

Union Council meeting on Monday 18th October 2010

At 6.30pm at University House

Present: (non voting membership):

President	Aidan Mersh
VP Community	Tom Peel
VP Education	Matthew Barrow
VP Sport	Ash Lord
VP Welfare	Suzie Morris
VP Scarborough	Matthew Brown
Chief Executive	Paul Tatton
Chair Campaigns & Democracy	Jonathan Chambers
Democracy Coordinator	Sophie Reid

(Voting membership)

Chair RAG	Pippa Eveleigh
Chair ISA	Viola Bennet
Chair Media	Ekram Aldaros
Chair Societies	Michaela Powell
Councillors of Scrutiny	Sean Brawley
	Gary Barratt
Black Students Officer	Phil Pocknee
Disabled Students Officer	Tanya Heggarty
LGBT Officer	Emma Graham
Women's Officer	Stacey Dodd
Chair LINKS	Cat Clothier
Councillors for Scrutiny	Jason Birbas
	Calum Tomeny
Chair Mature	Jess Bamforth
Chair Post-Graduate	Tania Cohen
Councillors for Scrutiny	Victoria Winterton
	Matthew Smith
AU Secretary	Ashley Armitage
AU Treasurer	Tom Townend
AU Communications/Events	Robyn Challands
AU BUCS Rep	Sophie Darragh
AU Council	Laura Marie Stanton
Councillors of Scrutiny	Kora-Lee Holmes
	Susannah Whitaker
Senate Rep, Faculty of Science	Natasha Mounota
Senate Rep, Arts & Social Sciences	Aaron Speer
Senate Rep, HUBS	Jessica Finnigan
Senate Rep, International Student	Basal Onal

1. Election of Chair/Deputy Chair/Deputy Secretary: The President took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chair Council.

Chair: Tom Townend was elected unopposed

The Chair asked for nominations for Deputy Chair

Deputy Chair: Ashley Armitage was elected unopposed

The Chair asked for nominations for Deputy Secretary

Nominations for Deputy Secretary: Susannah Whitaker
Robyn Challands

Both presented a one minute speech about why they would be suitable for the role.

Elected: Susannah Whitaker

2. Apologies: None
3. Resignations: Lee Fallin, Councillor for Scutiny, has resigned following his appointment as a member of HUU staff.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

No comments received
5. Matters arising: None
6. Reports:
 - a. **Governance Zone**
 - i. Report given by the President.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) 1. Achieve SUEI Gold:

Hard work over the summer since handover when SUEI responded to our initial review stating it was underwhelming. We have subsequently held a SUEI day in the Enterprise Centre, dedicated ourselves to 25% of our time to connecting with members and reviewed the demographics of participation to identify targets for connecting with hard to reach groups. this was also a main driver of online membership.

In September we submitted a revised review and have received excellent feedback and is clear we are now better placed to achieve SUEI gold.

KPI 2. Win Sound Impact Award Gold:

We have joined Green Impact NUS, the replacement of Sound Impact.

We have recruited an Environmental & Ethics officer who was on NUS training yesterday in Birmingham.

We have reviewed the Universities action plan for its environmental impact with specific concerns expressed about their wasteful operational procedures.

We have joined an NUS Campus Growing project, with attempts to create an allotment on campus.

KPI 3. Top 5 place in THE survey 'Good Student's Union' (score of 6.1):

Our work over the summer on improving our connections with members and improved marketing of our wins is already generating good feedback for HUU. Recent research carried out by Redbrick Media gave us a score of 88% on the killer question " HUU has had a positive impact in my time at University". I believe we can be optimistic of achieving top 5.

KPI 4. HUU Annual Student Satisfaction Survey gain 90% answering agrees or strongly agrees that HUU plays an important part in their student life:

See 3.

KPI 5. To Increase voter turnout during semester two elections to 5000:

Democracy Coordinator hired, looking at publicity themes already such as 'You're Hired'. Week 3 elections saw most of our vacant positions filled both in Hull and Scarborough

KPI 6. To meet the 2010/2011 budget and not to exceed it and ensure a new strategy is agreed for the years 2011 onwards:

On budget. However must raise concerns to note that NUS Extra card sales may hinder the Governance zone coming in on budget, but working to rectify that with the second cohort coming in February and plans to market the graduate card in May, June and at graduation will help. Already discussed improvements for the 2011/12 September cohort.

KPI 7. HUU ASSS gain 60% answering aware of one campaign/ initiative from each zone:

Very good campaign promotion so far across all the zones, helps that these have been timetabled well in advance giving everyone plenty of time to prepare campaigns and publicise widely and as extensively as possible. NUS have taken special interest in the way we are carrying out Funding Our Future: Hull, our localised version of the national NUS/UCU campaign against cuts in HE.

KPI 8. 75% answer “yes” to the question “do you know who the Sabbatical team are?”:

Our dedication to spend 25% of our time connecting with members is a big step towards reaching this goal. So is the use of our faces to market our zones in addition to the zone signs. Our Library space is on one of the biggest foot falls in the university and is a permanent advertisement for the Sabbatical team and membership services.

Questions to the Report: None.

ii. Report by Chair of Campaigns and Democracy.

Since starting in September, I have been focusing on planning and promoting the Week 3 Elections in order to finalise our team of volunteer officers for 2010/11. We gained nominations for most positions through promoting the elections to societies and individual groups across HUU – including to Mature, Post-Graduate and Part-Time students through the Cheese and Wine event, and their individual societies. Elections took place last week, (week 3) and although turnout was low – it was expected with elections held at this time of year. We are already working on a stronger strategy for the next elections in Semester 2, Week 5 – where I have a target of an increased turnout of 5000 votes. Elections were publicised on hullstudent.com and throughout social media. The main task for me now is to coordinate, together with the Sabbatical Officers; the HUU “Funding our Future” campaign – against the planned lifting of the Tuition Fee cap and the cuts to Higher Education – expected to have lasting damaging effects on the University and our local communities. We are planning a demonstration together with our local FE partners, the UCU and the National Union of Students - “HUU in the City” – on November 3rd and we will join the NUS & UCU National Demonstration against fees and cuts on November 10th. We are holding weekly open meetings about the campaign on Thursdays at 6.15pm on the second floor of the union. Aidan and I have also been attending the ‘Hull against Cuts’ committee meetings in the city to work together with local trade union branches.

I have also produced the new Council Handbooks – the first since 2005. These are to help councillors get the most out of their year, help Council run smoothly and to strengthen scrutiny within the zone – all of which were included as manifesto pledges of mine during my election campaign. Sabbatical Officers will lead Zone meetings this week after today’s Union Council meeting.

There is also now a HUU Campaigns & Democracy generic Facebook and Twitter, designed to help students engage with the work we are doing on campaigning and strengthening the role of Council for better scrutiny of our work.

Questions to the Report: None

b. Community Zone

i. Report by Vice President Community and any questions

KPI 1. Raise over £25,000 through RAG:

Rag held its first major event on Saturday raising £860! We have 15 events planned during the year including a beer festival and breaking the world’s largest spooning record. Loads of stuff going on – we need all the help we can get. Email hull_rag@hotmail.com to get involved

KPI 2. Develop a culture of consistent high-quality media, measured by Hullfire being nominated for a Guardian student media award, Jam for an SRA award and HUT having produced two quality programmes:

Hullfire changed to a full colour newspaper. Looks great and allows for more varied articles and more freedom in its integral structure. Jam has developed software which allows them to communicate on Facebook and Twitter and email at once. They have also got the latest Myriad software free of charge (Stations such as 5live use the same software) and are doing as many outdoor broadcasts as possible. HUUTV have started filming but had a shaky start due to exec changes, however the future looks bright.

KPI 3. Increase student participation in Societies by 10% by Week 12, Semester 2:

We had the most successful Soc fair ever, with 816 members signing up raising us £1632 smashing the target of £1500. As of 4.23 today membership stood at 1241 members. Over 70 societies attended Presidential training and the queues coming out of the SAC are a credit to how busy and active societies are being. We have also just launched The Societies Award which encourages societies to do more by awarding them a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal depending on what criteria they make

KPI 4. Attend 100% of Ward forums in the Wyke, Northern and University Wards:
Currently on target. Speaking as a guest at Newland Ward forum on Thursday 4th

KPI 5. Hold at least one major event each semester which engages HUU within the local community attended by at least 100 students:

Plans for Christmas Lights Jamboree are underway.

KPI 6. Gather and act on feedback, to ensure that the majority of students feel that The Scheme works for them:

Starting sitting in the foyer every week on Tuesdays 11-1 with Suzie as of tomorrow where we will be getting people to fill in questionnaires. Also carrying out an in depth review of the Scheme, The memorandum of Understanding, the Complaints procedure and the landlords handbook. Taking on the scheme in this way is long overdue, is a massive task and will be a battle of attrition. I'm really looking forward to it! It is one we can win.

KPI 7. Work in conjunction with the police and community groups to decrease student theft by 10% on last year in police statistics:

Currently in Student Safety week. Had Victim of crime wall today 11-3 outside. Have a crime themed quiz tomorrow eve. 999 party at Tower. Act Now scenario on Thursday (see me if you would like to join in) and hopefully a campus wide game of hide and seek on Friday. We also will be launching Love Hull Uni Street Team and campaigning for a Zebra crossing on Inglemire. Also working very closely with Alastair Kennedy. We have also secured 30+ D-locks to loan out to students.

KPI 8. To collect and distribute best practise by visiting at least five different student unions within the UK:

Visited Loughborough, am going to Liverpool for NUS Society and Citizenship zone conference next weekend and am just sweet talking other unions – fishing for an invite. I'll turn up the TP charm.

KPI 9. Do not exceed the budget designated to the Community Zone:

I wouldn't dare

Questions to the Report: None

ii. Report by Chair International Students Association

Pleased to announce that ISA currently have 900 members and this is expected to increase steadily over the next few months. Trip to York organised which had 200 members going and a trip to Scarborough which had 100 members. Weekend trips arranged for Edinburgh which had 100

tickets available and these have all sold out. There is also a trip to Dublin arranged which have 100 tickets available and 70 of these have been sold.

We have had two really good parties in Asylum. The first one was really busy and the second one had slightly less there but was still a really successful night. The next party arranged is going to be with other societies which is really good and is a great way to get students to get to know each other. Also planning to get involved with more sports tournaments.

Questions to the Report: None.

iii. Report by Chair of Media

Hullfire is now a newspaper in full colour and has received positive feedback which is good. Currently have 56 members and this is expected to increase. JAM radio have a new schedule and are working on podcasts. The launch party was on Friday (15th October 2010). HUU TV is currently being developed just taking a bit of time to get established. Currently a new video being made to attract members. There have also been interviews of Sabbaticals in the newspaper and on the JAM show.

Questions to the Report: None.

c. **Education zone**

i. Report by Vice President Education

KPI 1 : 80% (Hull) 100% (Scarborough) of course reps recruited by end week 5 (Hull and Scarborough) and trained by end of week 7 and 80% of course reps trained responding positively in the evaluation:

After much discussion with University staff members, it was fed back that the code of practice on Student Representation is out of date, confusing and not fit for purpose. Following our recommendation to ULTAC, we have since been given permission to collaboratively produce a new code of practice over the current academic year that will hopefully be much easier for staff to follow. This will happen through the formation of a working group headed by Richard Heseltine, members of the Quality office and from myself and Lee Fallin.

In attempt to resolve confusion with the process of nominating and electing Course Reps, we produced a Staff Course Rep Handbook as a best practice guide. These were sent out to all departmental Course Rep Staff Contacts. We also offered training and this was attended by 21 staff contacts. Both were designed to make University staff aware of their involvement and what was expected of them within the system and how we can support them. We were also constantly in contact with Staff via emails, drop in sessions and telephone conversations and now believe there is much more clarity on the Representation system at the University of Hull.

Course Rep awareness week and nominations week

In order to publicise the Course Representation system to students, we used the following publicity tools:

- Handed out over 5,000 flyers to students. Separate 500 Scarborough flyers were given out.
- Put up 200 posters around Hull Campus. 50 Around Scarborough.
- Spoke to students and handed out flyers and around 500 nomination forms at both of the commercial bazaars in the marquee, the societies fair and Scarborough fresher's fair.
- Went to over 30 welcome lectures to present to students the benefits of being a Course Rep.
- Used the Union TV screens to show digital poster copies.
- Used social media such as facebook and twitter to promote Course Reps.
- Sent out e-mails to ex Course Reps to encourage them to run again.
- Sent out e-mails to Presidents of academic societies to encourage their members to run.

Course Rep elections week

Students were able to hand in their forms to either the Students Union or their academic department. This year, we received 71 nomination forms to HUU (more than ever before) and 13 forms in to Scarborough. So far during elections week, we have received 65 forms of elected Course Reps and look on track to achieve our KPI of 350 Course Reps elected by week 5, however, there is still an element of wait and see, but over the coming two weeks we will be chasing up staff to return nomination forms. Currently there has been 210 Course Reps elected.

Course Rep training

The Education and Representation coordinator has worked hard on ensuring that training is as engaging, as interactive and as enjoyable as last year. This year, will see lots more involvement of the VP Education for parts of the training. All of our training sessions have been booked in for weeks 5 and 6. We have also produced Course Rep handbooks this year with all the necessary information and should be used as a guide for Course Reps to be successful for the year. Course Rep training will be shorter this year after complaints in the past about the length of the training sessions.

Course Rep engagement

One of the perennial problems with the Course Rep system is that students lose interest and do the role merely as a 'CV booster'. This year, we have looked into ways of providing incentives for reps. We have organised more academic councils and also Course Rep socials where students can network and be part of a social community. We have an Education Zone facebook page which regularly has up to date information for reps. Finally, we have ordered 400 silicone wristbands for Course Reps. This will hopefully not only help them feel part of a network of reps, but also help to promote themselves to their fellow students and publicise that they are the elected representative and that issues should be reported to them.

KPI 2. 90 % of academic clients satisfied with the help and advice given through survey analysis:

Advice Centre

The advice centre on the 3rd floor of the Union is well equipped with information based on mitigating circumstances, academic appeals, intercalation etc. We have provided the advice centre with a pro forma questionnaire by which academic clients can fill in anonymously to ensure that the advice they receive is satisfactory. Also, if advice centre staff or volunteers are unable to deal with a student's issue, then they have been instructed to inform the VP Education, and they will represent that particular issue.

Education Hub

The education hub on the 1st floor has also dealt with a few student concerns and provided academic guidance although we usually try to either signpost students to their personal supervisors, the advice centre or the study advice service.

KPI 3. All specified high priority action points in the student submission action plan are complete by the end of year of office and to produce Student Written Submission by end of year of office:

ULTAC

We have produced our own Student Written Submission action plan and have since presented our results to ULTAC. One of the most significant action points was to push for exam feedback. Since raising this issue, the University has produced a code of practice on Assessment and Feedback. At ULTAC, we raised the concern that the code of practice seemed vague and that there was not strict enough guidelines for staff. It was agreed that this year, a working group would be set up to amend this policy and would have student consultation from VP Education.

The University have also used our SWS and our action plan and they are collectively being implemented into the new strategic plan for learning and teaching.

KPI 4. Help the university to increase by 5% in level of turnout for the NSS 2011:

Publicity

The National Students Survey will once again be taking place as of January 2011. Lee Fallin, the ERC recently went on a training course on how to interpret NSS results and within this training there was information regarding how to publicise the NSS which was useful. This year we hope to come up with a fairly unique and innovative publicity campaign to encourage students to complete the survey. We will of course, have posters around campus and University and also, we will be doing as many 3rd year lecture shouts encouraging students to do the survey.

KPI 5. Have score of 85% of respondents answering agree or strongly agree with the statement "HUU has influenced the quality of my education whilst at the University" as part of the annual satisfaction survey:

Representation

We hope that with a strong and active Course Rep system, we can make a positive impact towards students' education at the University of Hull.

University

This year, the University and the Union are working collaboratively on a number of projects. VP Education has a close and strong relationship with University Senior Management and the Quality Office which will hopefully lead to change being made much quicker and should be more readily accepted. For example, the Union has high input in implementing new codes of practice on representation,

KPI 6. 60 students attending HUU Student Conference (increase from 30 in 2010) and 80% attending giving good feedback:

We have set a date of the 17th of February for Hull's Academic Conference and for the first time we are having an Academic Conference in Scarborough the following day. We hope to not only publicise this event to Course Reps but to the student population as a whole.

University

We have confirmation from the Vice Chancellor (Calie Pistorius), PVC L+T (Glenn Burgess), University Registrar (Frances Owen), Director of Quality (Amanda Wilcox) and the head librarian (Richard Heseltine). We are hoping that each member of staff can talk us through their roles and how they see the University improving and what lies ahead for Hull. I also hope there could be a question time style debate where students have the opportunity to ask senior management serious questions about the University of Hull and what is going on.

NUS

We already have confirmation from the NUS President (Aaron Porter), Head of Education and Quality (Alex Bols) and VP Education (Usman Ali). We hope that these NEC members can come during the evening time and take part in a debate with Hull students. Potentially regarding Higher Education funding, but we will see closer to the time.

KPI 7. 100% of Faculty Reps recruited by HUU by end of Week 6 and all Faculty and Senate Reps trained by end of Week 12 semester 1 with 85% responding very good/good on feedback forms:

Faculty Reps.

Faculty reps this year will be elected from existing Course Reps at the first Academic Council. Our first Academic Council is scheduled for week 6. Ideally, Faculty Reps should be elected at the end of Semester 2 and be able to represent students the following year. However, this did not happen last year. We will be taking nominations for Faculty Reps at our Course Rep training and subsequently we will offer extra training for successfully elected Faculty Reps in weeks 7 and 8.

Senate Reps.

Senate Reps were elected in week 3. All positions are contested apart from the Faculty of Post Graduate Medical Institute. We will try to co-opt anyone from this Faculty but as of yet, no-one has stepped forward. Again, ideally these reps would be elected cross-campus at the end of Semester 2, but this did not happen. Senate Reps will receive a short form of training in week four.

Education Zone.

No Education Zone members were elected last year and therefore we have needed to elect these in week 3. All positions are now contested apart from Chair Part-Time students. In the coming weeks we will be trying to co-opt someone to stand for this position.

KPI 8. The Education Zone will also be responsible for monitoring expenditure against the agreed Education annual budget:

After two or three budget meetings, our budget has been reallocated to reflect our plans for the year. Most importantly, money was taken from travel and transferred to publicity. We have kept costs to a reasonable level and been stringent with spending. We have also managed to secure a donation of £1,100 pound from the University for extra Course Rep publicity support. However, I feel that the Education Zone is limited to a very small budget and there is so much more scope for achievement if more funding were available. This is something that should potentially be looked at towards the end of this academic year.

Other Progress:

Developing a vision for the future of the Library.

This year, we have set up an informal working group between Richard Heseltine (Director of Academic Services and Head Librarian), Matthew Barrow (VP Education), Lee Fallin (ERC) and Aidan Mersh (President). We are formulating a yearlong campaign based on research, evidence and wide-spread consultation. We are working towards a redeveloped library within Hull University. We are gaining evidence from other Universities such as Sheffield and Warwick to see what direction they have moved in term of their libraries. We also have so far formulated a list of influential academics to get involved and seek opinion from. We have also, of course, opened our campaign out to students and are hoping to implement a library related question into our RedBrick research.

We are hoping to document this campaign with video logs and potentially present our campaign for HUU's vision at University Senate or ULTAC.

Collaborative Provision Audit.

A lot of our time over the past few weeks has been taken up with the Universities ongoing QAA audit. We are required to provide a Student Written Submission based on the students issues at the partner institutions. To formulate the data for the SWS we have so far conducted 6 focus groups. These focus groups have been at:

Grimsby
Doncaster
Bishop Burton
Selby
North Lindsey
East riding

We hope to integrate these HE Colleges into our representative structure and support the students where we can in future.

Questions to the Report.

Matthew Smith- Regarding course reps, asked had the VP Education or the ERC ever been a course rep themselves. The VP said that he personally had not but the ERC had.

d. Scarborough Campus

i. Report by Vice President Scarborough and any questions

KPI 1. The Scarborough Zone will be responsible for monitoring expenditure against the agreed Scarborough annual Budget:

There is continued monitoring of the Scarborough budget on a regular basis, and will be evaluated in December

KPI 2. Increase in membership participation by 20% in sports clubs and societies:

Behind with the development of a sports facilities paper in partnership with the University, but plans are afoot to ensure the paper is written as soon as possible. However, the fall behind was the reorganisation of the student unions democratic structures, and elections.

BUCS is a week later this year so figures need to be compared to a week before for last year

Week	08/09 Paid Sports Members	09/10 Paid Sports Members
<u>1</u>	3	0
<u>2</u>	24 (21)	11
<u>3</u>	81 (57)	40 (29)
<u>4</u>	101 (20)	
<u>5</u>	108 (7)	
<u>6</u>	110 (2)	

KPI 3. Run two campaigns specific to Scarborough campus in week 6, semester 1 and week 7 and 8, semester 2:

Due to the election of a Campaign officer taking place in week three no Scarborough campaign has been agreed as of yet but plans are afoot for it to be discussed at the first Scarborough executive meeting of the year which should take place this week.

KPI 4. Improve Scarborough students' satisfaction by 10% in the Student Satisfaction survey: Following research into the democratic structures at the Scarborough Campus it was found that the Scarborough Executive committee was top heavy with nine people on the executive. What is more it was also found that the positions that make up the Scarborough Executive Committee often changed with between eight or nine members on the executive depending on the whims of the previous Vice President Scarborough to change and the standing orders have been in constant flux for the past four years and for two years they were not signed off. Thus, providing inconsistency of the team in terms of strategy and direction of the campus. It was also felt that the top heavy nature of the executive committee and the inconsistency of positions standing orders effected elections. This has now been addressed with new standing orders been passed with the additional inclusion of the Scarborough Campaigns Officer which will have the aim of helping to increase election turnout once elected. Moreover, to improve linkages with Hull it was felt that the President should be made ex Officio to enable them to come to the Scarborough Executive at any meeting to hear student's views and to provide relevant support were needed. The Scarborough now consists of:

- VP Scarborough (Chair casting vote only)
- Scarborough Education Officer
- Scarborough Welfare Officer
- Scarborough Sports Officer
- Scarborough Community Officer
- Scarborough Campaigns Officer
- President (Ex Officio)

The result has appeared positive so far. Interest in standing for elections has increased significantly. Indeed this is shown by the number of candidates standing for the three posts available which is a considerable increase on the March and May elections were candidates either won unopposed or no one stood for the posts. The number of people standing for election in each post is as follows:

- Scarborough Sports Officer – Four People
- Scarborough Community Officer – Three People
- Scarborough Campaigns Officer – Four People

KPI 5. 20% increase in Chlamydia testing on last year's SHAG week total: SHAG week does not take place until week 10 so is not applicable at this time

KPI 6. 100% of course representatives recruited by the end of week 5 and trained by the end of week 7 and 80% of course representatives responding positively in the evaluation:

Following an examination of the training and communication linkages by the Vice President Education and the Education and Representation Coordinator with input from the Vice President Scarborough it was decided that last year's training methods were too long, lasting approximately three and a half hours. This has resulted in a new stream lined approach to course representative training. Firstly, existing course representatives will be given one hour of training to allow them to understand the new system and the new people who will support them following the elections that have resulted in a new sabbatical team and also the appointment of a new Education and Representation Coordinator. This will also serve as a way for the continuing course representatives to feed back into the system to state how they felt things went last year and what additional support they need as well as what went right. For new course representatives they will be given a two hour training session which as stated above is significantly slimmed down from last year. In addition to these two optional sessions will be offered to course representatives that will last approximately one hour long. These sessions will be in Meeting Skills for those who may chair meetings with other students. Advanced Course Representation Training will be offered to allow those that would like a more detailed training to have the opportunity to have it. This will include researching skills and how to deal with apathetic students. In addition to all this improvement the Education and Representation Coordinator is scheduled to come to Scarborough once every two weeks to ensure the Course Representatives have the support they need to do their job effectively. Advertising material has been targeted towards Scarborough for the first time which it is believed will increase interest in the Course Representation system from students. Finally, Academic Conference has been scheduled for Scarborough on the 18th February 2010

We are waiting on figures from the University on course representatives but every lecture that was scheduled was given a talk and a push to get course representatives elected.

KPI 7. Increased awareness of drop-in service provided by Advice Centre by 20% in Student Satisfaction Survey:

This cannot be assessed until the survey is carried out. However I am waiting for contact back from the advice centre about ideas to increase awareness.

Questions to the Report: None

e. Sport Zone

i. Report by Vice President Sport.

KPI 1. To have a BUCS league position no lower than 70th (points target of 345):

Early days in the BUCS season, with Hull having played just three matches altogether; winning one and losing two. Full fixture list starts this Wednesday (October 20, 2010) and after hearing glowing reports from clubs, we are hoping for a successful year.

KPI 2. To have 100% attendance at Regional BUCS Meetings throughout the year:

There has only been one meeting so far this academic year, which was held at Bradford University. Next meet at Leeds Met on December 16th.

KPI 3. To have > 2000 members registered with AU clubs:

Just before my meeting at four, 1420 members signed up to the Athletic Union, which is a massive improvement on where we were this time last year. I'm confident we'll reach our target by the end of the semester.

KPI 4. To meet the 2010/2011 financial budget:

After Period 2, we are £2,459 under our budget, compared to being £2,022 under budget at the same point last year, which is really encouraging.

KPI 5. To have 60 volunteer members accredited on the Humber Sports Partnership (HSP) scheme:

We have 16 students signed up to the First Aid Course taking place this evening and I have advertised all of the various coaching courses on offer through HSP. Had a great response from the Cricket Club, just waiting to hear back on whether we can put a course on at University especially for them.

Questions to the Report: None

f. Welfare Zone

i. Report by Vice President Welfare

Working with the University to help deliver the key objectives of the student support services.

The advice centre has now reopened following the summer holidays, with all marketing completed in good time for fresher's week!

The cheese and wine party was run during the first week for all part-time, mature and postgraduate students. The turn-out was impressive with over 80 people attending the event – All the cheese and wine went anyway! Some individuals left the event carrying on to other venues for a drink with new friends.

Adopt a fresher was organised, and a training session run for all volunteers prior to arrivals Saturday! The scheme was marketed on hullstudent.com and a booklet was given to all volunteers. All the liberation campaigns, job exchange, nightline, LINKS and the advice centre were all present at one or more of the welcome week bazaars, and all had a good interest.

From the beginning of adopt a fresher – I was in constant contact with the wardens, they were given a list of individuals prior to arrival Saturday so that they knew which individuals to expect at their halls. They were also sent the same training booklet as the volunteers, and knew the plans that were in place for the volunteers. I had emails back from nearly every warden commending me on a good job organising the day, and that it was one of the smoothest arrival days in the past seven years.

Focused Welfare and Equality awareness campaigns targeting key issues that affect the student experience:

All major welfare events are on the wallplanner, and project teams are set up for each campaign week – Plans are underway currently for weeks up until week 12 of semester 1

All training has been completed and the breast feeding friendly policy is on display – we are just waiting on final accreditation

In talks with EYMS about the possibility of extending the bus route to newland ward.

Date for the first free your money day of the year is set at November 19th and plans are under way. It also coincides with finance week. There will be a second free your money day around Easter with date TBC.

Engaging with groups and individuals who are working towards equal rights for all students at the University of Hull:

Liberation campaigns were asked to provide me with a rough plan of their years plans so that budgets could be directed accordingly. They also know my office hours, and email address for any contact needed. I am also organising regular meetings with each campaign to discuss what's going on, and to see how I can help

Lots of interest in advice centre volunteers and interviews are taking place soon

Provide opportunities for active student involvement and interaction in welfare aspects of the student experience:

Interviews for volunteers are coming up and they will all be CRB'd

All members have been contacted about recording their hours if they wish so they can monitor volunteer hours through V scheme and therefore can be given reward recognition where appropriate. Currently awaiting responses

Hc1 forms were available from Arrivals day at various points around the union, they are also readily available in the MSU and advice centre. The MSU should hopefully be heading to the Lawns and Halls of residences to encourage students to sign up for the free prescription charges

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Welfare Zone:

KPI 1. Ensure welfare budgets are not exceeded:
Up to date Good!

KPI2. Welfare zone volunteer officers – 100% of officers doing 100+ hours of volunteering in 10/11 and receiving recognition through the 'V' scheme:
Emails have been sent out to all committees about whether they wish to receive volunteering recognition.

KPI 3. Advice Centre – 80% of all clients satisfied with the help given – (minimum of 100 questionnaires completed):
Questionnaires are being given out

KPI4. A 20% increase in participants of Chlamydia testing during SHAG week:
Week 10 semester 1

KPI 5. A decrease reported in positive Chlamydia tests between weeks 1 and 10 semester 2 compared with the same period in semester 1:
Week 10 semester 1

KPI 6. To maintain current levels of grants and benefits available to students (09/10 funding £500,000, target 10/11 £520,000):
Nothing mentioned

KPI 7. To strive to provide free pregnancy tests to students at the University during the 2010 – 2011 academic year, with 50% of those who request will receive a test:
Training for staff is taking place on October 25th with pregnancy tests being supplied soon after.

7. Conferences: None

8. Ratifications:

i. Byelaws

Chief Executive presented the draft of the proposed new Byelaws of the Union. A number of suggested revisions have been received from the University solicitor. The majority of proposed changes make the draft less ambiguous and correct grammatical errors. The CE went through these individually. The CE explained that the new Byelaws were required following the approval of the new Constitution in March. They included sections from the original Constitution and Byelaws plus standing orders regarding Complaints and Financial Procedures. All proposed changes were agreed and passed by council.

ii. Standing Orders

President explained that Standing Orders 1004 Environmental & Ethical Committee, 2006 Hullfire + Annexes, 2007 JAM, 5005 LGBT, 5006 Women's Committee were withdrawn to a later date.

SO 3003 Mature Students Committee:

SO 3005 Post Grad Committee:

SO 5004 LINKS:

SO 5007 Disabled Committee

SO 8001 Elections

Scarborough SO's 6002 to 6008

All approved

9. Any Other Business

Question- Regarding why agendas for the meeting had not been sent to council members before the meeting. The President responded by apologising for this and explained that because the CE had recently lost his PA and a new member of staff has been taken on (democracy coordinator) then this had not be done. It was pledged that this would not happen again and they would all therefore have access to the agenda prior to future meetings.

Question- Why did the Chair feel that it was necessary to applaud after a report during the meeting. The Chair responded by saying that he felt that it gave a bit of encouragement because it was their first Council meeting and thought it would be nice.

The President spoke about 'Funding Our Future': Hull Campaign and how any student is invited to attend the National NUS and UCU Demonstration in London on the 10th of November. There will also be a campaign in Hull city centre on the 3rd November, which will hopefully have lots of societies involved to increase awareness in Hull and get people on board in giving their thoughts and ideas in relation to Higher Education Funding.

Meeting Closed 20.05