a big success, with the campaign on Hate Crime going really well. Planning on doing a couple of events over the next while to do with Hate Crime, working on 'Hidden marks'. The Disabled Student Committee are planning a stall for the end of the Semester and Tanya is getting involved with working with the Wheelchair Basketball team. The Chair Women's Committee has been involved with a number of things, especially around International Women's Day. There was a talk and an open mic night in Hull that they went to.

The Delegates to the NUS Women's and Disabled Conferences have both come back with really positive feedback and seemed to really enjoy it. SHAG week is all this week. Will be distributing lots of condoms and raising awareness of sexual health and how important it is. We will be in Asylum on Wednesday night, testing people and giving condoms. We are also going to give away union vouchers for the team or society who gets the highest percentage of members tested. Suzie is also organising a 'condom hunt' instead of an Easter egg hunt, with Easter Eggs as prizes. So hopefully you will all get involved! Hopefully going to bring a motion next year on HUU's stance on 'Zero Tolerance'. The new Chair Nightline has been elected, Charlotte so a warm welcome to her. They recently attended a National Conference in Cardiff and got some really good ideas. Also wanting to increase publicity in Scarborough for Nightline and make it better known here.

LINKS recently had their AGM and we have the new Chair LINKS, Jonathan Milnes with us tonight so welcome to Union Council. Altogether they had five out of eight positions filled, which was really good. There was an epic cake made and altogether it was a very productive and good AGM. They are planning to interview members to make sure they are suitable. This year they have dealt with around 130 incidences, inside and outside the Union. They have also racked up around 3124 duty hours, which is absolutely brilliant.

For Comic Relief the sabbs managed to raise around £300 by head shaving, waxing and being soaked. Suzie has been to a Council away day. Suzie has also been really busy with the SUEI audit, which took place last week and would like to thank everybody who helped out. Looking into a complaint made by a student about a computer science minority group and what we can do to help with the issue. I am getting involved with the University in reference to equality and diversity. There will be a little party for everybody in the Welfare Zone to thank them all for their hard work and dedication over the last year.

No questions asked.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President asked that all delegates to NUS Conference come up to the front and give and explain who they were going to be supporting and why.

All gave a brief overview of who, if any, they were thinking of voting for and asked if there were any questions.

Hopefully the conference, if technology allows, for the conference to be streamed on hullstudent.com. There will be a live twitter feed from the conference, through #NUSNC11 and this will be on a big screen at the conference.

Aaron Speer asked about if there was an alternative for those who don't have Twitter. Aidan said that delegates will be writing a blog and you will be able to make comments.

Finally, Aidan thanked everybody for their hard work and commitment over the last year. He has got to know everybody well through the year and has been impressed with the level of commitment. There will hopefully be some rewards given out at Zone meetings after Easter. Altogether, it's been a fantastic year. He will be e-mailing everybody after Easter to get some feedback about Council and what could possibly be changed

Jonathan Chambers thanked everybody on Council, the Sabbs and Sophie Reid for her support with Union Council throughout the year. He asked for feedback on the Council handbook that was given out and how it could be improved.

Meeting closed 8.00pm