



Welfare Zone

Minutes of the meeting 19th October 2010

Meeting Room 10

3rd Floor

5.15pm

1.0 Attendance

Suzie Morris (VP Welfare)
Jason Birbas (Councillor)
Calum Tomeny (Councillor)
Emma Graham (LGBT Officer)
Tanya Heggarty (Disabled Officer)
Stacey Dodd (Women's Officer)
Daniel Miele (Director Nightline)
Jon Chambers (Chair Campaigns & Democracy)
Becka Horrighan (LINKS Representative)

2.0 Apologies

Phil Pocknee (Black Students Officer)
Cat Clothier (Chair LINKS)

3.0 Meeting Arrangements

Suzie Morris stated that officers are finding it difficult to find a suitable time to meet during the week for the Welfare Zone. In an attempt to rectify this issue and find a time that is convenient for all, those present went through a list of times and dates that they could not attend.

Stacey Dodd agreed to switch to a different seminar group, so that she could be free on a Thursday afternoon – after agreeing to take on volunteering work on Friday's in the city. This resolved the problems with the meeting arrangements and the Zone concluded that it would meet **fortnightly on a Thursday at 1pm.**

4.0 Election of Zone Chair

Suzie explained briefly that the role of Chair Welfare Zone would need to be elected. Jon Chambers explained the role and what would be required from someone filling the role. After a brief discussion Calum Tomeny, Daniel Miele and Tanya Heggarty expressed interest in standing for the role.

An election was held and administered by Jon Chambers, with Daniel Miele becoming Chair Welfare Zone. It was suggested that Calum Tomeny, who came second becomes Deputy Chair, in case of the Chair's absence.

Daniel Miele took the chair from Suzie Morris.

5.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

No copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were available, and as nobody had seen them there was no knowledge or vote on whether they should be accepted.

6.0 Matters Arising

There were no issues for discussion.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Report from VP Welfare

Suzie Morris presented a copy of her report given to Union Council on 18th October 2010 for submission to the Welfare Zone. All members were present at Union Council and felt this report was sufficient.

No questions.

7.2 Report from Black Students Officer

Phil Pocknee was not present at the meeting, and therefore no report was given.

No questions.

7.3 Report from Disabled Students Officer

Tanya Heggarty detailed what had been happening with the Disabled Students Committee over the last few weeks of last year and what she is planning with her committee for this year. She detailed campaign ideas for improvement from last year – such as a wheelchair user’s campaign – to find out more about accessibility throughout campus, and views and attitudes towards physically disabled students.

Although their attendance of Fresher’s Fair was not as successful as planned, Tanya detailed how she had been working with the ‘Xing’ staff on creating a new readable menu for dyslexic and partially sighted students. The Committee also want to raise the issues of greater awareness of sports disabled students can play. Details were given about arrangements for Mental Health Day on 2nd November and socials being organised – including one to ‘Aussie Beach’ – which Tanya noted had very strong levels of accessibility for all students.

No questions.

7.4 Report from LGBT Officer

Emma Graham stated that the LGBT committee had met with members and a successful kid’s tea-party was organised with around 20 people in attendance. A coffee morning social is being planned along with a trip to club ‘Fuel’ in the city. A list of support contacts and details were being created for LGBT students and a meeting would be held on Wednesday for campaign ideas and what to do throughout the year. A music night in Johnny Mac was cited as an idea for a campaign event – Suzie Morris detailed that the room had been provisionally booked.

No questions.

7.5 Report from Women’s Officer

Stacey Dodd told the Zone that membership had been tripled to 15, instead of 5 from last year’s figures. An information meeting was held on the 18th

October, to elect the committee and have an informal chat about the year ahead. Stacey had attended an NUS training conference with other members of the committee. Details at the conference included information on the 'Hidden Marks' report on which Stacey felt a campaign might be possible to run. The committee had also successfully organised a film showing with a follow up discussion.

An event was being planned for the 2nd November as well as petitions and awareness campaigns on women's issues ahead of SHAG week. A guest lecturer and a visit to the Hull truck theatre were also being planned as well as a recurring campaign stall in the Union foyer. Stacey would be attending pregnancy test training with Suzie next Monday at Conifer House. Baby changing facilities had also been added to the disabled toilets in the union and more resources were available for use from the Women's office.

The committee have been promoting both demonstrations against fees and cuts and will be attending.

Questions

Jason Birbas asked for more information about the Hidden Marks report. It was suggested the report could be read online.

7.6 Report from Director of Nightline

Daniel Miele let the Zone know that Nightline had been promoting itself at the Fresher's Fair and had organised a low-key social on Thursday of Welcome Week. Nightline will be running a stall on 2nd November for Mental Health Day. Daniel is in contact with the National Office at Nightline for organisation of Nightline Awareness Week which runs from the 15th to the 22nd November. There is a National Executives Conference in Manchester for training and networking.

Nightline holds regular weekly meetings every Monday.

No questions

7.7 Report from Chair LINKS

This report was given by LINKS Representative

Becka Horrighan detailed that there had been large interest in LINKS from the Fresher's Fair and that interviews for St John's Ambulance were beginning to take place. LINKS had been busy covering Hull Fair and Asylum on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Courses on First Aid had been attended and the first social for the semester had also taken place.

No questions

7.8 Report from Councillors for Scrutiny

Councillors Jason Birbas and Calum Tomeny were here briefed on their role within the zone by Suzie Morris and Jon Chambers. The Zone was also reported on the events of Union Council and clarified that the Standing Orders' for the Women's Committee, LGBT had not been passed. Tanya noted that

Disabled Students Standing Orders had been passed, along with LINKS. Suzie Morris stressed the importance of communication between her and the officers of the Zone – so that everybody can read documents and no documents are passed around for recommendation without the VP knowing.

No questions

8.0 Any Other Business

Calum Tomeny notified the Zone that there seemed to be confusion with paracetamol prices in the Union Shop. Suzie Morris said she would look into the matter with Sandra Johnson from the shop.

9.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Welfare Zone would take place on **4th November** in Week 6. Details of this meeting would be sent nearer the time.

Meeting closed at 18.26